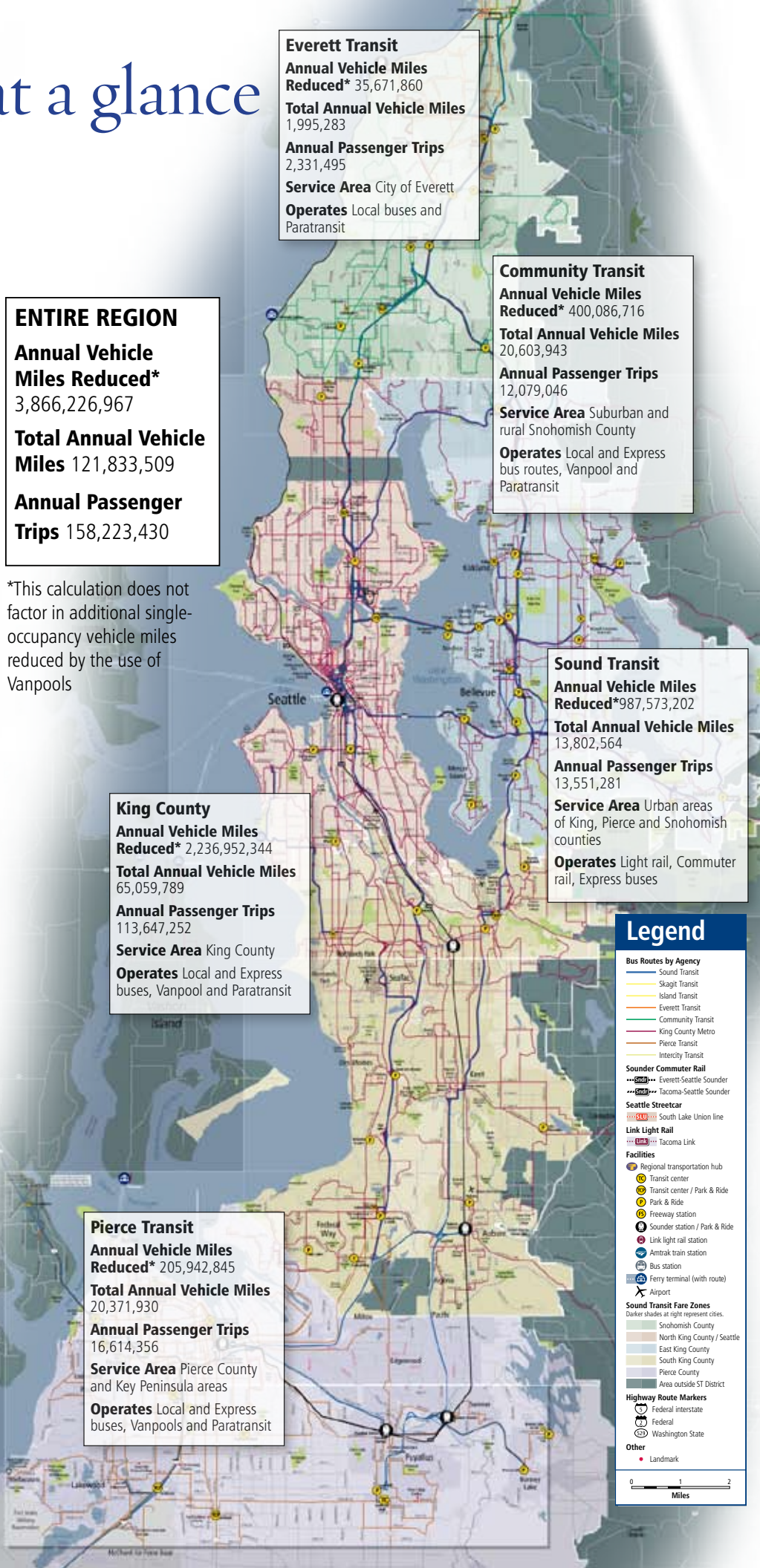


Puget Sound at a glance

This year, transit agencies in the Puget Sound will reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled by more than 3.8 billion. That means less traffic, higher productivity and cleaner air for everyone in the region, whether they ride public transit or not.



*This calculation does not factor in additional single-occupancy vehicle miles reduced by the use of Vanpools



EVERETT TRANSIT



King County METRO

We'll Get You There



SOUND TRANSIT

RIDE THE WAVE

Sources: Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Summary of Public Transportation 2007; National Transit Database Federal Transit Administration *Transit Profiles: All Transit Agencies for the 2007 Report Year*.

VMT reduced based on 4.4 miles per passenger mile (Source Davis, Todd and Hale, Monica "Public Transportation's Contribution to U.S. Greenhouse Gas Reductions" September 2007).

Transit in the Puget Sound



Moves more people



Creates jobs and saves families money



Builds affordable and livable communities



Protects our environment

As Washington struggles with a sluggish economy, volatile gas prices and the effects of climate change, we are in more need than ever of an accessible and efficient transportation network that connects us to work, home, school and any where we need to go. Residents of the Central Puget Sound recognize the value of our public transit system and want more. Investments in public transportation spur economic development, create jobs, make our communities more affordable and livable and provide Washingtonians with a better place to live, work, and play.





Moves more people

Takes cars off the road

Another million people are expected to make the Central Puget Sound region home by 2030. That means more cars and freight on the road. Transit can provide an important alternative to congested roadways, where the average commuter in Seattle spends 45 hours stuck in traffic each year.

Gets people to jobs quickly and reliably

As congestion eats away at productivity, the Texas Transportation Institute estimates that congestion is costing Americans more than \$78 billion a year. Transit can provide a relief valve. Transit agencies provide reliable, point-to-point commuter routes for Central Puget Sound workers.

Improves freight mobility

The Puget Sound region is the \$50 billion economic engine for Washington state. Truck traffic from Puget Sound ports is expected to grow considerably in the next 10 to 20 years, reaching 1.7 million loaded trucks on I-5 in 2020. Public transit provides needed alternatives to free up space for the increased truck traffic, and to keep the important goods moving in and out of our ports.

Public transit not only helps to maintain and create jobs; it also takes people to and from their jobs.

Creates jobs and saves families money

Gives options to families struggling with tight budgets

Taking public transit saves a household an average of \$800 per month or \$9,499 per year—money that could be used for housing, food, healthcare, education and other expenses.

Spurs the development of new jobs and can advance economic development

Regional transportation projects have spurred the development of 14,400 square feet of new retail space, and 782 new housing units—almost half of which are affordable, low-income housing.

Every \$1 billion of federal investment in the nation's transportation infrastructure supports and creates 47,500 jobs.



PUBLIC TRANSIT...in the Puget Sound

Protects our environment

Reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled

Walkable transit-oriented communities produce 43% less GHG emissions than conventional suburban development.

Reduces energy consumption and reliance on foreign oil

Public transit reduces U.S. petroleum consumption by 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline annually.

Achieves regional and state climate change objectives

More than 50 percent of our regional carbon footprint comes from moving people and goods around the Puget Sound. Public transit helps reduce people's reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Public transit can help Washington state achieve its goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, a reduction of 10 million metric tons below 2004 emissions.

Builds affordable and livable communities

Spurs smart-growth, and compact communities

Transit-oriented development spurs growth. Of those who do live near rail transit, 33% use it regularly and 44% also regularly travel by walking or bicycling.

Reduces sprawl and the associated need for additional infrastructure

Transit has been proven to foster development of more livable and walkable urban communities and help regions manage growth.

Investment in public transportation stimulates the economy by boosting industries such as construction and building materials.



