Skagit Transit LRTP

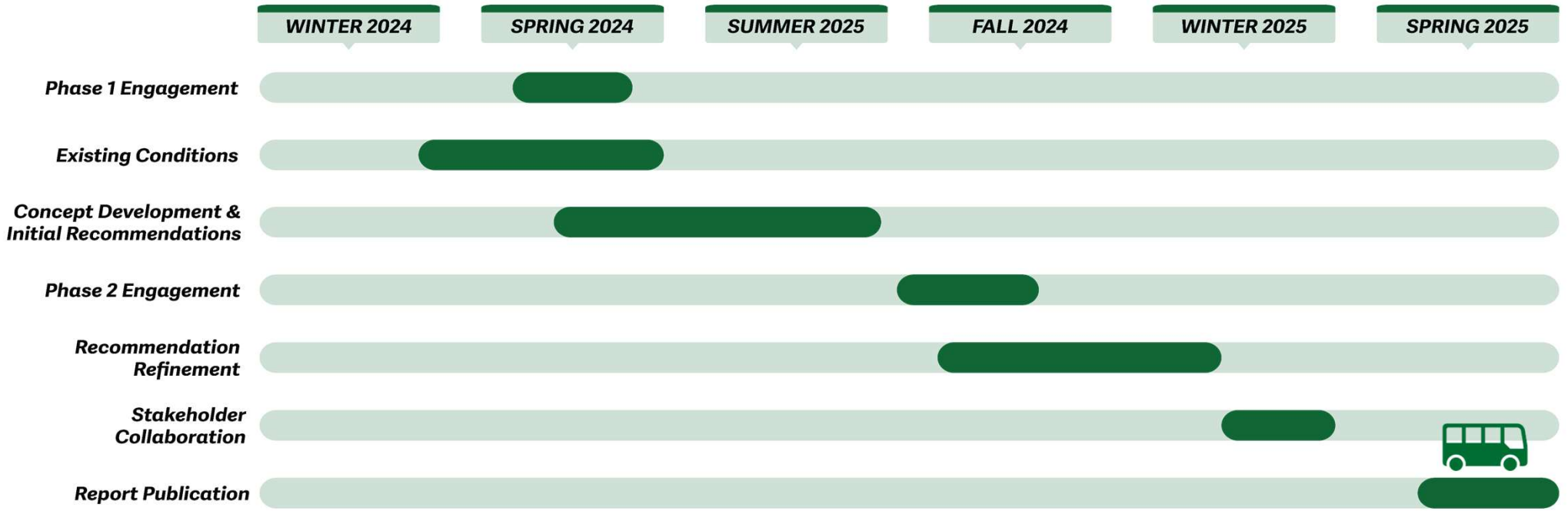
Skagit Transit Board Briefing

April 4, 2025

LRTP Overview and Timeline

- LRTP provides a guide for the next 5-10 years of investment
- Review current service and operations and align with Skagit Transit's Mission, Vision, and Values
- Identify short-, medium-, and long-term implementation steps
- Establish regular opportunities for evaluation and refinement

LRTP Overview and Timeline



Agenda

Existing Conditions & Community Feedback

System-Wide Recommendations

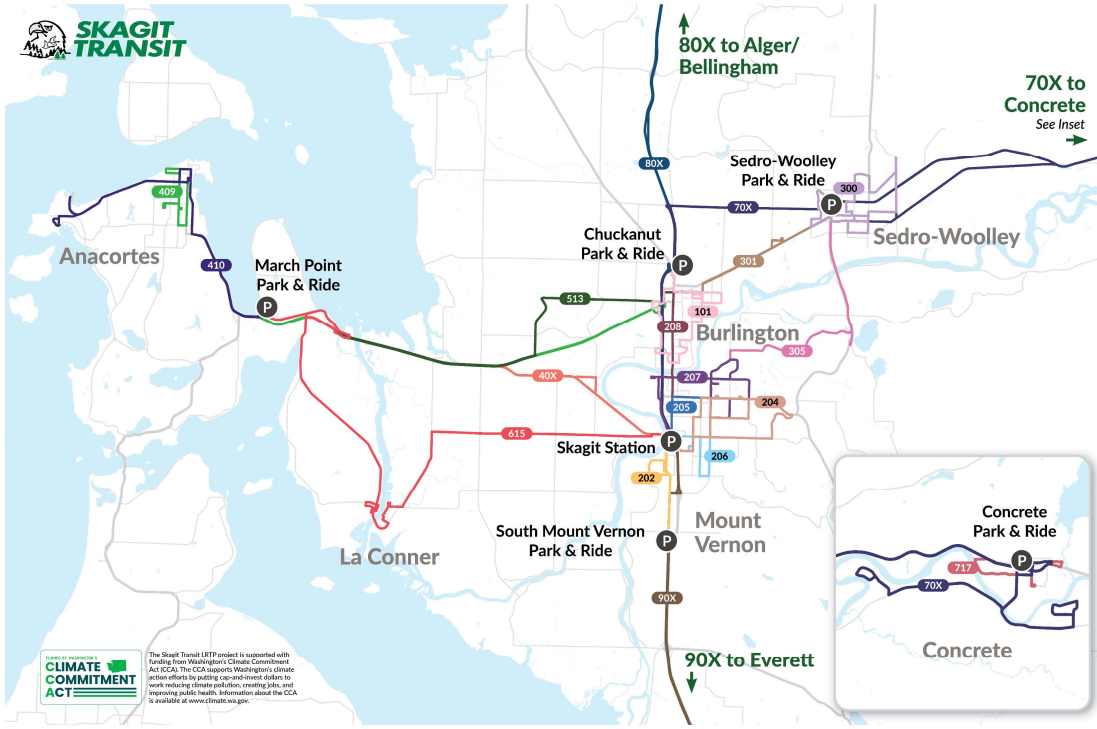
Implementation Timeline

Route-by-Route Recommendations

Existing Conditions & Community Feedback

Existing Conditions

- ***Strengths***
  - Coverage
  - Serving priority populations
  - Providing access to jobs and services
  - Rider and Operator Facilities
- ***Challenges***
  - Infrequent service
  - Circuitous service
  - Limited evening and weekend service



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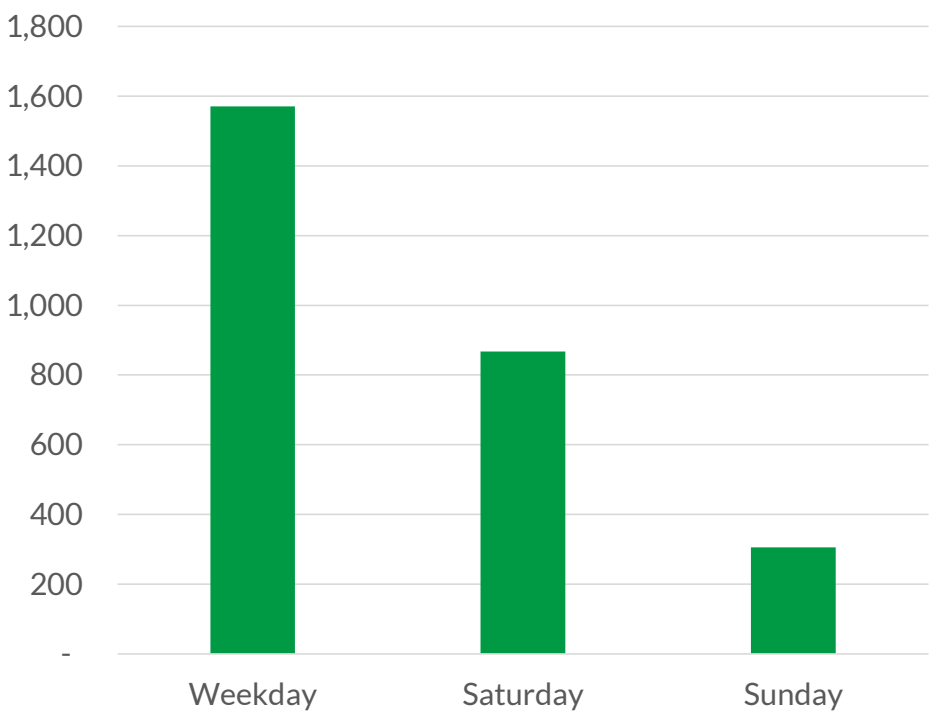
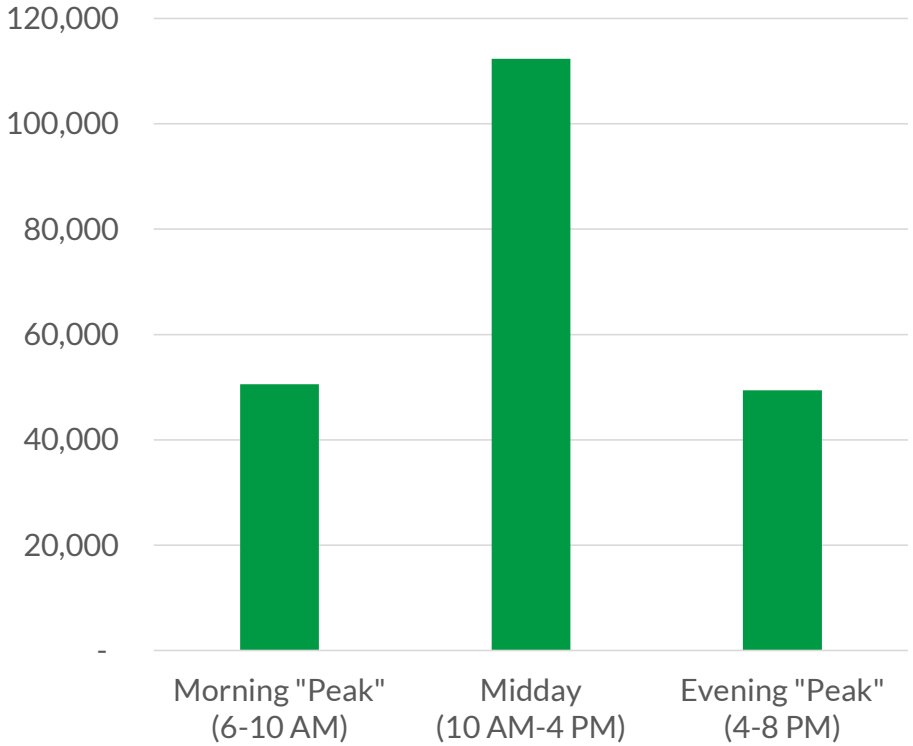
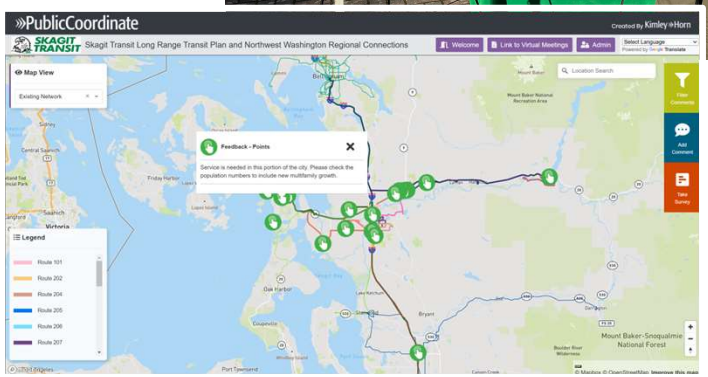




Source: Skagit Transit, 2023; Whatcom Transportation Authority, 2023

Community Feedback

- Nearly 600 themes recorded
- Outreach included online surveys including interactive map, in-person open houses, written responses
- ***Most Common Themes:***
  1. Increased frequencies
  2. Increased span of service
  3. Regional connectivity

