

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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▶ Transit & Our Valley's Three 'Clusters'

▶ Passenger Rail

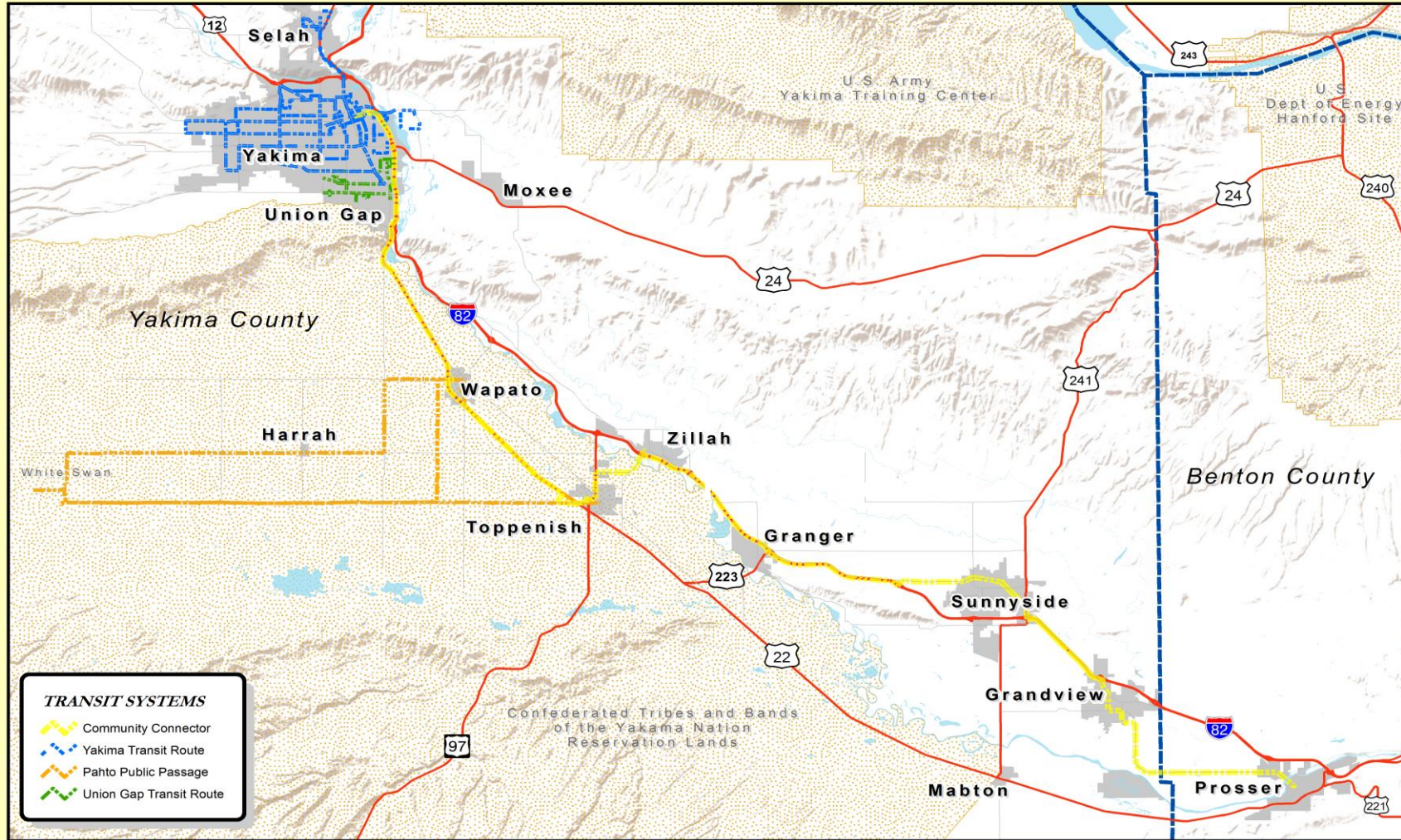
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES,
CHALLENGES, AND SUCCESSES



THIRTY YEARS OF TRANSIT
EXPERIENCE...



Yakima Valley - Transit Systems



TRANSIT SYSTEMS

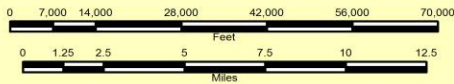
-  Community Connector
-  Yakima Transit Route
-  Pahto Public Passage
-  Union Gap Transit Route



Yakima Valley
Conference of Governments

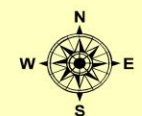


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PASSENGER RAIL –
PUGET SOUND-YAKIMA VALLEY;
SPOKANE; VANCOUVER



Valley tax base not positioned well to finance regional improvements from within...

- ▶ 60% of land mass: Yakama Nation and Federal lands
- ▶ **Median Home Value: \$155,000 [state: \$283,000]**
- ▶ Median family income: \$49,500 [state: \$71,250]
- ▶ **Per capita income: \$19,730 [state: \$30,500]**
- ▶ **Families in poverty: 16% [state: 8%]**

Yet the need is there...

- ▶ **Did not graduate high school: 17% [state: 4%]**
- ▶ Unemployment: 6.5% [state: 5.4%]

THE OUTLOOK - REGIONAL TRANSIT CHALLENGES



- ▶ Roads & bridges: Over 20 states respond individually due to Congressional inaction
- ▶ Intergenerational obligation to maintain & improve what we have
- ▶ Public Works Trust Fund 'De-Funding:' Increases infrastructure costs, pulling municipal funds away from transportation



WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE...
NATIONAL & STATE ISSUES

