



## PRESS RELEASE

### Sunday bus service begins on Bainbridge Island on March 16

*Public invited to ride fare-free on Sundays through end of 2025*

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Sunday bus service begins this weekend on Bainbridge Island, the final phase of implementing Sunday bus service in Kitsap County. To encourage the public to try Sunday bus service, Kitsap Transit has waived fares on its buses and local foot ferries on Sundays through the end of 2025.

Starting on March 16, 2025, **Route 390-Poulsbo/Bainbridge** will operate every 60 minutes from 8:10 AM to 5:00 PM on Sundays. Route 390 buses depart from the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal and the North Viking Transit Center in Poulsbo. Route 390 buses make timed stops at Highway 305 & Day Road, Highway 305 & Suquamish Way (next to Clearwater Casino), and Highway 305 & Hostmark Street. *ACCESS* service will be available within three-quarters of a mile of the fixed routes during those operating hours.

Travelers visiting Bainbridge Island on Washington State Ferries (WSF) can use Route 390 to reach downtown Poulsbo by connecting with **Route 344-Poulsbo Central** at the North Viking Transit Center.

In addition, **Sunday On-Demand** service will be available from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM within the service area and can be pre-booked up to seven days in advance starting this Sunday. The public can book On-Demand trips through the Ride Pingo app or by calling 1.844.475.7433. In addition to Bainbridge Island, Kitsap Transit offers On-Demand service with scheduled stops in Poulsbo, Silverdale, Bremerton and Port Orchard.

The first phase of Sunday bus service started in Bremerton in September 2023. The second phase launched in Port Orchard, Silverdale, and Poulsbo in June 2024.

On Bainbridge, the Sunday On-Demand service will have scheduled departures from Bainbridge Ferry Terminal to Bloedel Reserve at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM and scheduled departures from Bloedel Reserve to Bainbridge Ferry Terminal at 12:50 PM and 3:30 PM. Travelers do not need a reservation to board the

Sunday On-Demand bus at these scheduled stops. Once the bus departs, it may pick up new passengers on the way to the destination.

Customers who book On-Demand trips must start and complete them within the service area. The service area for Bainbridge Sunday On-Demand covers most of the island, including Lynwood Center, Manitou Beach, Battle Point, Port Madison, Rockaway Beach, Miller Road, Day Road, Sportsman Club Road, New Brooklyn Road, High School Road, Madison Avenue and Winslow.

However, on Sundays, passengers cannot book an On-Demand Ride if **both** their pickup and drop-off locations are within a quarter mile of Route 390. This same restriction applies to Sunday On-Demand rides in Poulsbo, Silverdale, Bremerton and Port Orchard. The Ride Pingo app will automatically calculate the distance to determine whether a customer's trip request is eligible.

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#### **About Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.84 million riders in 2019 across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

#### **Hablar español?**

Por favor llame al 1-800-501-7433 durante las horas normales de oficina. El personal de servicios al cliente se conectará con un intérprete para ayudarle a responder sus preguntas.

#### **Nagsasalita ka ba ng Tagalog?**

Paki-tawagan ang numero 1-800-501-7433 normal na oras ng trabaho. Customer Service kawani ay kumonekta sa isang taga interpretor upang tulungan sagutin ang iyong katanungan.