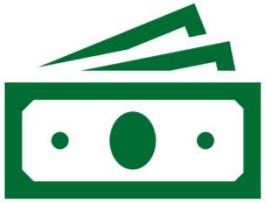


System Wide Recommendations

The Big Picture for the LRTP

LRTP is a **road map** for ongoing investments in a resource-constrained environment

Short-range refinements are possible with existing resources



Continued **capital investment** in fleet, facilities, and stops to layer in additional service and improve customer experience

Ongoing engagement and evaluation to determine future opportunities

Long-Term Service Recommendations

Route Changes

- Streamlining
- Simplifying

Frequency Upgrades

- Minimum standard
- Incremental upgrades

Service Availability

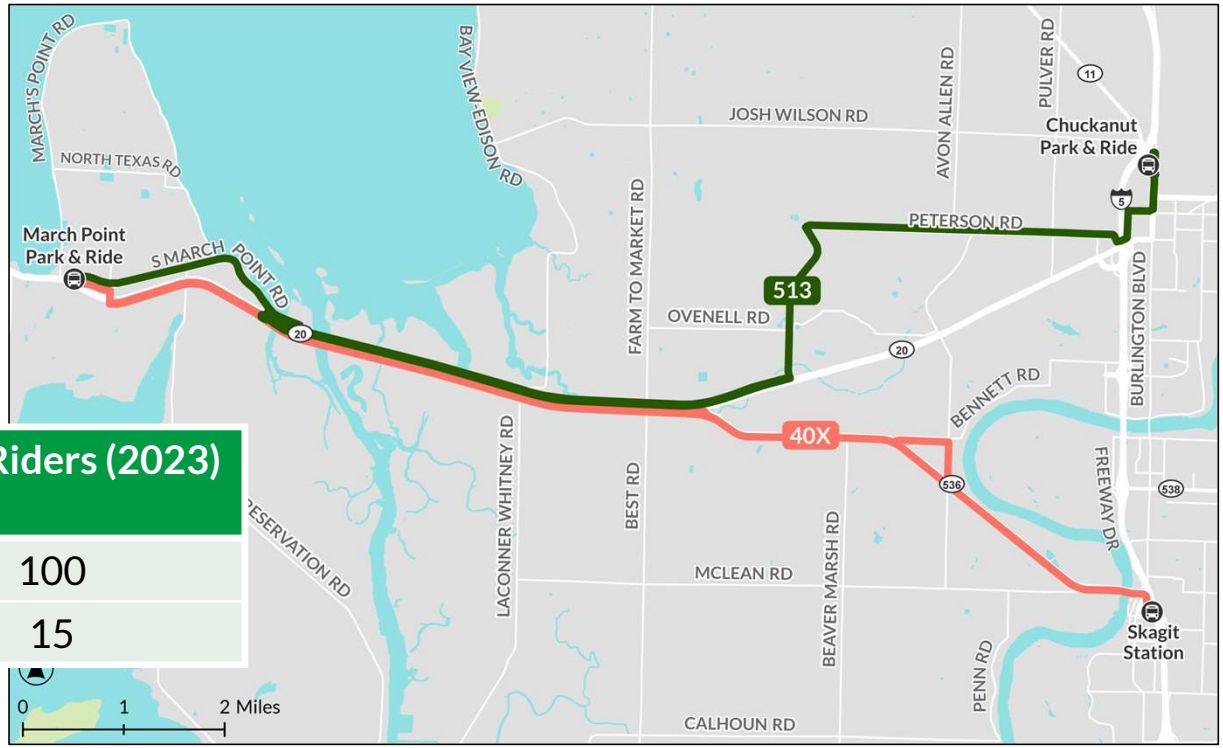
- Later hours
- Sunday Service

Duplicative Service

- ***For Example:***

  Routes **40X and 513** perform the same function

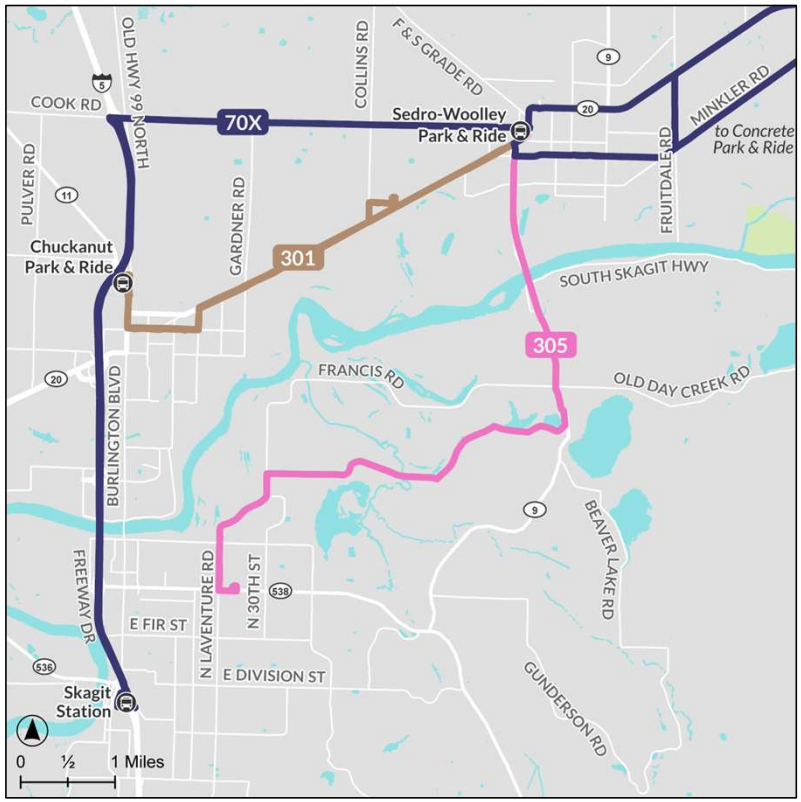
Route	Frequency	Riders/Hour	Daily Riders (2023)
40X	60	7	100
513	60	1	15



Inconvenient Connections Between Cities

- Route **70X** provides a direct but infrequent connection to Skagit Station but bypasses Burlington/Chuckanut P&R
- Route **301** connects Sedro-Woolley and Chuckanut P&R
- Route **305** has few stops and only one major destination (Skagit Valley College)

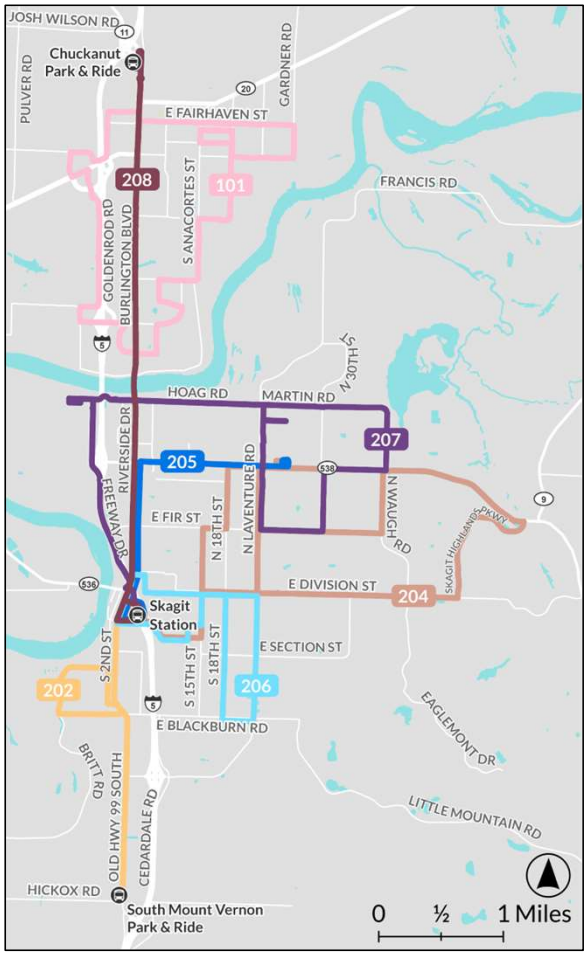
Route	Frequency
70X	180
301	60
305	60

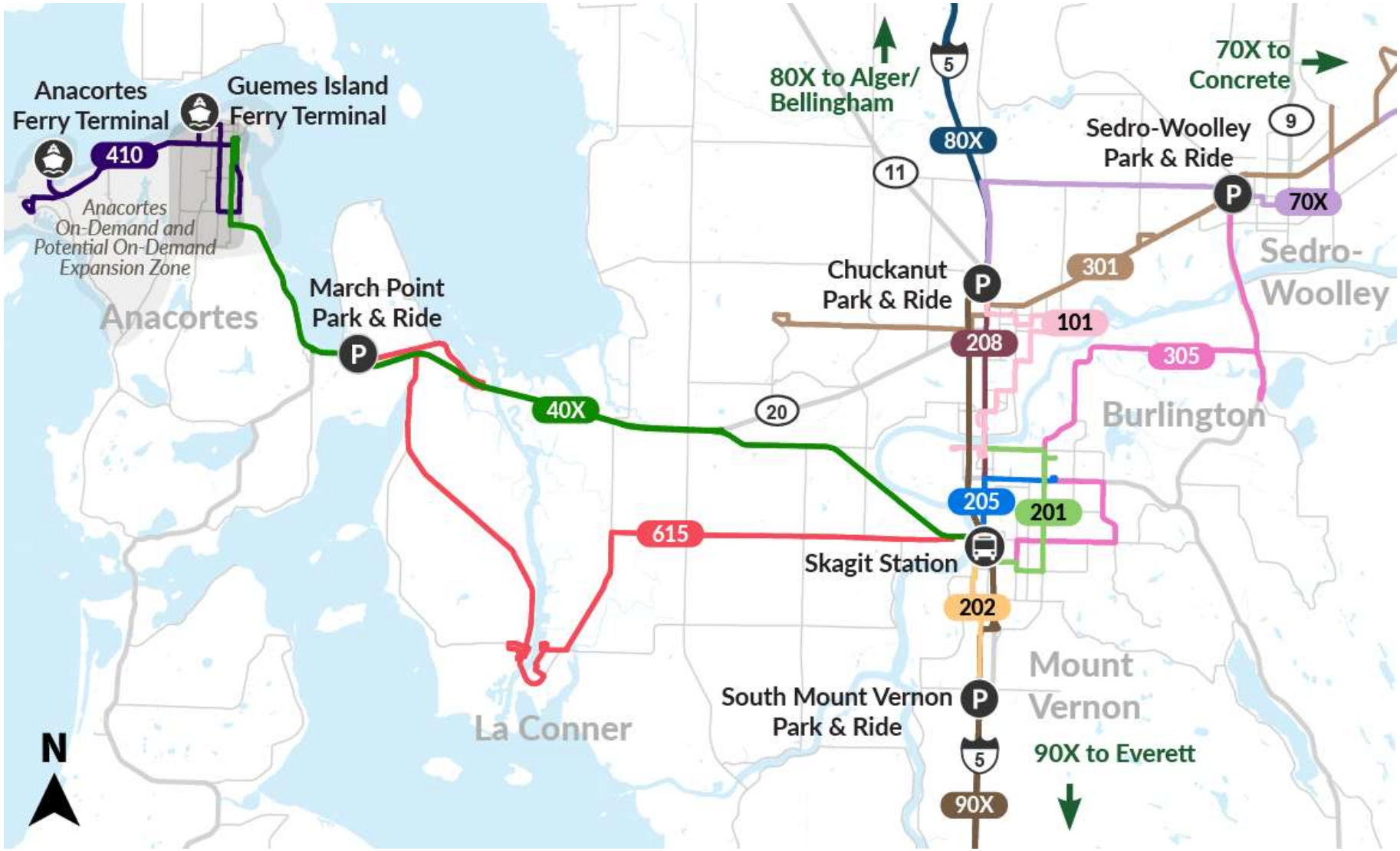


Indirect Local Service

- Routes **202, 205, and 208** provide frequent and direct service along major streets
- Other local routes are indirect and/or infrequent

