

SKAGIT TRANSIT

TO: Skagit Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Brad Windler, Planning & Outreach Coordinator

SUBJECT: Fare Free Day for Project Homeless Connect/Point In Time Count

INFORMATION:

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day event that aims to engage the local community and build sustainable partnerships to help end homelessness. Free services will be provided by local non-profits, businesses, and volunteers. This event has been combined with the “Point In Time Count” of homeless citizens in the community. The event will take place on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020. Event organizers have asked if Skagit Transit will continue support of the event by operating fare free on January 23rd. At 2018’s event, 1,192 individuals from 416 households were able to connect with social and medical services. Organizers said many of the adult attendees identified the bus as their transportation to the event. Fare free transit service removes transportation as a barrier to accessing this event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Skagit Transit recommends operating local routes fare free on January 23, 2020 in support of Project Homeless Connect.

BUDGET IMPACT:

One day’s revenue is approximately \$600 cash not counting monthly passes.