



MOBILITY MINUTES

Quarterly report on what's happening in Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Columbia, and Grays Harbor Counties.



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Mobility Year End Recap

- 34 Mobility Trainings facilitated
- 2,156 CWCOG Mobility Website Visits
- 3,461 CWCOG Mobility Website Downloads
- 1,336 CWCOG Trip Assistant Website Visits
- 2,545 Youth on The Go Activity Books distributed in English and Spanish
- 18 Community Events Attended

Upcoming Mobility Meetings

February 18 Regional Transportation Partners Meeting

March 12 Public Transportation Stakeholders Meeting

2025 was a successful year for the CWCOG Mobility Management program! We held 32% more trainings than last year, delivered 58% more Youth on the Go Activity Books into the community than last year, had a 47% increase in CWCOG Trip Assistant website visits than last year, and attended 155 Transportation meetings in 2025. Thank you to all that help promote this great program.

I hope to see many of you at the Community Transportation Association of the Northwest (CTANW) Summit this May in Leavenworth, WA.

The CWCOG HSTP Transportation Public Survey is live until April 3, 2026. Learn more about the plan on our [CWCOG website](#).

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TRANSPORTATION SPOTLIGHT



CWCOG Grant Writing Workshops

This January, CWCOG, Wahkiakum and Longview Kelso Chamber of Commerce hosted two successful Grant Writing Workshops with 50 attendees. This was the third year, and we are now hearing success stories of grants approved from previous class attendees. The class was led by CWCOG Monica Seidl, Project Specialist, Economic and Community Development, and Stacey Lane, Community Resource Coordinator, and Dian Cooper, Consultant/Project development/Grant Writing presented. Our virtual Transportation groups that meet quarterly will also be hosting a Grant Writing expert this year. If you would like more information, please reach out to us. To learn more please visit our [CWCOG website](#).



Partnering with Senior Centers

This past year, CWCOG partnered with Lewis County Transit by attending multiple Senior Resource Fairs in Winlock, Pe Ell, and Morton, WA. The Resource Fairs were organized by [Timber River Connections](#) Lewis County Seniors. The seniors appreciated the one-on-one interaction and training on how to use the fixed route and Dial-A-Ride service. In Winlock, there were 37 active seniors that attended and five other vendors. There are six seniors centers in Lewis County. Consider partnering with your local senior centers in your community for a Lunch and Learn session or participate in a Resource Fair. Reach out to us if you would like to know more.



Partnering with High Schools

This October, CWCOG Mobility Program, CWCOG Target Zero Program, and Camille Goldsmith, Transportation Coordinator for Wahkiakum on the Move attended the Wahkiakum High School Wellness Fair. Students got to participate in engaging activities with about 15 vendors and learn about how to ride Wahkiakum on the Move. In Cowlitz County, the Longview Chamber of Commerce hosts a Career Expo that brings about 40 vendors and 800 high school students together at the Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. Reach out to us to learn more about partnering with students, high schools, and your chamber in your community.



Transit Employee Spotlight

Josh Nylander was hired as Executive Director of Lewis County Transit. Josh has 30 years of local government experience with the last 14 at Whatcom Transportation Authority in Bellingham Washington. Welcome Josh! His work at Whatcom Transportation Authority impacted nearly every department of transit operations, from service planning and budgeting to microtransit implementation, zero emissions transition, strategic planning, and large-scale procurements. Welcome Josh! Lewis County Transit has multiple projects going on. One of those current efforts involves Lewis County Transit's zero-emissions efforts and the hydrogen fueling station in the Port of Chehalis. [Read more in this article here.](#)

[Lewis County Transit has launched a new website](#)

PUBLIC TRANSIT UPDATES

Lewis County Transit

- Brown Route – Officially launching a new service from East Morton to Packwood, operating Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Purple Route – Restoring full service to Kelso/Longview, Monday through Friday. Bus stop times will remain the same, but a southbound and northbound bus have been added to close the mid-morning and evening service gaps.
- Yellow Route – Adjusted to serve the Amtrak station at the beginning and end of the route.
- Blue Route – Revised to serve the hospital, offering riders in the Scammon Creek area a faster connection to North Centralia.
- Orange Route – Eliminating the Port of Centralia stop and utilizing the nearby Eshom Road stop, reducing travel time by several minutes.
- DARTT – Additional services to expand access and flexibility.
- Fare Free for 2026