Route	Frequency
101	60
202	30
204	60
205	30
206	30
207	60
208	30



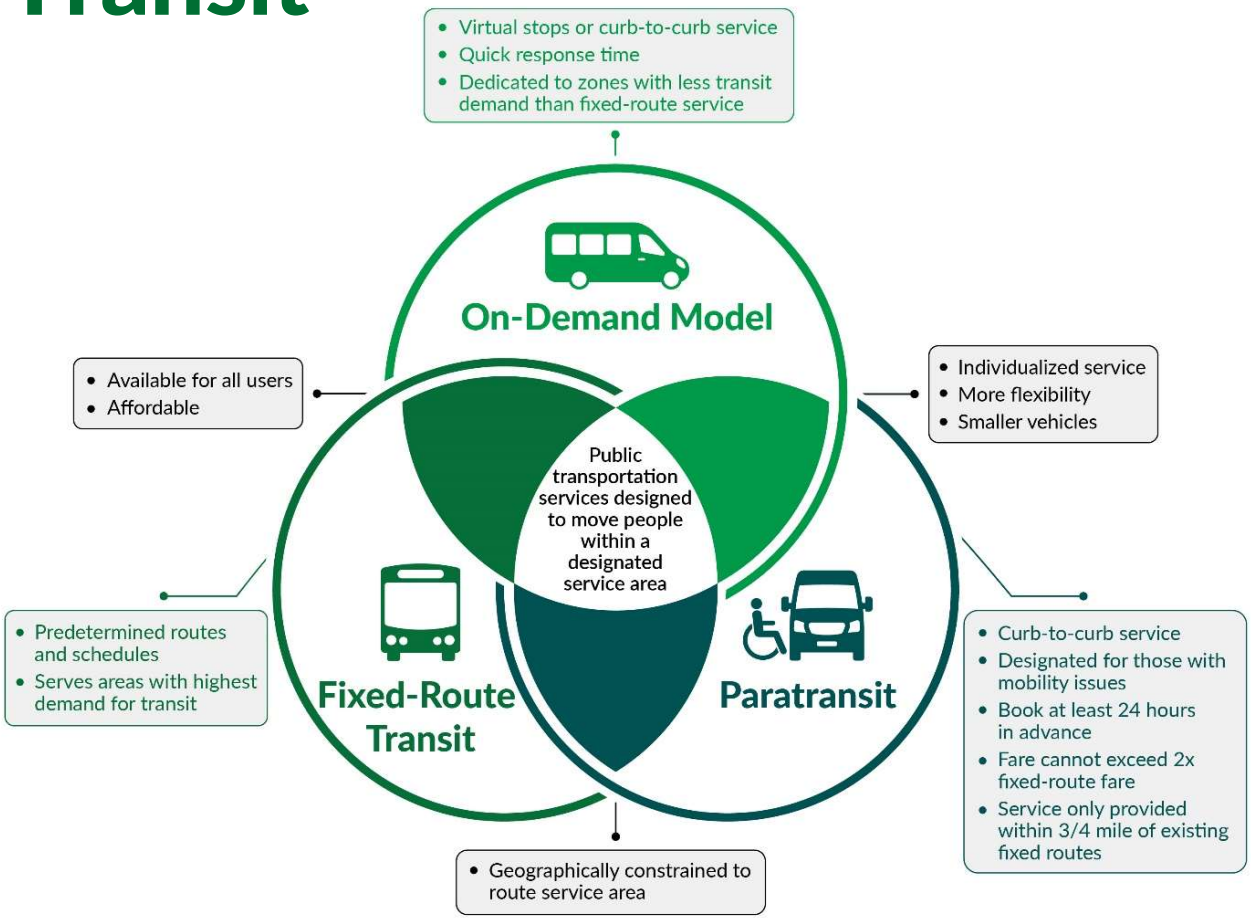

Anacortes Ferry Terminal
Guemes Island Ferry Terminal
410
Anacortes On-Demand and Potential On-Demand Expansion Zone
Anacortes
March Point Park & Ride
40X
20
615
La Conner
80X to Alger/ Bellingham
5
80X
11
70X to Concrete
Sedro-Woolley Park & Ride
9
70X
Sedro-Woolley
Chuckanut Park & Ride
301
101
208
305
Burlington
205
201
Skagit Station
202
Mount Vernon
South Mount Vernon Park & Ride
5
90X
90X to Everett
N

Improvements and Consolidated/ Discontinued Routes

New Service	Significant Change	Minor Change	No Change	Discontinued Route
201 Mount Vernon	40X Mount Vernon / Anacortes	70X Sedro-Wooley / Concrete	205 Mount Vernon	204 Mount Vernon
Anacortes On-Demand Zone	101 Burlington	80X Bellingham Connect	208 Mount Vernon	206 Mount Vernon
	301 Sedro-Wooley	90X Everett Connect	615 La Conner	207 Mount Vernon
	305 Clear Lake	202 South Mount Vernon	717 Concrete	300 Sedro-Wooley
	410 Anacortes			409 Anacortes
				513 Burlington / Anacortes

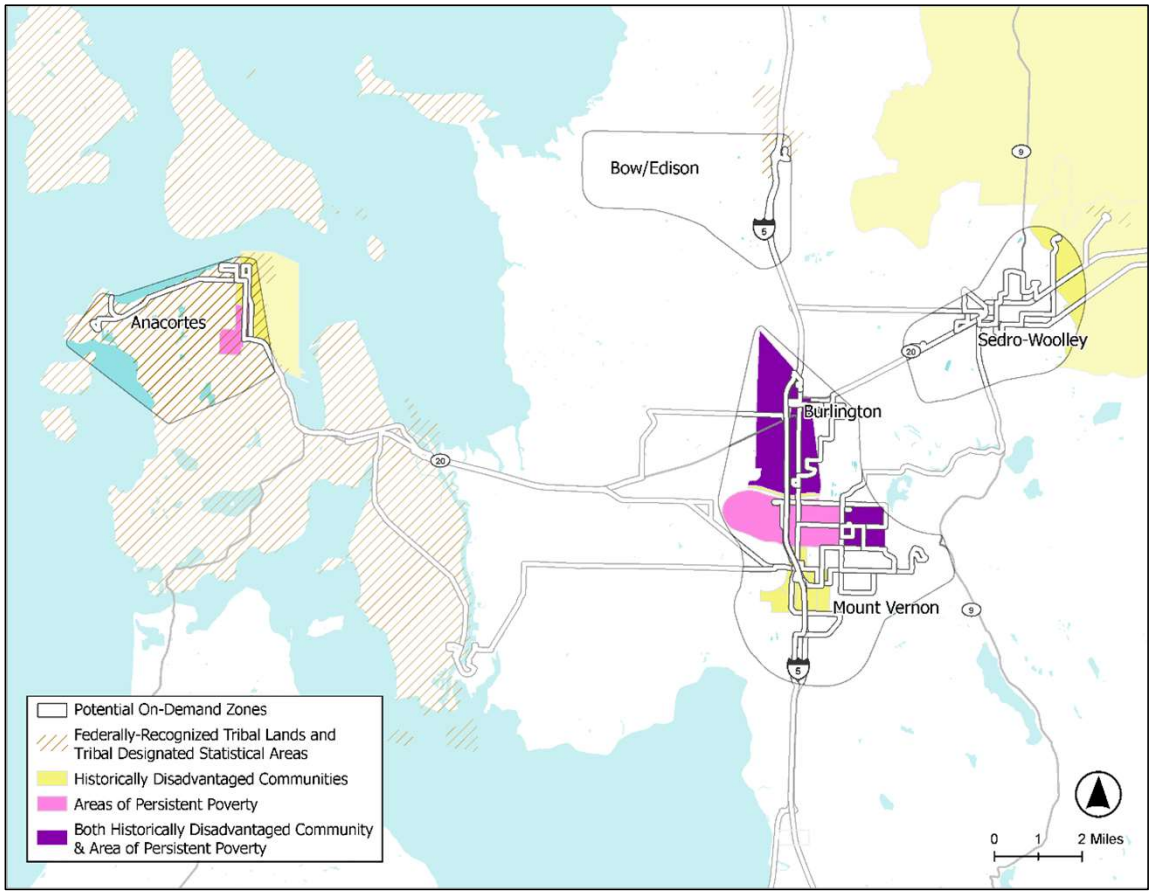
On-Demand Transit

- Fills gaps between fixed-route and paratransit services
- Ability to get point-to-point rides within a service zone
- Accessible vehicles dispatched by app or phone



On-Demand Transit

- Evaluated 5 potential locations across County
- Anacortes and Fidalgo Island provide best context to pilot service
- With pilot funding, could start service relatively quickly through a turnkey operator



Other Investments

- Passenger and Operator Facilities
- Bus Stops
- Fleet Replacement and Expansion
- Transit Access and Integration

Implementation Timeline

Short-Range

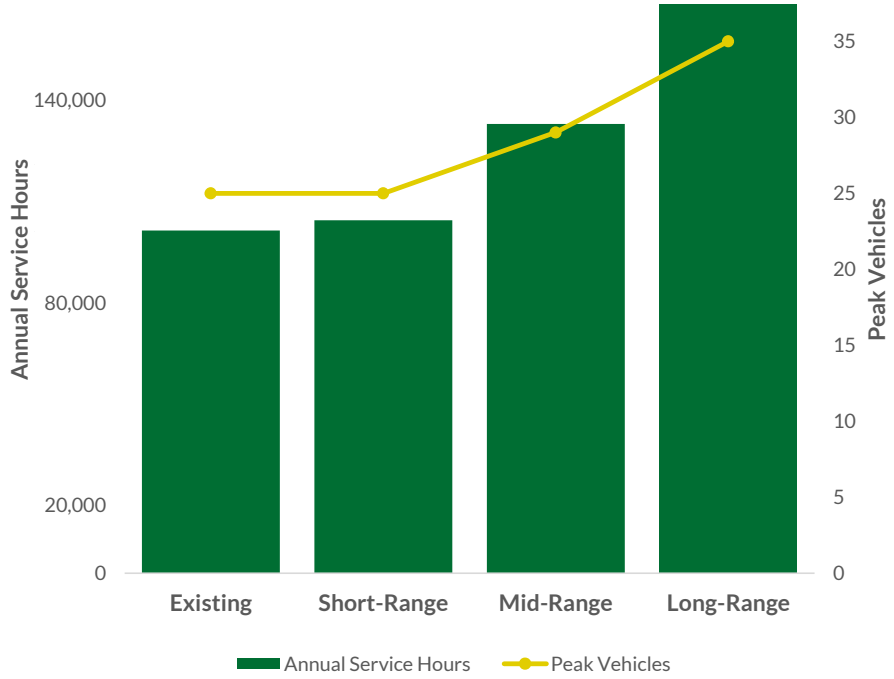
- Update routes and schedules
- Pilot on-demand in Anacortes*

Mid-Range

- Upgrade capital facilities*
- Expand service (frequency/span)*
- Refine on-demand service

Long-Range

- Expand service (frequency/span)*
- Improve access to transit
- Explore new service opportunities



