

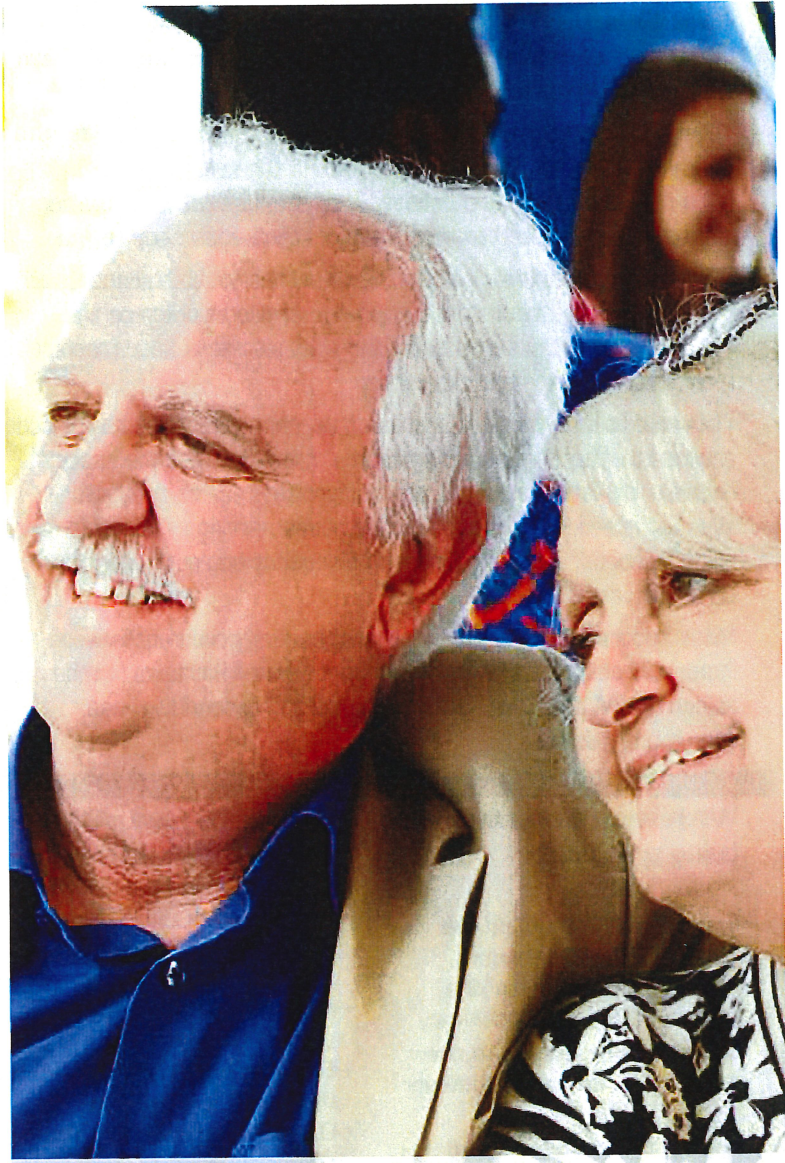


IMPROVE, EXPAND
AND INVEST IN
PUBLIC TRANSIT

Lake Wenatchee/Plain
Explore alternative service models
for implementation mid-2022



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connecting our communities
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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 mornings, later in the evenings, 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.

LINK TRANSIT IS PROPOSING MORE THAN 30 TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AROUND OUR REGION



CONNECT PEOPLE TO SERVICES

More trips and improved connections throughout the region with expanded service to:

- medical centers
- major employers
- education centers
- shopping and other destinations
- commuter express long distance routes to decrease the time spent traveling
- local routing improvements to minimize transfers

IMPROVED SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED PERSONS

Improvements to enhance mobility options for disabled persons and the growing population of senior citizens:

- easier access low-floor buses and vans
- expanded same-day service
- easier to handle electronic fares
- sidewalk and pathway improvements to improve access to transit service
- improved safety and security features at bus stops

PARTNER IN ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Connecting workers to jobs and customers to cash registers:

- extended hours to provide access to second and third shift jobs
- seven day a week and holiday service to support employment in healthcare, agriculture, tourism and recreation industries
- improved services to retail centers, dining and entertainment venues

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 12:00 AM

- Faster service between Leavenworth and Wenatchee and Chelan and Wenatchee
- Expand coverage to reach more areas
- Smaller buses in residential neighborhoods
- More frequent service on major arterials in urban area
- Cost-effective rural services

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 2/10 of one percent (.2%). This means for every ten-dollar retail purchase, 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, 2020. 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 Rides in Cashmere and Chelan
- Transit improvements on North Wenatchee Avenue
- Upgraded stops on US 2/97 & US 97A
- Sidewalk and pathway improvements
- Regionwide commuter alternatives (vanpool, rideshare)

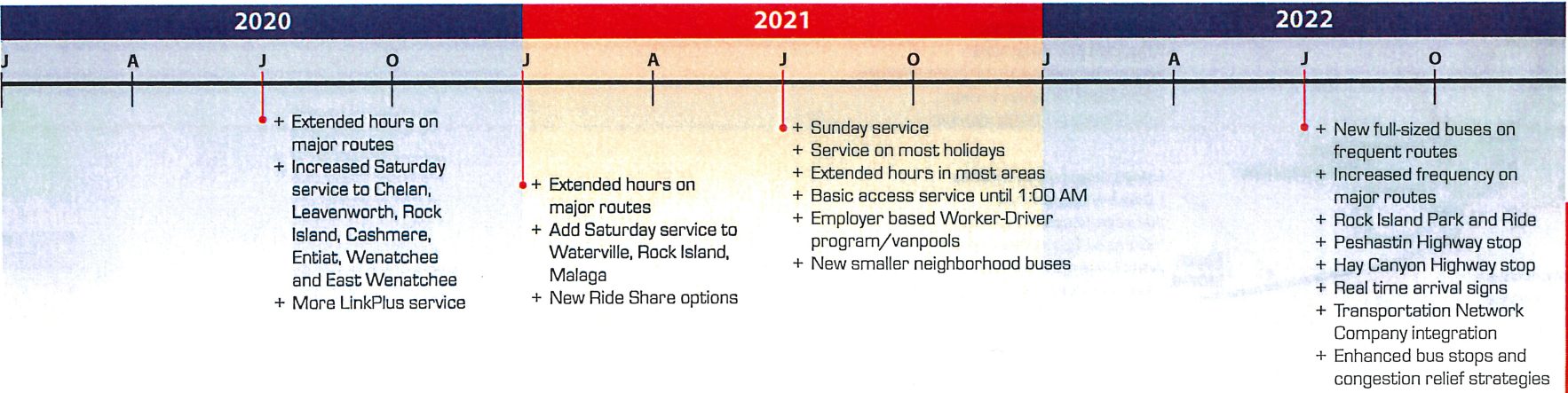
How will each dollar received be spent?



- \$0.20 improvements to senior and disabled services
- \$0.55 expanding fixed route service: more hours, more days, more routes
- \$0.25 new buses, improved stops, other capital expenses



Mission Statement
The mission of Link Transit is to provide safe, reliable, and cost effective public transportation services that promote citizen access to work, recreation, commerce and public services.



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