[View New Schedules Here](#)

Pacific Transit

- More frequent stops and less wait time
- Return of Oysterville to Ocean Park route via Brown Line
- Discontinuation of Tokeland route, to be supplemented by Dial-a-Ride for Aberdeen connection
- Extra Dial-a-Ride drivers on Wednesday for larger groups
- Return of South Bend – Bay Center – Naselle – Ilwaco route via Purple Line
- Increased mid-day stops and frequency from Raymond to South Bend via Yellow Line, to support shopping activity
- Wahkiakum will meet Pacific Transit at Naselle, allowing riders to connect to Longview and Cathlamet
- Fare Free for 2026

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Grays Harbor Transit

- Fare Free for 2026 for all fixed routes and HarborFlex services



TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCES 2026

- April 27 – 29 [Association of Mobility Managers Annual Conference](#) - Oklahoma City, OK
- May 10 - 13 [Community Transportation Association Conference Expo \(CTAA\)](#) – Omaha, Nebraska
- May 18 – 19 [Community Transportation Association of the NW \(CTANW\) Summit](#) - Leavenworth, WA
- Aug 10 - 12 [WSTA Public Transportation Conference](#) - Tacoma, WA
- October TBD [Northwest Transit Exchange Regional Conference](#)
- October 4 – 7 [American Public Transportation Association TRANSform Conference & Expo](#) – Chicago

Your Voice Matters!



Fill out this short transportation survey to help make a change!

Make a difference by providing your feedback on the current and future accessible transportation needs in Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties

Marque la diferencia brindando información sobre sus necesidades actuales y futuras de transporte accesible en los condados de Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific y Wahkiakum



Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWCOG26Access>
You can also access the digital or print a physical survey by going to our website at www.cwcog.org
Survey Closes April 3rd, 2026

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CWCOG MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

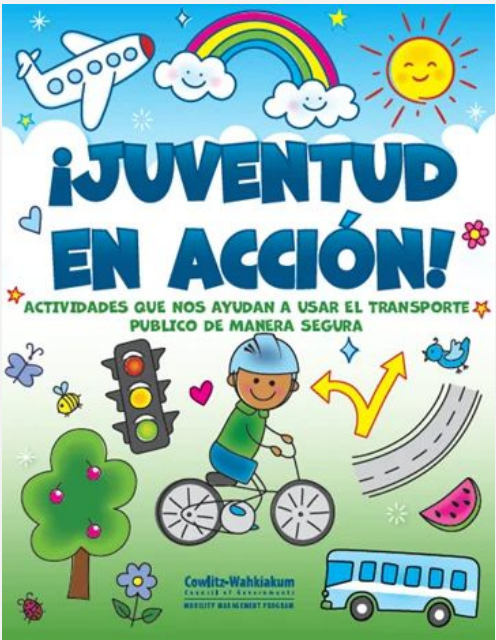
Youth on the Go Activity Book

English and Spanish Youth on the Go Activity Books are available upon request for an upcoming Group Travel Trainings or Community Event. These teach Youth about how to ride the bus safely. Since 2024, CWCOG has delivered 3,600 Books into five counties in Southwest Washington.

The CWCOG Trip Assistant website includes a Trip Planner, Resource Pages for Youth, Seniors, Veterans, People with Disabilities, Employees and Students, and a Provider Directory with over 50 different transportation services and providers serving SW Washington. If you or anyone would like training please reach out and Learn more here.

Regional Mobility Toolkit

This toolkit provides the following: Travel Training Programs, How to use a Flag Stop, Regional Transportation Options, Local Transportation Options and more.



How To Ride Videos can be viewed on YouTube and the CWCOG Mobility Website.



Community Events

Work with your Mobility Manager to find out Community Events your agency could attend. We attend events like hiring fairs, and resource fairs. See where we will be next on our calendar.



Mobility Training

We can facilitate in-person or virtual mobility training of staff, students, or individuals. We have educational material that can be distributed to your clients.

CWCOG Resources:

[Resources for Students](#)

[Resources for Seniors](#)

[Resources for Youth](#)

[Resources for People with Disabilities](#)

[Resources for Employees](#)

[Resources for Veterans](#)

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