

# Link Transit

Public Transit for Chelan and Western Douglas Counties



[www.linktransit.com](http://www.linktransit.com)

# System

- 21 Routes
  - 85% of population within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of routes
- Days
  - Monday to Saturday
- Hours
  - 4:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday to Friday
  - 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturdays
- Frequencies
  - (3) Downtown circulations – every 15 minutes
  - (6) Urban – every 30 minutes
  - (3) Commuters – 30 minutes at peak, every 90 minutes off-peak
  - (5) Rural – 4 to 6 trips per day



# Revenues

- Sales tax 0.04% - 72% of budget
  - Federal funds – 19% of budget
  - State funds – 3% of budget
  - Fares – 5% of budget
  - Auxiliary – 1% of budget
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- Only small urban system to have not increased local sales tax



# Performance

- 3,500 daily riders – 1 million annual boarding's
- 22,500 annual lift boarding's (2.1% of total riders)
- 19,800 annual bike boarding's
- Service to 85% of population
- 600 Bus stops with information kiosks
- Achieves all 6 federal performance measures
  - (one of 11 systems out of 337 systems nationwide)



# Ridership Incentives

- Student Pass Programs
  - Wenatchee Valley College – 1,700 full-time students
  - Local Schools – Student Freedom Passes
- Disabled Persons Passes
  - Fare free for Link Plus eligible on regular buses
- Employer Pass Programs
  - Confluence Health – 1,600 employees
  - Crunch Pack – 1,100 employees
  - Wenatchee Valley College 300 employees



# Fleet

- 61 total revenue vehicles
  - 27 medium and light duty propane powered buses
  - 5 medium duty battery electric buses
  - 4 (soon 5) heavy duty battery electric plug-in buses
  - 5 (granted) heavy duty battery electric buses with wireless charging
  - 26 heavy duty diesel buses (all eligible for replacement)
- 61% of current fleet is alternatively powered (soon 70%)
- Proportionately – largest electric transit fleet in North America



# Future Vision

- 18 month community engagement program
  - First survey 1,100 commenters
    - 1/3 non-riders
    - 2/3 wanted more comprehensive service
  - Second survey 2,800 commenters
    - 50% non-riders
    - All options included cost and sales tax impacts
    - Very supportive of expanded service even if sales tax required
    - Support was essentially the same for riders and non-riders