* = Additional resources needed for implementation

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Route Recommendations

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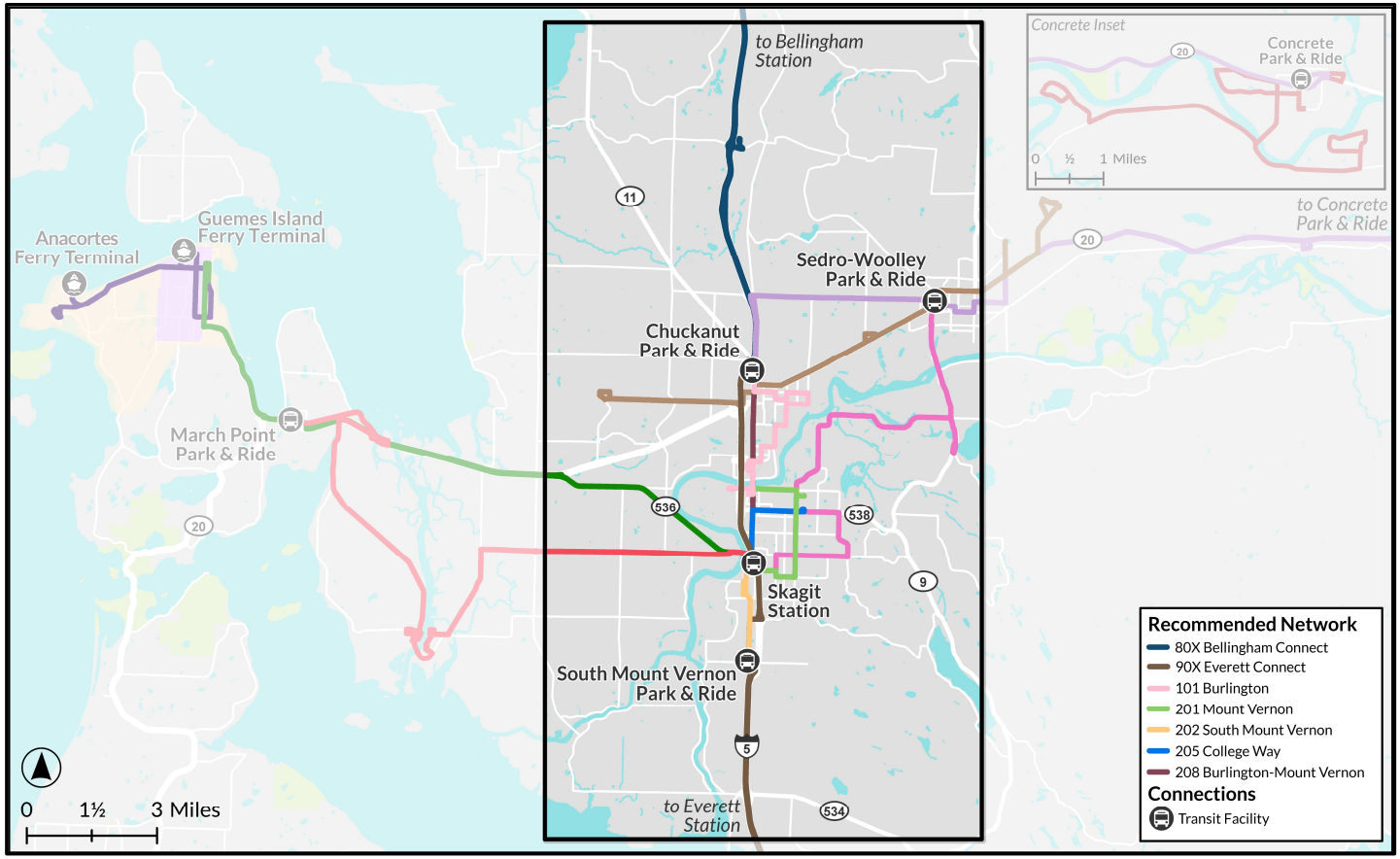

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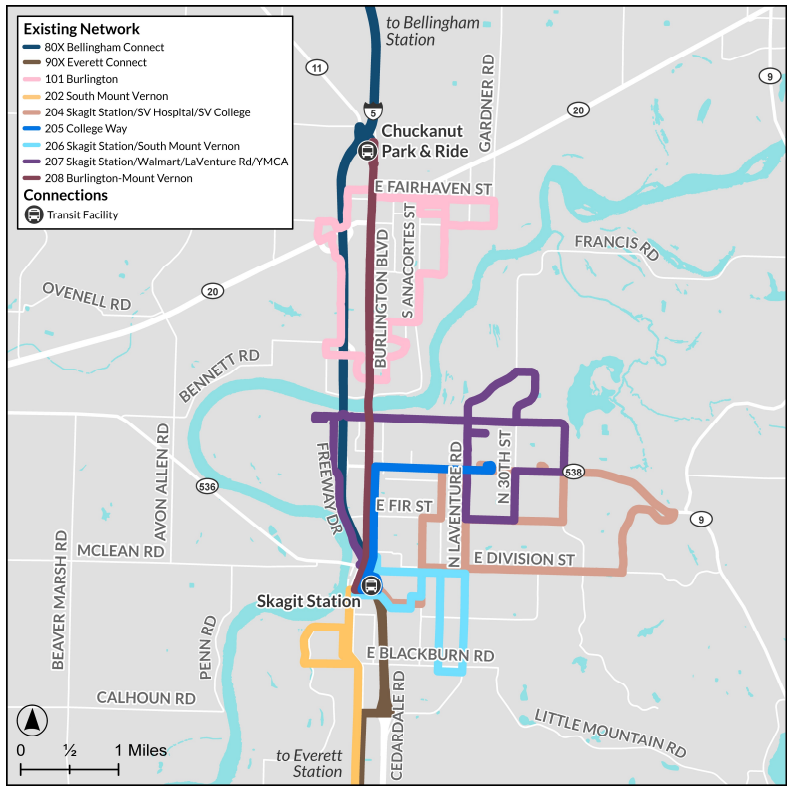

Recommended

Not Shown

- 80X – Add stop at Skagit Valley Casino
- 90X – Add stop at Smokey Point Transit Center

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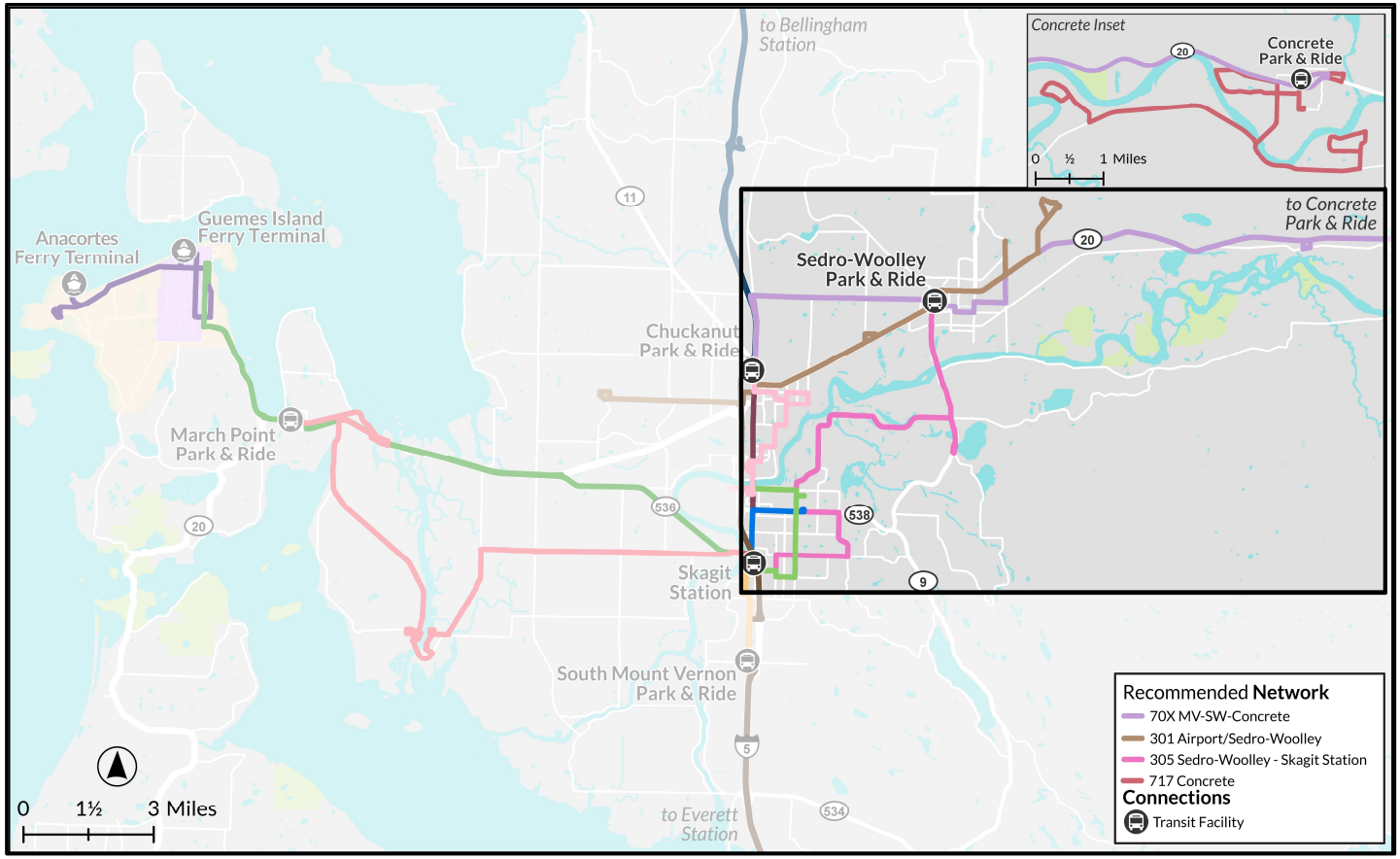

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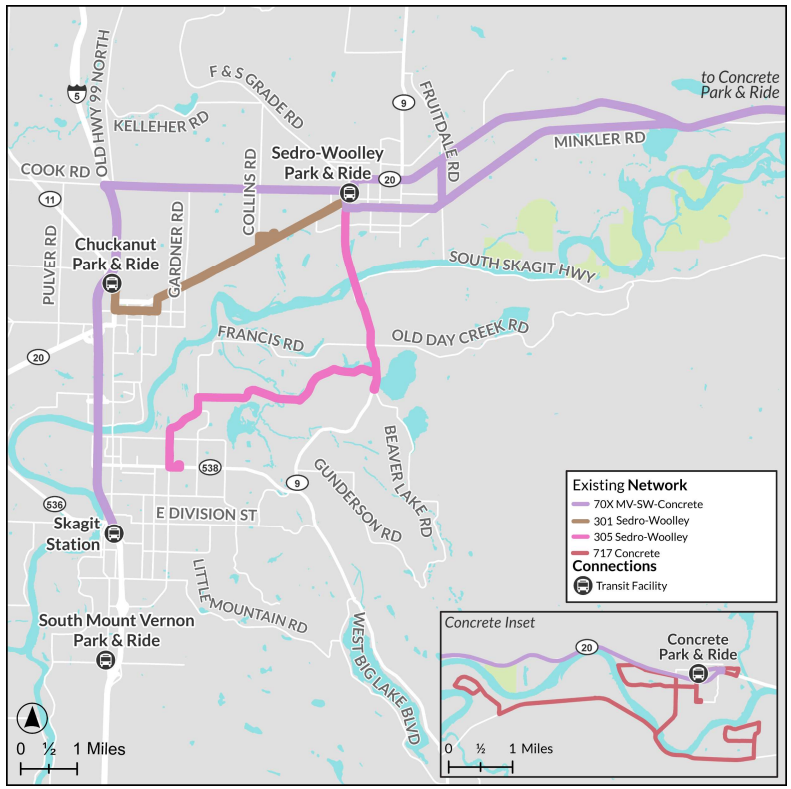

