Since the spring of 2016, Link Transit has been engaging the citizens of our community to determine what they would like their transit system to be.

They said they want a more comprehensive transit system that operates earlier in the morning, later in the evening, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. They told us that the existing system is too limited to meet many of the needs of our region.

For regional economic growth, they feel that public transportation has to meet the needs of tourism and service workers on the weekends, and for second and third shift workers in our medical, manufacturing and fruit industries.

They also told us we need more comprehensive service to provide access to affordable housing and to more fully meet the special needs of disabled residents and our growing senior population. We also heard a desire for smaller buses serving residential neighborhoods, and an increase in frequency on routes operating on major arterials.

Most importantly, they told us that these improvements were important enough for them to support a small increase in the sales tax. What follows is our proposal to respond to these community desires.

### What improvements are being proposed?

**Improve** fixed route bus service by operating longer hours, adding weekend and holiday service, increasing frequency

**Expand** transit service to new areas, with new ways of delivering service

**Invest** in infrastructure and technology to speed up transit travel.

### What will be funded?

In total, more than 30 projects area planned over the next 6 years. Examples include:

- Add Saturday service to all cities and towns
- Add Sunday service to all cities and towns
- Begin service earlier in the morning
- Operate later evening service, some routes until 1:00 AM
- Faster service between Lacey, Tumwater, Chehalis and Centralia
- Expand coverage to reach more areas
- Smaller buses in residential neighborhoods
- More frequent service on major arterials in urban area
- Cost-effective rural services
- More Link/RISE service

### How will this plan be funded?

To fully fund these proposed improvements, Link Transit would need to have voter approval to increase local sales tax by 0.1% of one percent (0.1%). This means for every $100 you spend, Link Transit would receive an additional two cents in sales tax.

### How much will this cost the taxpayer?

For the average household in the service area, this would be an impact of about $24.00 per year in additional sales tax. The tax increase would take place in phases:

- A one-tenth increase (0.1%) in local sales tax effective on January 1, 2021.
- A one-tenth increase (0.1%) in local sales tax effective on January 1, 2022.

### What is the timeline for changes to occur?

See below for 2020–2022 plans. Post-2022 projects include:

- Park and Ride in Cashmere and Chehalis
- Transit improvements on North Wenatchee Avenue
- Upgraded stops on US 2/97 & US 827A
- Sidewalk and pathway improvements
- Regionalwide commuter alternatives (parkpool, rideshare)

### How will each dollar received be spent?

- $0.20 improvements to senior and disabled services
- $0.35 extending fixed route service, more hours, more days, more routes
- $0.05 new bus, improved stops, other capital expenses

To learn more about this proposal and view the full list of improvements, please visit www.linktransit.com/vision2020