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Kitsap Transit launches public-engagement effort to transform transit

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Today Kitsap Transit launches an online open house to engage the public in designing a bus system for Kitsap County’s future.

From May 8 to June 5, members of the public can give feedback via an online survey at KitsapTransit.participate.online. During that period, Kitsap Transit also will distribute an on-board bus survey and hold three community meetings across the county.

Kitsap Transit is leading a comprehensive analysis that will review current bus service and make recommendations to ensure that the agency can provide safe, reliable and efficient transportation choices to meet the needs of Kitsap County’s growing communities.

The comprehensive analysis will look at community input, data on current ridership patterns, and projected population growth in Kitsap County. The purpose of the analysis is to understand how Kitsap Transit buses currently connect riders to neighborhoods, city centers, social and community services, and ferries. The analysis will be used to make recommendations for future bus routes and services.

Kitsap Transit is looking to the public to help identify how it might transform the bus system in the future. The agency wants to hear from a broad group of transit users and community members – including those who are dependent on transit and those who might not use transit now.

To that end, Kitsap Transit will host three in-person workshops in May across Kitsap County. Workshop attendees will get to be a “transit planner for an evening” working alongside Kitsap Transit to prioritize bus improvements. The first workshop will be held on May 17 in Port Orchard at the South Kitsap Fire & Rescue Station, the second will be May 22 in Bremerton at the Sheridan Park Community Center and the third will be May 31 in Poulsbo at the North Viking Transit Center. All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Kitsap Transit is raising awareness of these efforts with a “Transform Transit” promotional campaign that includes display ads in local newspapers, a postcard sent to every household in Kitsap County and shareable posts on its Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Kitsap Transit anticipates sharing a draft plan, which incorporates community feedback, later this summer and finalizing the plan this fall. A 377-page report on existing conditions is available at [KitsapTransit.participate.online](https://www.kitsaptransit.com/participate).

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About Kitsap Transit

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The Bremerton-based transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.5 million riders last year across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.