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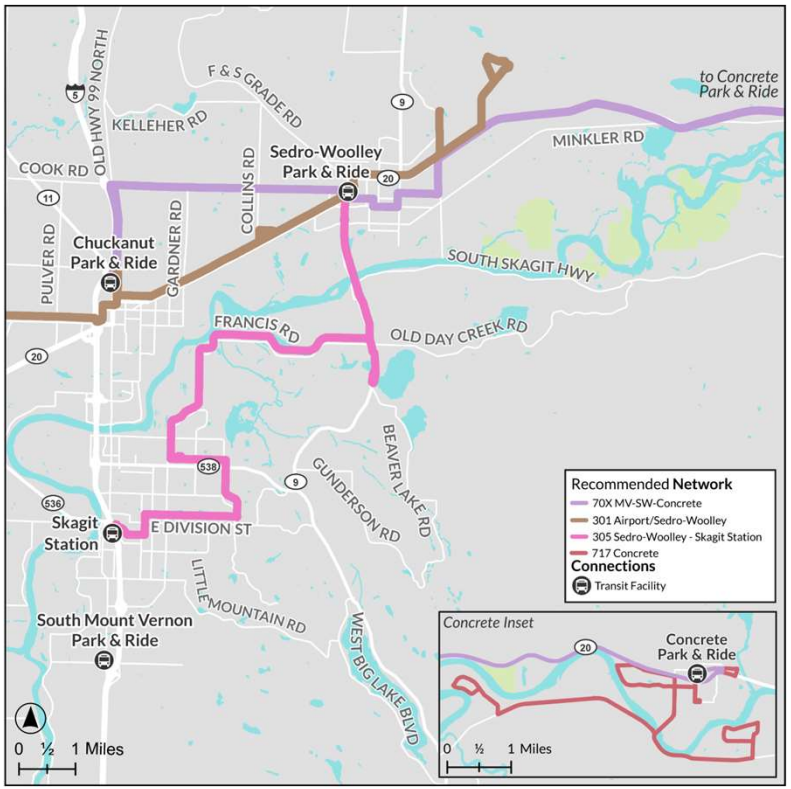

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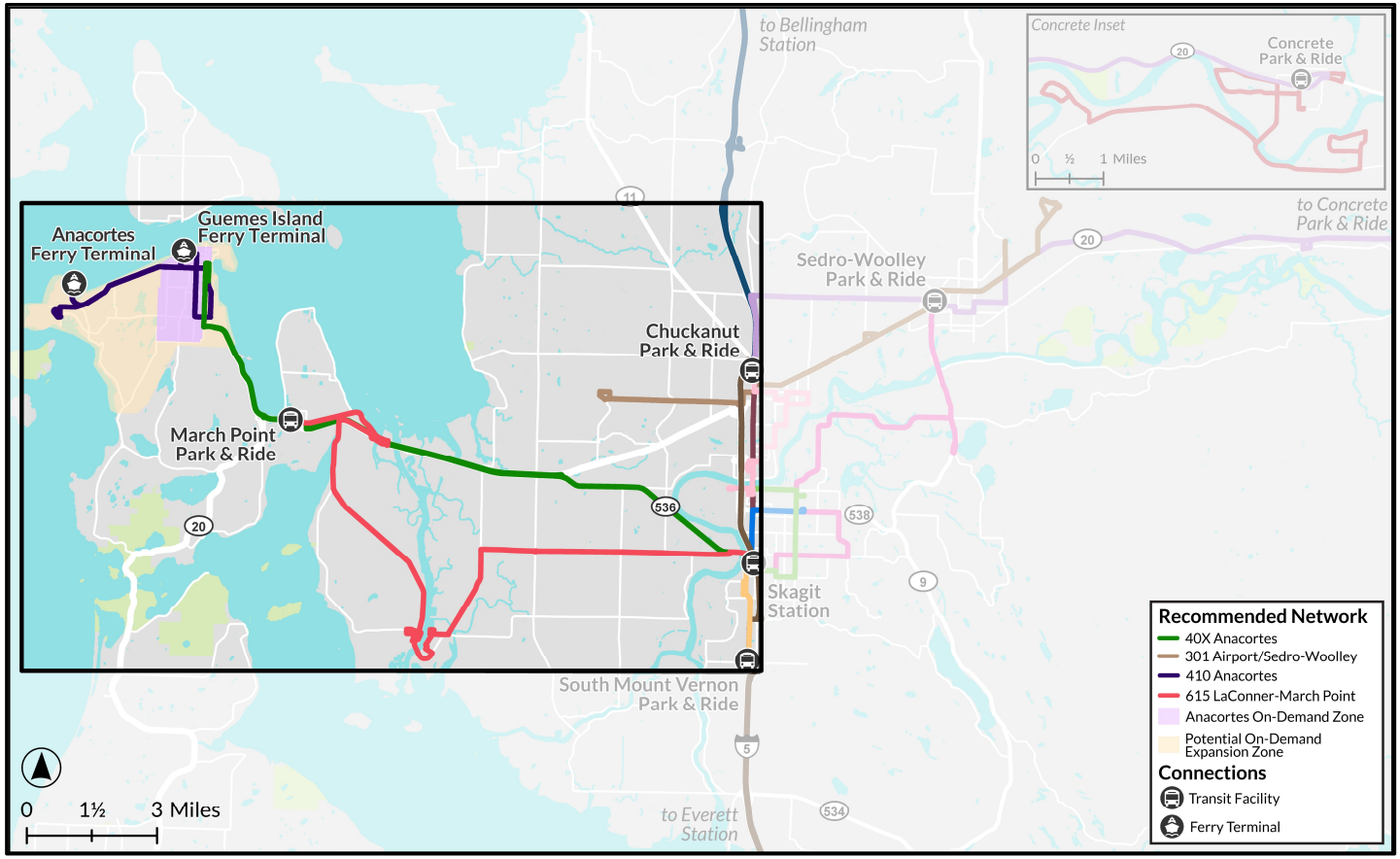

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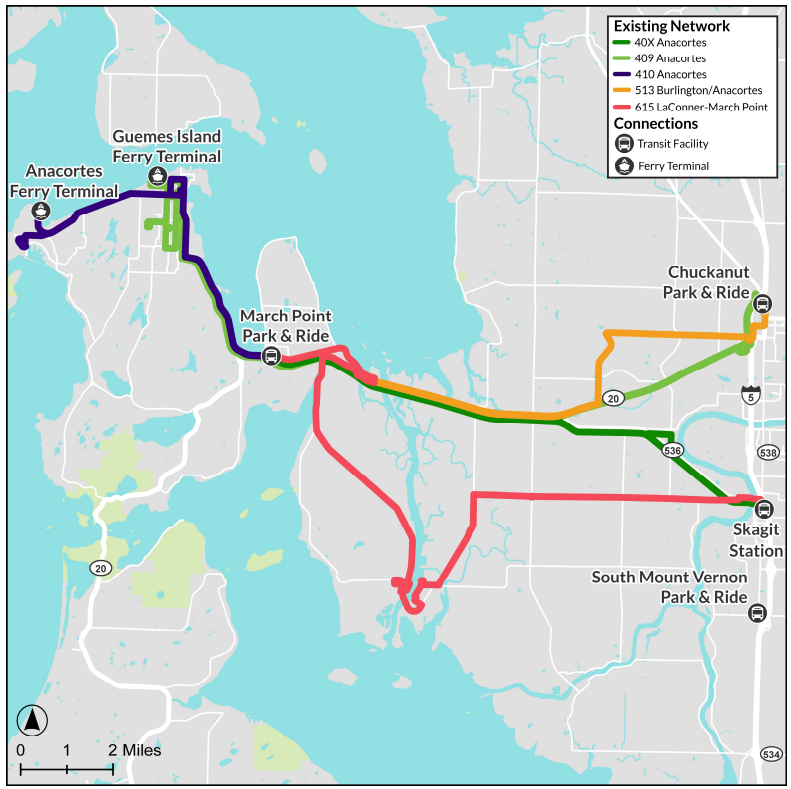

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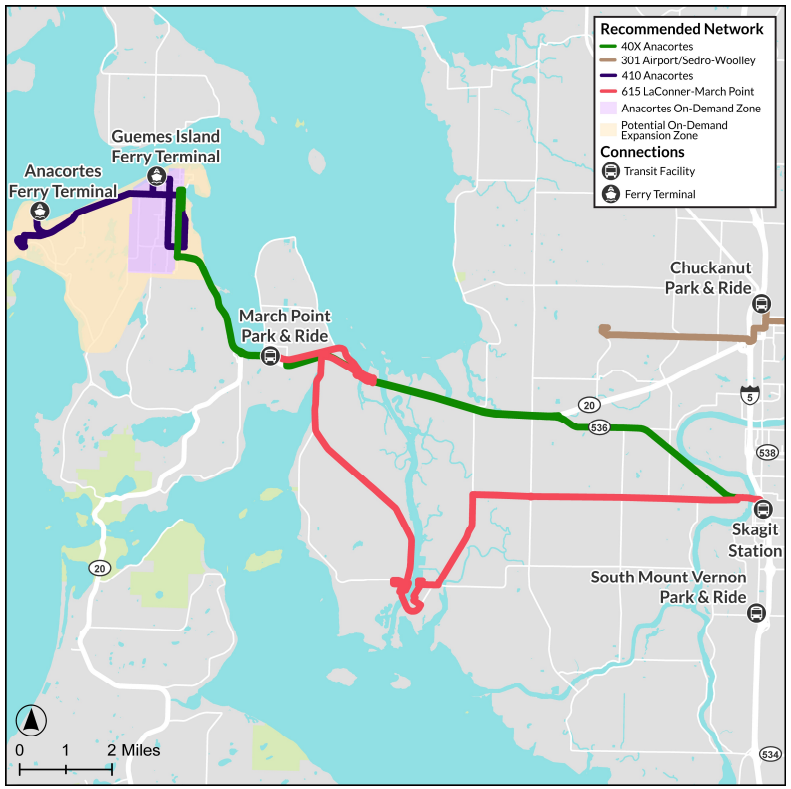

