

*Regional Issues, Challenges
and Priorities - Public
Transportation*

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Current Regional Connections

- ***Intercity and Pierce Transit – Tacoma to Olympia***
- ***Grays Harbor Transit – 6 R.T. to OTC or Greyhound***
- ***Mason Transit – Shelton to Olympia, 10 R.T. per Day***
- ***Sound Transit – Connections to Central Puget Sound***
- ***Vanpool Programs***
- ***Amtrak***
- ***Greyhound***

Public Transportation – Thurston to Pierce County

- ***Intercity Transit – 16 round trips per weekday, 714 passengers per day. Saturday and Sunday service.***
- ***Pierce Transit – 8 round trips per day (4 after June 10, 2011), 288 passengers per day. No Saturday or Sunday Service.***
- ***Amtrak - 5 northbound trips and southbound trips***
- ***Greyhound – 4 northbound and southbound trips/day***

Vanpool Service in the I-5 Corridor

- ***Intercity Transit***
 - *70 a.m. northbound – 674 passengers*
 - *48 southbound – 393 passengers*
- ***King County Metro***
 - *6 a.m. northbound – 52 passengers*

Tacoma to Olympia – I-5 Corridor Challenges

- ***JBLM Growth – Lack of internal circulation***
- ***I-5 Expansion***
 - *Environmental issues*
 - *Cost – not programmed in next 20 years*
- ***Extension of Sound Transit Commuter Rail***
 - *BNSF Main Line – cost and capacity*
 - *No direct rail line to downtown Olympia*
 - *Political difficulty of expanding district*

Options for Regional Public Transportation

- ***Increased Express Bus Service***
- ***Direct Seattle – Olympia Express Service***
- ***Increased Vanpool Service***
- ***Subscription Bus***
- ***Extended Sounder Service***

Expanding Regional Public Transportation Service - Funding

- ***Who pays for service crossing county/PTBA boundaries***
 - *Local*
 - *State of Washington*
 - *Regional Transportation Authority*
- ***Existing Programs***
 - *Regional Mobility Funding*