



MARCH 2017

# WALK, BIKE, AND RIDE

## Earth Month 2017: Bike

If you're an eco-warrior or a transit taker you know that the choices you make matter. Have a positive impact on the environment this upcoming Earth Month by learning how to bike to one of your frequent weekend locations— like a farmers' market!

**What:** Earth Day Farmer's Market Bike Ride.

**Who:** Hosted by [Intercity Transit](#) and the [Thurston County Bicycle Challenge](#).

**When:** Saturday April 22nd, 0900-1200.

**Where:** Find your [closest starting location](#) to bike from.

**Why:** Start getting back into your active transportation options with the support of friendly bicycle challenge guides.

## Pierce Transit: Try Transit Month Contest

This month Pierce Transit brings you Try Transit Month! When you #TryTransit you can win your choice of a \$10 ORCA, Starbucks, or Target gift card. Just follow these steps for your chance to win big! 1) **Try transit** at least one or more days and take a photo of yourself on the bus, Link, GO Transit or Sounder Train! 2) **Post your photo** on the Pierce Trips Facebook page with #TryTransit. 3) **Log your trips** at [PierceTrips.com](#) and you'll be all set as a potential Try Transit winner! Complete these steps by April 3rd to potentially win yourself a gift card.

They'll randomly draw winners who log 1 or more trips during the month of March for the winner's choice of a \$10 ORCA, Starbucks, or Target card.

And the best news is that GO Transit rides count for this competition! So GO ahead, and take a selfie! Visit [GO Lewis-McChord](#), [Pierce Transit](#), or [Sound Transit](#) to find the best routes to try.

*\*\*Tip: It'll be extra fun if you use Pierce Transit's complimentary local service March 12-18!*

*\*\*Tip: Use GO Transit as a #TryTransit option!*



## GO Rideshare Highlight:

Mr. James Long started vanpooling in 2005 from Port Orchard. In the first 5 years he put 105,000 miles onto his car. The best part of vanpooling is saving money, says Mr. Long. He estimates his commute contains about \$95 in bridge tolls per month and \$200-240 in gas for a total of over \$300 per month without counting wear and tear on his vehicle. Now that he saves all that, all he has to worry about is letting his wife know when traffic is going to make him late in the evenings.

Long thinks that the biggest concern people have about vanpool is their desire for schedule freedom. If they have to stay late they don't have to report to anyone about not needing a ride; but Long also mentions that having the set vanpool departure time makes leaving at the end of the day less stressful for him.

The vanpool fosters teamwork with riders helping the driver deal with traffic and figuring out the best route home at the end of the day. The only other difficulty has been that two of their backup drivers have left the vanpool, and they need more people who are willing to share in the driving. Interested? Their van has room!



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Call Pierce Transit (253) 581-8000 or Intercity Transit (360) 786-8800 to find out about your vanpool options.

## Visit Us at Kids Fest

On Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1300 to 1630 we will be fitting low-cost kids' bicycle helmets at MWR's 2017 Kids Fest with Multicare. Don't miss out on the chance to decorate a brand-new fitted kid's helmet with reflective stickers! Keep your child safe by making sure their helmets fully protect their little noggins. Come to the MWR Fest Tent and Bowl Arena for Kids Fest. We'll be happy to talk about any transportation questions or issues you may have.



## It's Time to Follow Us on [YouTube](#)!

We've got a whole series of videos explaining our transportation options available on our YouTube channel. We'll be featuring a different one on our Facebook page every few weeks to share our service details. So spread the word and share the videos with those interested in having more options to get to and around JBLM! Send your transportation questions and comments to us on the [Facebook page](#).

**YouTube** *Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) for more alternate transportation video adventures!*

Find us on 

## OneBusAway App



Never be nervous about missing the bus again with the OneBusAway app! Download it now to keep track of buses' location when you use public transportation and GO Transit.

## Pierce Transit Restores Service

After deep Great Recession service cuts, Pierce Transit is happy to be RESTORING and expanding much of its bus service. After an extensive route analysis process with input from the public, Pierce Transit is bringing more direct routing, more evening runs, and more frequent service. These changes will be implemented on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. There will be some changes directly impacting the JBLM and Lakewood areas, so view Pierce Transit's detailed [route analysis](#) on the changes. Find all the service changes on the Pierce Transit website [here](#).

**Route 300:** This route is being eliminated. GO Transit will still provide service from the 512 Park-and-Ride to JBLM for passengers with proper identification. GO Transit and Pierce Transit are also in collaboration on over a possible route replacing part of Route 300.

**Route 206:** This route will include later evening service and more frequent service during the day. It will also deviate into the Springbrook neighborhood via Bridgeport Way.

# FREE BUS RIDES

**Try it out March 12th-18th**

In celebration of their service expansions, Pierce Transit is providing complimentary service for March 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> for all users. That's right! Local service will be absolutely free for all riders. Now is a great time to try transit, restart a transit habit, or fully explore the new service options!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Save \$\$ on gas, parking, and wear-and-tear on your vehicle.** Here are some upcoming events you can easily get to (and back from) using transit.

**March 16, 2-8PM**

**WA STATE HISTORY MUSEUM FREE DAY**



From 512 P&R take ST 574, 590, or 594 to the Tacoma Dome Station. Walk to the Washington State History Museum. FREE event.

<http://www.washingtonhistory.org/>

**March 18, 11AM-4PM**

**LEMAY CAR MUSEUM FAMILY STEAM DAY**



From 512 P&R take ST 574, 590, or 594 to the Tacoma Dome Station. Walk to the LeMay American Car Museum. See website for ticket pricing.

<https://www.americascarmuseum.org/events/>

## Transit Revisions

Starting later this month quite a few JBLM road construction projects are beginning. The most impactful for GO Transit will be the closure of East Lincoln Road from Rainier Ave to Barnes Boulevard for road repairs 27 March through 30 May this year. Please look for route and schedule updates on the GO Lewis-McChord Facebook page and our website.

We need your **HELP!**

Forward this newsletter to a JBLM friend or co-worker to spread the word!