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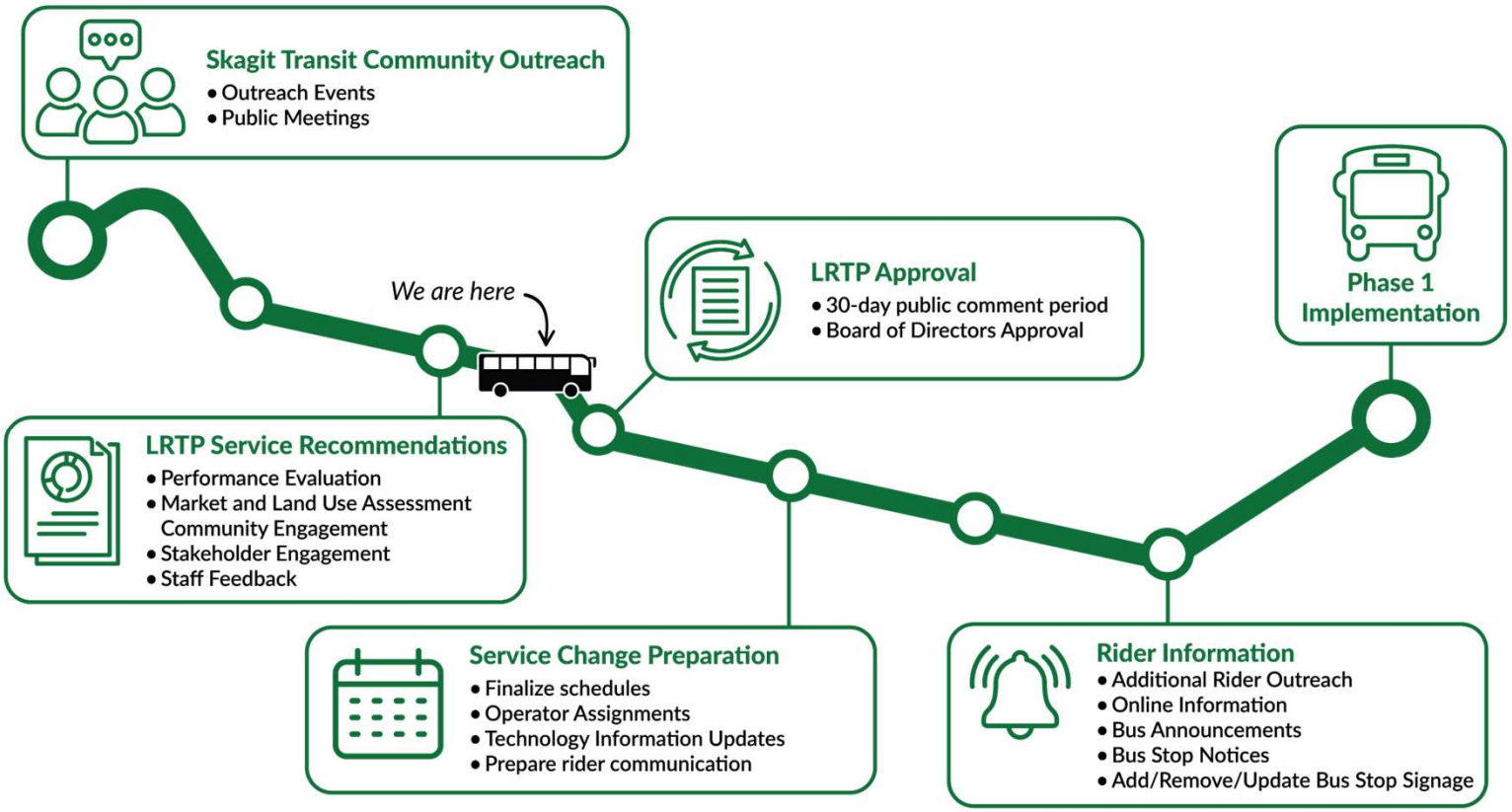
Skagit Transit Community Outreach
• Outreach Events
• Public Meetings
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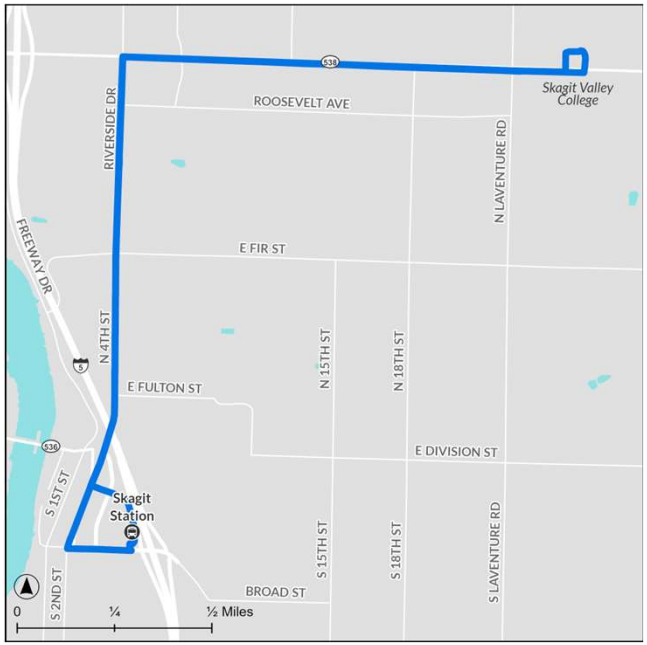
LRTP Approval
• 30-day public comment period
• Board of Directors Approval
Phase 1 Implementation
LRTP Service Recommendations
• Performance Evaluation
• Market and Land Use Assessment
Community Engagement
• Stakeholder Engagement
• Staff Feedback
Service Change Preparation
• Finalize schedules
• Operator Assignments
• Technology Information Updates
• Prepare rider communication
Rider Information
• Additional Rider Outreach
• Online Information
• Bus Announcements
• Bus Stop Notices
• Add/Remove/Update Bus Stop Signage

Central County

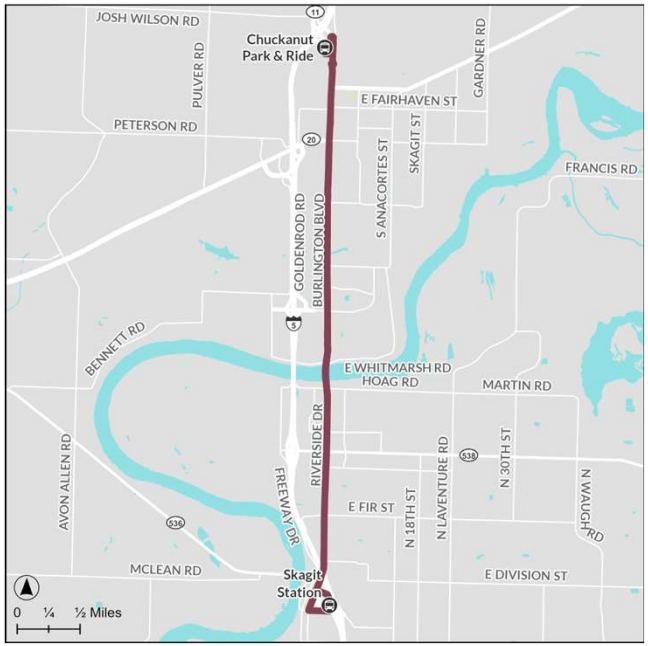
Route 205 College Way

No Change



Route 208 Burlington-MV

No change



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Route 101 Burlington

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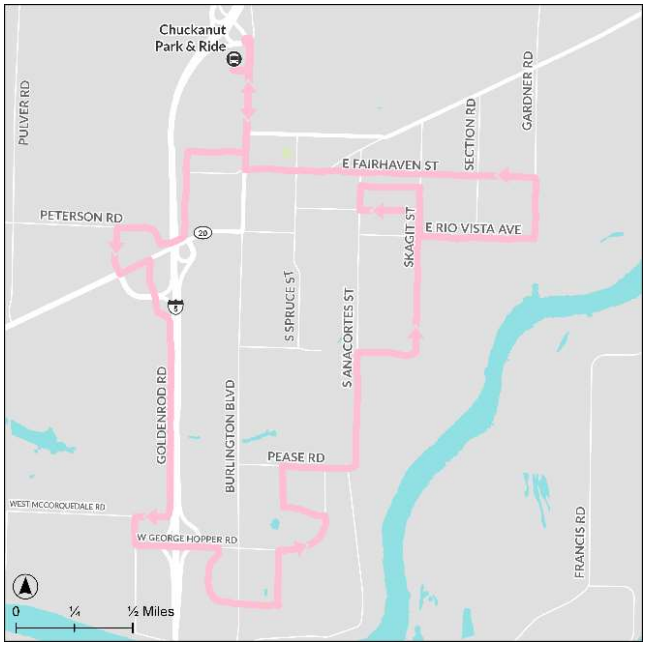

Recommended Improvements

Convert to two-way service and extend to Walmart

- Improve frequency to 30 minutes
- Extend night service

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Route 101 Burlington

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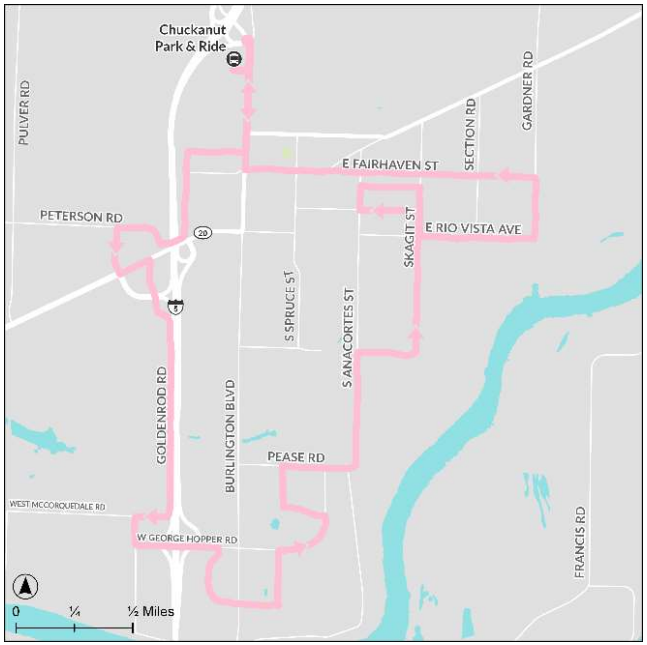

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Route 201 Mount Vernon

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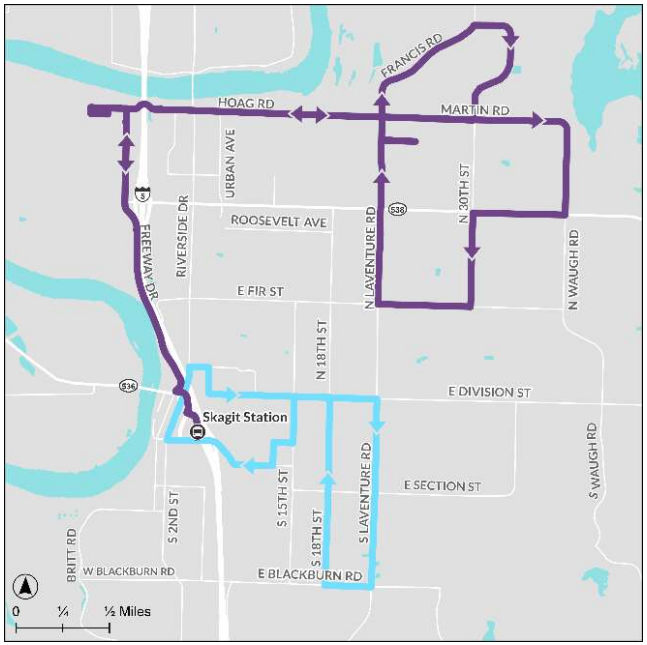

Recommended Improvements

Consolidate indirect routes in Mount Vernon into a new route

- New route replacing segments of Routes 206 and 207
- Extend night service

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Route 201 Mount Vernon

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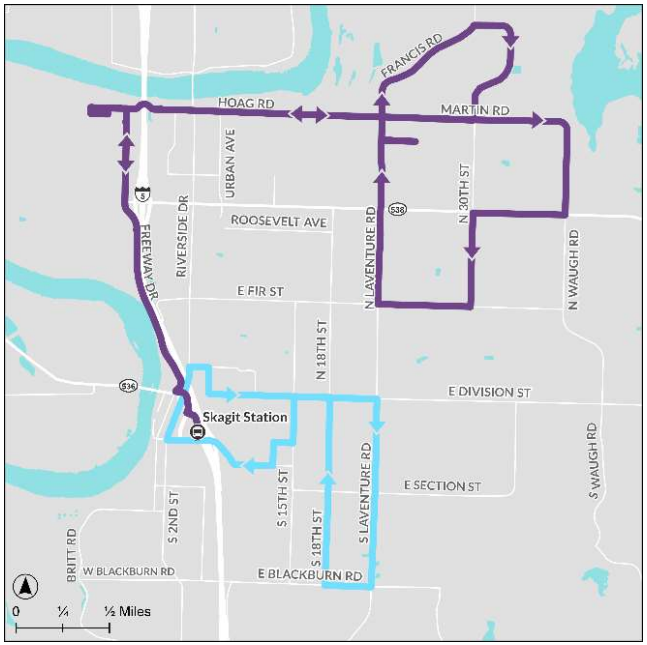

