

Skagit Transit Proposed Fare Increase

Spring 2019



Overview

- ▶ Skagit Transit has been experiencing rising costs.
 - ▶ Labor
 - ▶ Fuel
 - ▶ Insurance
 - ▶ Cost of doing business
- ▶ Federal and State grants have become harder to get
- ▶ Federal and State grants are temporary funding and local funding is needed for operations when the grants end
 - ▶ Weekend service started with grants and is now locally funded

Skagit Transit Fare History

2001

Skagit Transit introduces fares at \$.50 a ride for adults

2006

Fare increases to \$.75 a ride

2008

Oct 2008-Fare goes to \$1 a ride

Historical Performance

2008

- ▶ 34,808 F/R Service Hours
- ▶ Agency Fuel Usage
 - ▶ 159,039 Gallons of Diesel
 - ▶ 44,875 Gallons of Gas
- ▶ \$42.05/Paratransit Trip
- ▶ Cost of Insurance \$216,494
- ▶ Wages & Benefits- \$4,889,322

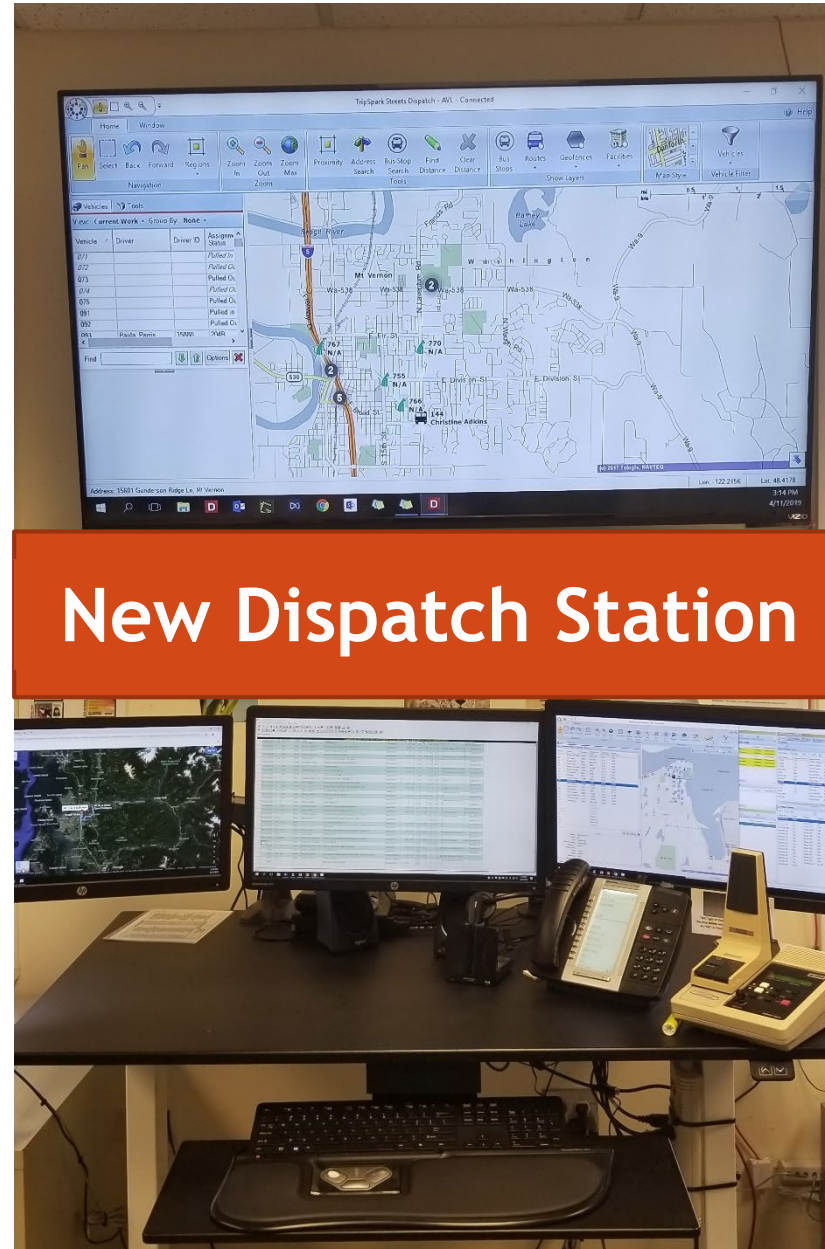


2018

- ▶ 76,479 F/R Service Hours
- ▶ Agency Fuel Usage
 - ▶ 253,691 Gallons of Diesel
 - ▶ 39,756 Gallons of Propane
 - ▶ 60,583 Gallons of Gas
- ▶ \$72.49/Paratransit trip
- ▶ Cost of Insurance \$429,744
- ▶ Wages & Benefits- \$10,942,759

Cost Cutting Measures

- ▶ Switched Paratransit fleet to propane
 - ▶ Environmentally Friendly
 - ▶ Costs a \$1 less per gallon equivalent
- ▶ Computerized dispatch
 - ▶ More efficient vehicle use



Proposed Fare Increase- Vanpool

- ▶ Minivans
 - ▶ 11% increase
- ▶ Full size vans
 - ▶ 13% increase



Proposed Fare Increase- Fixed Route

Old Fares

- ▶ County Connector fare and passes are NOT changing
- ▶ Local service
 - ▶ \$1 adult cash fare
 - ▶ Free transfers
 - ▶ \$2 day pass
 - ▶ \$25 31-day pass
 - ▶ Senior, Disabled and Youth prices are 50% of adult price

New Fares

- ▶ County Connector fare and passes are NOT changing
- ▶ Local service
 - ▶ \$1 adult cash fare
 - ▶ NO transfers anymore
 - ▶ Day pass increases to \$3
 - ▶ 31-Day pass increases to \$30
 - ▶ Senior, Disabled and Youth prices are 50% of adult price for similar items

Proposed Fare Increase- Paratransit

\$2 per trip proposed fare

- ▶ The Americans with Disabilities Act allows transit agencies to charge up to twice the fare charged to adults to ride a fixed route bus
- ▶ \$1 for adults to ride a Skagit Transit fixed route bus
- ▶ Every ride provided on paratransit costs \$72.49
- ▶ Skagit Transit would still cover \$70.49 per trip or 97.2% of the cost

Multi-ride punch card

- ▶ Riders could purchase a punch card that provides for multiple trips on one card
- ▶ Skagit Transit is looking for your feedback on how many rides per card there should be
- ▶ For instance, a punch card with 10 rides on it would cost \$20 to purchase