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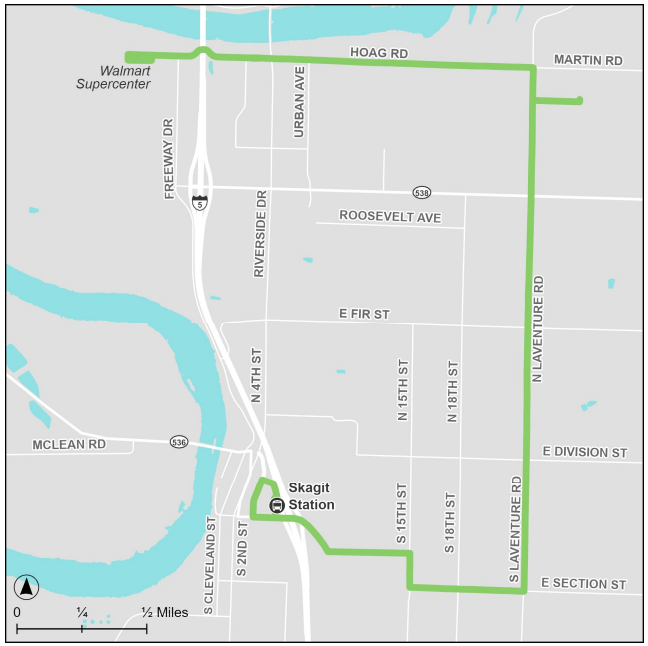

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Route 202 South Mount Vernon

Existing Alignment

Recommended Improvements

Convert to two-way service along 2nd Street

- Improve Sunday frequency to 30 minutes
- Extend night service

Route 202 South Mount Vernon

Existing Alignment

Recommended Alignment

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East County

Route 301 Sedro-Woolley

Existing Alignment

Recommended Improvements

Extend to Skagit Regional Airport and Upper Skagit Reservation

- Increase weekday frequency to 30 minutes
- Extend night service
- New route replacing segments of Routes 300 and 513

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Route 301 Sedro-Woolley

Existing Alignment

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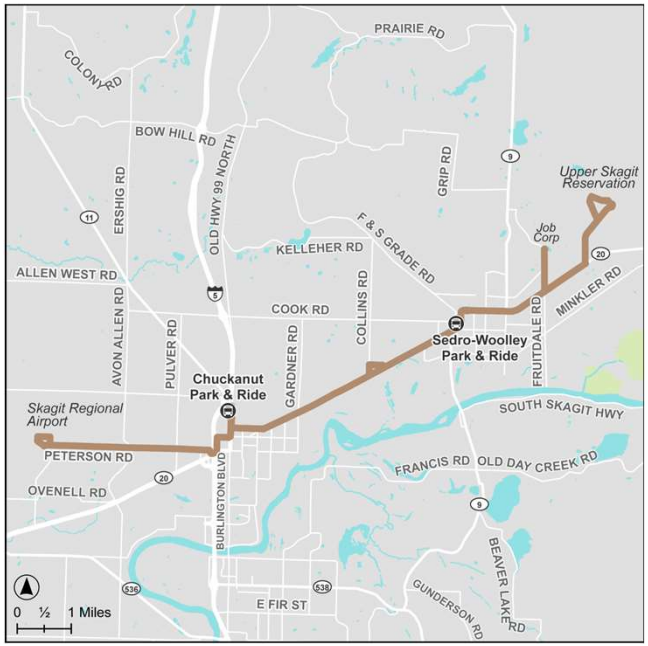

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Route 305 Clear Lake

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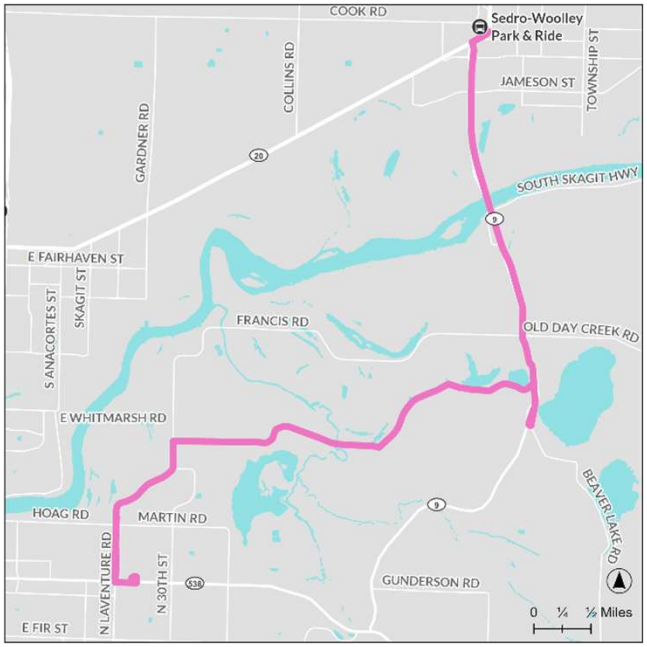

Recommended Improvements

Extend to Skagit Station

- New route replacing segments of Route 204
- Increase weekday frequency to 30 minutes
- Extend night service

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Route 305 Clear Lake

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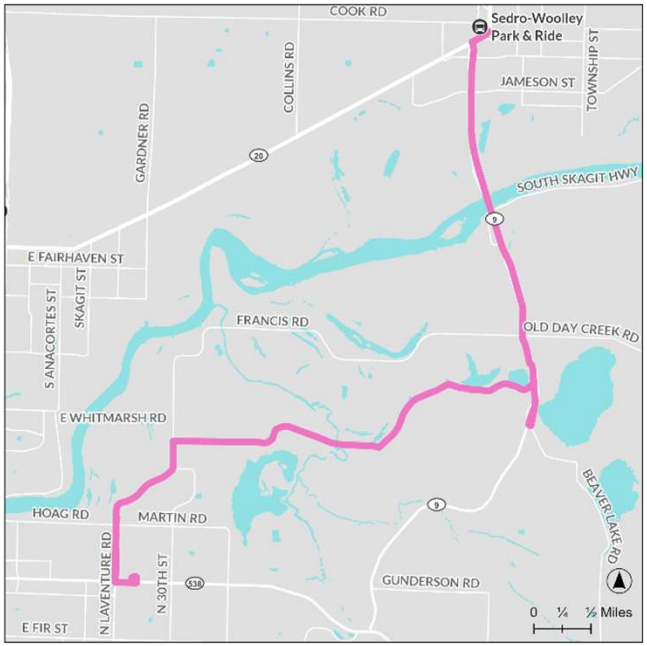

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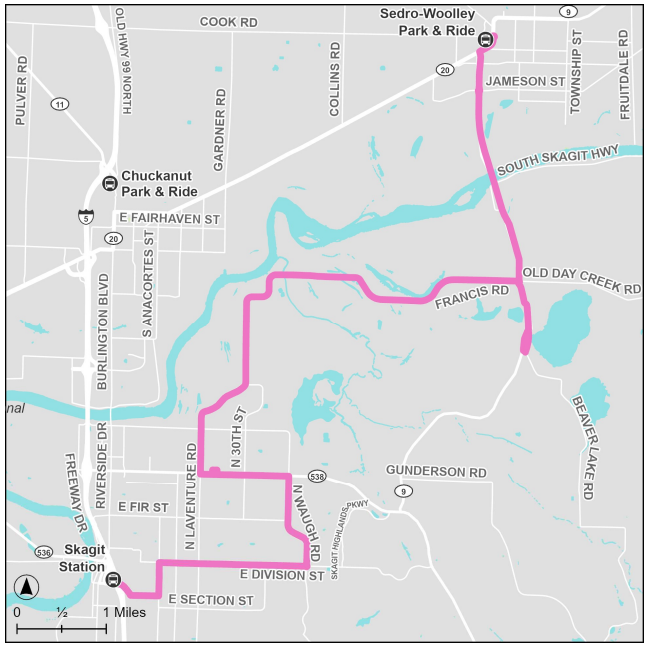

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West County

Route 410 Anacortes

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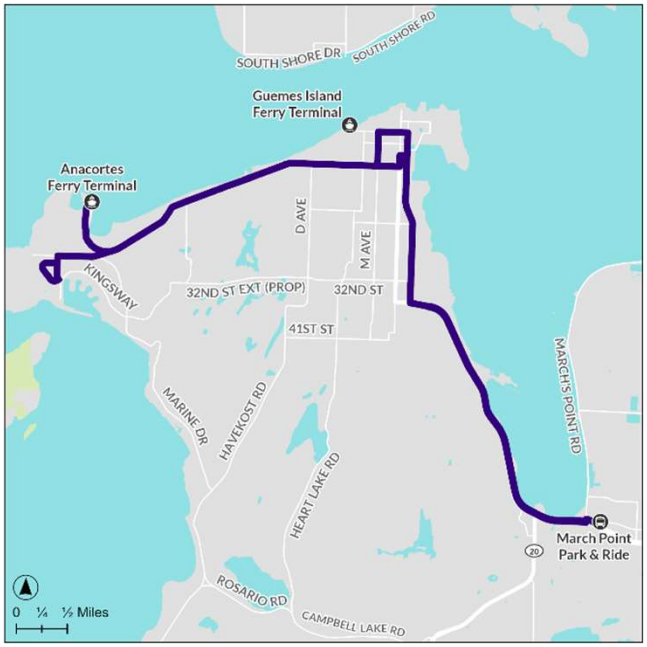

Recommended Improvements

Shorten to Downtown Anacortes and extend to Island Hospital

- New route replacing segments of Route 409
- Improve weekday frequency to 30 minutes and add Sunday service
- Extend night service

Route 410 Anacortes

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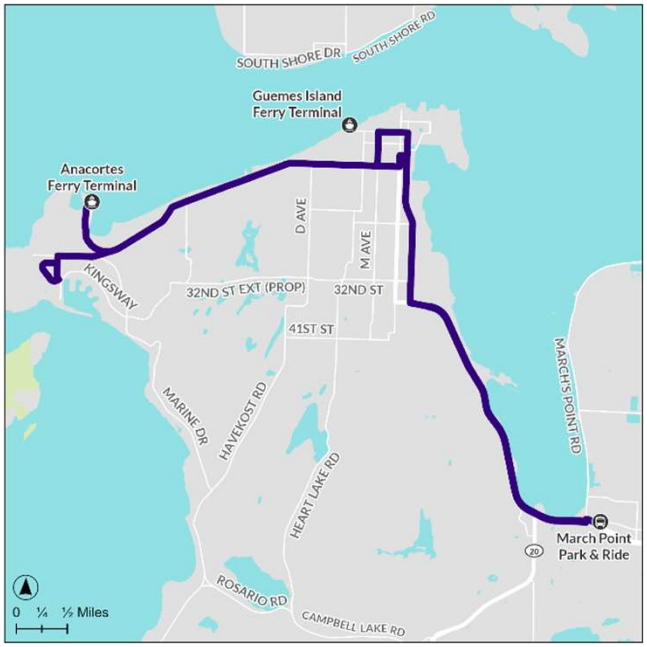

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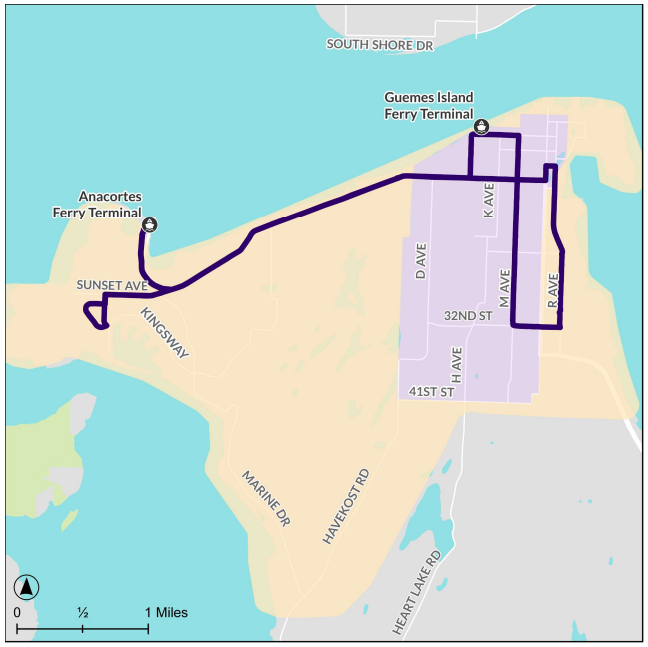

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Connector Routes

Route 40X Mount Vernon/Anacortes

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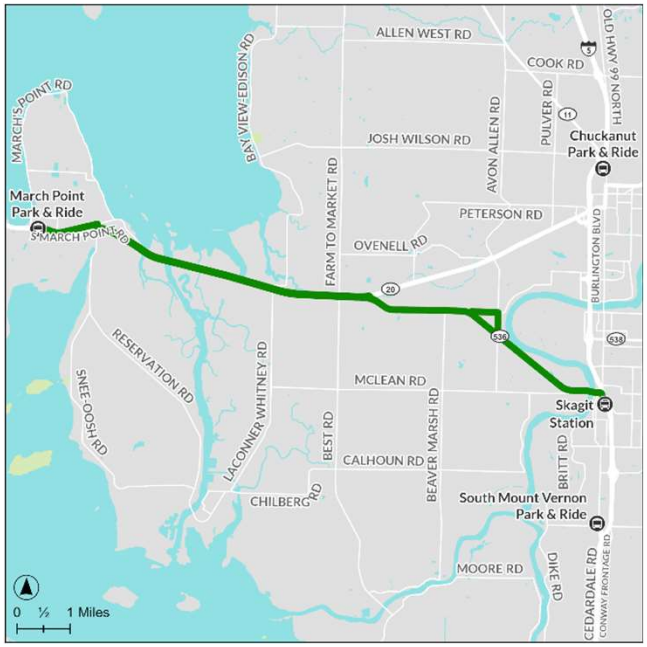

Recommended Improvements

Extend to Anacortes

- Extend to Downtown Anacortes and add Sunday service
- Improve weekday frequency to 30 minutes
- Improve Sunday frequency to 60 minutes
- Extend night service

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Route 40X Mount Vernon/Anacortes

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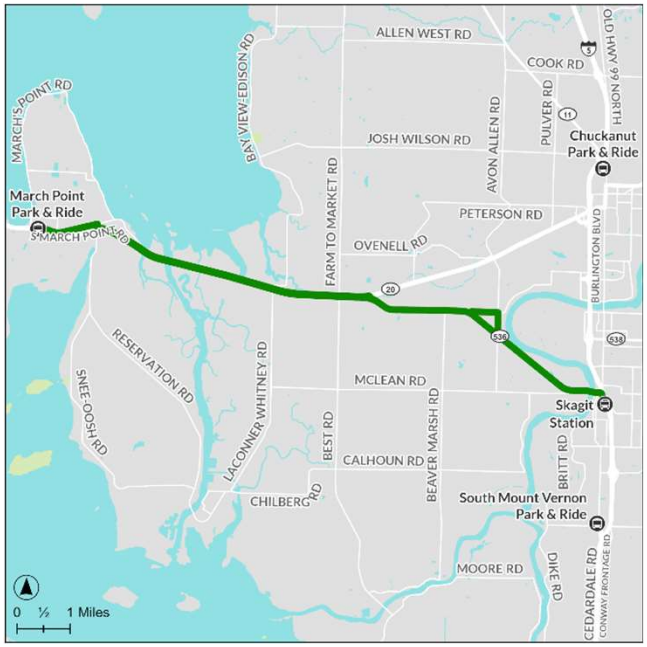

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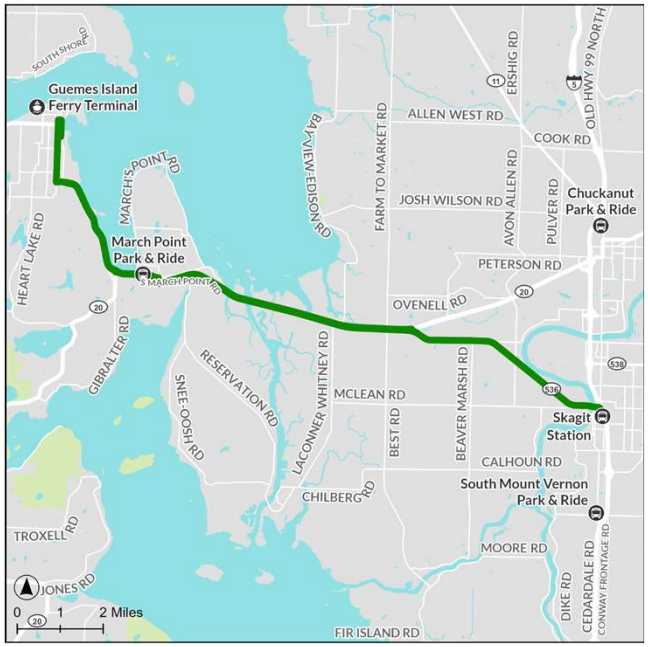

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Route 70X Sedro-Woolley/Concrete

Existing Alignment

Recommended Improvements

Add trips and Sunday service.
Shorten to Chuckanut Park & Ride

- Extend to Downtown Sedro-Woolley
- Increase weekday frequency to 60 minutes
- Extend night service

Route 70X Sedro-Woolley/Concrete

Existing Alignment

Recommended Alignment

Route 80X Bellingham Connect

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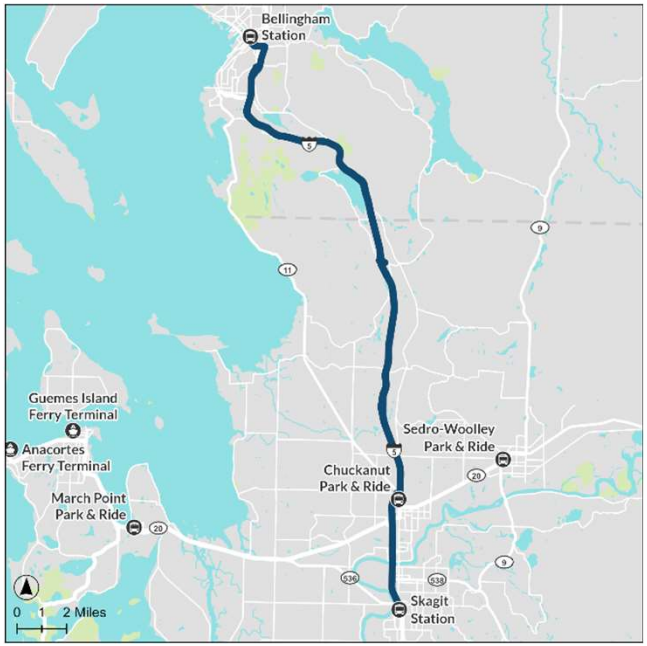

Recommended Improvements

Add stop at Skagit Valley Casino Resort

- Improve weekday and weekend frequency to 60 minutes
- Extend night service

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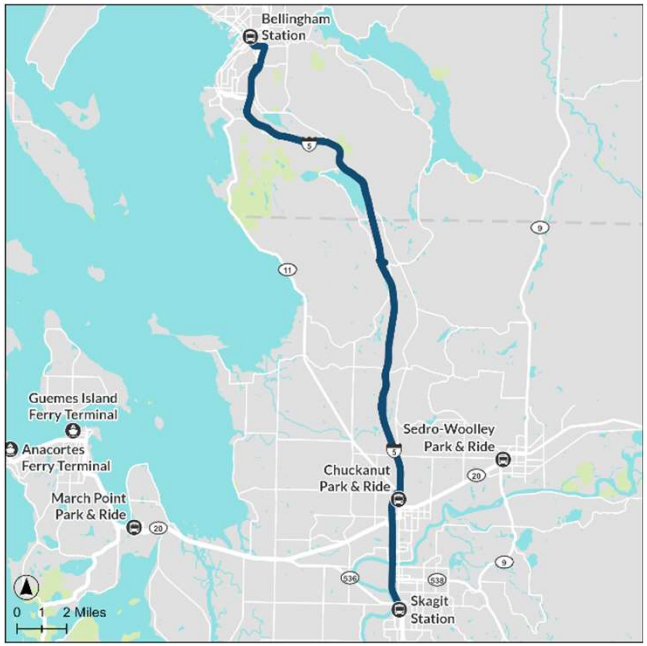

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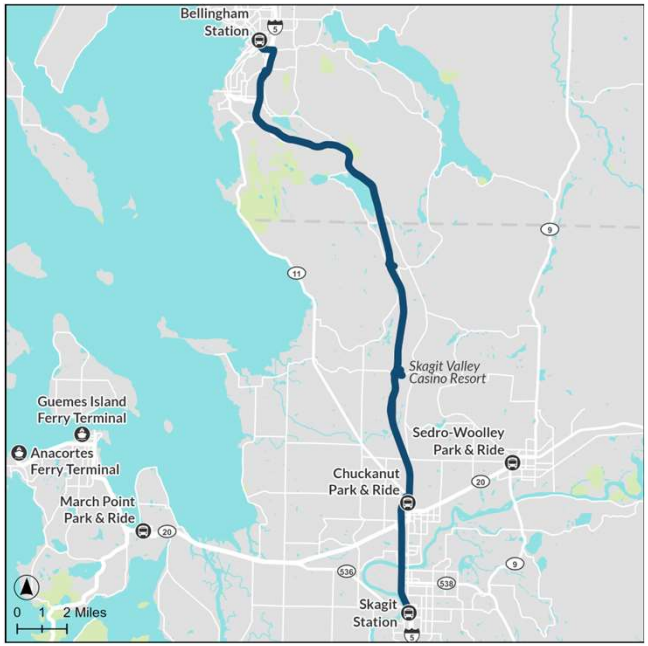

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Route 90X Everett Connect

Existing Alignment

Recommended Improvements

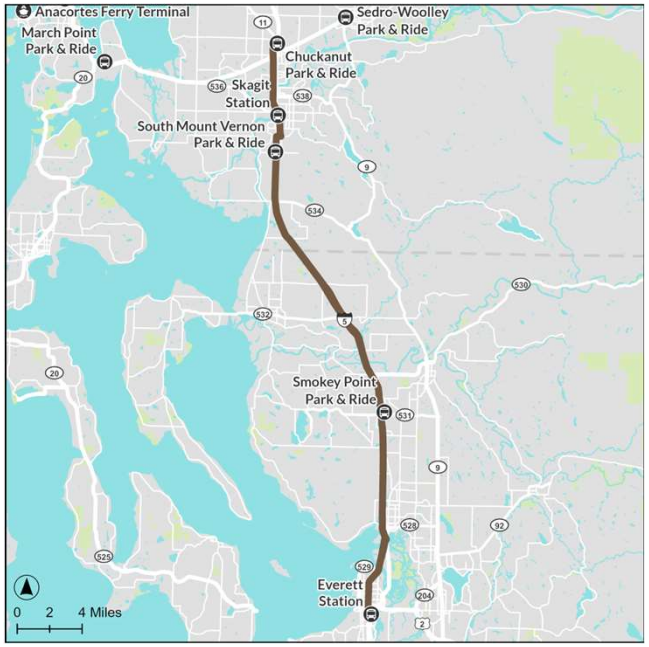
Add stop at Smokey Point Transit Center and upgrade midday frequency.

- Improve weekday frequency to 45-60 minutes
- Extend night service

Route 90X Everett Connect

Existing Alignment

Recommended Alignment



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