

**CITY OF RUSTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:01PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Deb Kristovich, Lynn Syler and Bradley Huson. Councilmember Hedrick and Councilmember Hardin were excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Kristovich moved approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Syler, passed 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Kristovich moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 17, 2019, with a second from Councilmember Syler, passed 3-0.

**STAFF REPORT** – City Planner Rob White deferred the Complete Streets Grant Update to present along with Resolution 706 under Business Item 2.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

**Jan Griffiths** – Ms. Griffiths read about the garbage rates in the September 2019 Newsletter - Mayor's Corner. Ms. Griffiths questioned the impact the City of Tacoma's increased garbage rates will have to Ruston residents and thought it was ludicrous that the City of Tacoma had not notified Ruston in a timely manner.

**Jennifer Jensen** – Ms. Jensen wanted to know what the City of Ruston's position was regarding Metro Parks Phase II development and the growing height of the hill. Should individual citizens take their issues directly to Metro Parks or will the City Planner represent the citizens of Ruston.

**BUSINESS** –

**Pierce Transit Update Presentation – Nancy Henderson** – See attached.

**Resolution 706 – Complete Streets Public Works Contract Award.** The Complete Streets Project at Winnifred and 51<sup>st</sup> includes Improvements to the intersection of N 51st Street and N Winnifred Street, restriping and raised pavement marker installation on the existing bridge across the railroad tracks, and improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the south end of the existing bridge. This was in the Schedule A (base bid) description. There are additional improvements in Schedules B, C and D as listed below, but the City Engineer was not proposing to award those additional options. The City Project is divided into four bid schedules so that the City retains the flexibility to award certain portions of the work without the obligation to award the entire project. City Engineer recommended that Council award only Schedule A to Transportation Systems, Inc.

**Public Bidding Process.** In accordance with State law, any public works project over \$300,000 must be awarded via the full competitive bidding process which requires advertising for bids or a “call for bids.”

The Call for Bids was published on August 20, 2019 in the Tacoma Daily Index. The project was also advertised and available online at RustonWA.org. An email notice of the call for bids was sent out on August 16, 2019. The bid call was open until August 30, 2019. The bid opening took place at 10:00 am on Friday, August 30, 2019 at the Community Center. The City received two bids as follows:

	<u>Schedule A</u>	<u>Schedule B</u>	<u>Schedule C</u>	<u>Schedule D</u>
1. Transportation Systems	\$243,423.00	\$88,157.00	\$55,971.00	\$72,178.00
2. Novarino Company	\$262,265.00	\$100,300.50	\$62,020.00	\$96,210.00

Both bids were above the Engineer’s Estimate of \$190,000 for the base bid (Schedule A).

**Policy Decision – Determination of Award of Schedules.** The bid call included four different schedules encompassing different work items to allow the City maximum flexibility to determine the Project items at bid award. These schedules are:

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Work Included</b>
A (Base Bid)	Improvements to the intersection of N 51st Street and N Winnifred Street, restriping and raised pavement marker installation on the existing bridge across the railroad tracks, and improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the south end of the existing bridge.
B	Improvements to the north side of the intersection of N 51st Street and N Highland Street.
C	Improvements to the north side of the intersection of N 51st Street and N Shirley Street.
D	Improvements to the intersection of N Commercial Street and N Winnifred Street

The City Engineer recommended award of Schedule A only as the award from TIB is for \$250,000. The City can seek additional grant funds for Schedule B, C and D at a later time.

Council authorized this Contract award and construction was anticipated to begin in October 1st and is expected to be completed by December 1, 2019. The contractor signed the agreement and had already provided the bond form and the certificate of insurance.

The initial award from TIB who is funding this project is up to \$250,000. The City's does not have a required match. This project is included in the City's adopted budget for 2019. Councilmember Kristovich moved to approve Resolution 706, with a second from Councilmember Syler, passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL** – Councilmember Kristovich moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Syler, passed 3-0

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Mayor Hopkins shared that all staff were diligently working on their 2020 budget. With projected growth at the Point Ruston development site lagging tremendously, Mayor Hopkins asked staff to plan on flat growth in 2020. The City was hoping the Silver Cloud and Ruston Market would be online in 2020 however based on timing of completion decided not to put these projects into next year's forecast. Mayor Hopkins noted the Kobrew Restaurant at Point Ruston was closed for renovations and will reopen in a smaller space at its current location. Mayor Hopkins mailed a letter to Pierce County Assessor Lonergan last week and will post the letter to the City's website. Mayor Hopkins addressed Ms. Griffiths question regarding garbage rates and noted that legal counsel was working to negotiate the past due amount for disposal fees in the amount of \$44,255.95, with the City of Tacoma. City of Tacoma threatened to deny Ruston service if payment was not made. The City will review an escalation process and was looking for City of Tacoma to own responsibility in billing accurately and timely. City of Ruston is prepared to take the City's waste disposal to another location and has explored Gig Harbor and Pierce County. Mayor Hopkins addressed Ms. Jensen's question regarding Metro Parks dirt hill build up at the end of Winnifred Street. Mayor Hopkins shared that he did not see Metro Parks moving the dirt any time soon and was not certain what Metro Parks might place on top of the dirt. The City of Ruston does not want Winnifred Street to go through the park and there would be serious discussion when Metro Parks presents this idea. Mayor Hopkins appreciated that city residents were keeping a close watch and noted the City would continue to do the same.

**COUNCIL TIME** –

**Councilmember Hedrick** - Excused.

**Councilmember Hardin** – Excused.

**Councilmember Kristovich** – Nothing at this time.

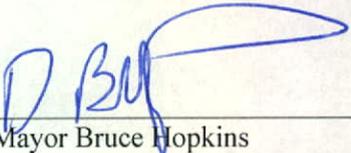
CITY OF RUSTON  
Regular Council Minutes  
October 1, 2019

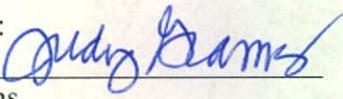
**Councilmember Syler** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilmember Huson** – Nothing at this time.

**MEETING AJOURNED -**

At 7:53PM Councilmember Kristovich moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Syler, passed 3-0.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Grams



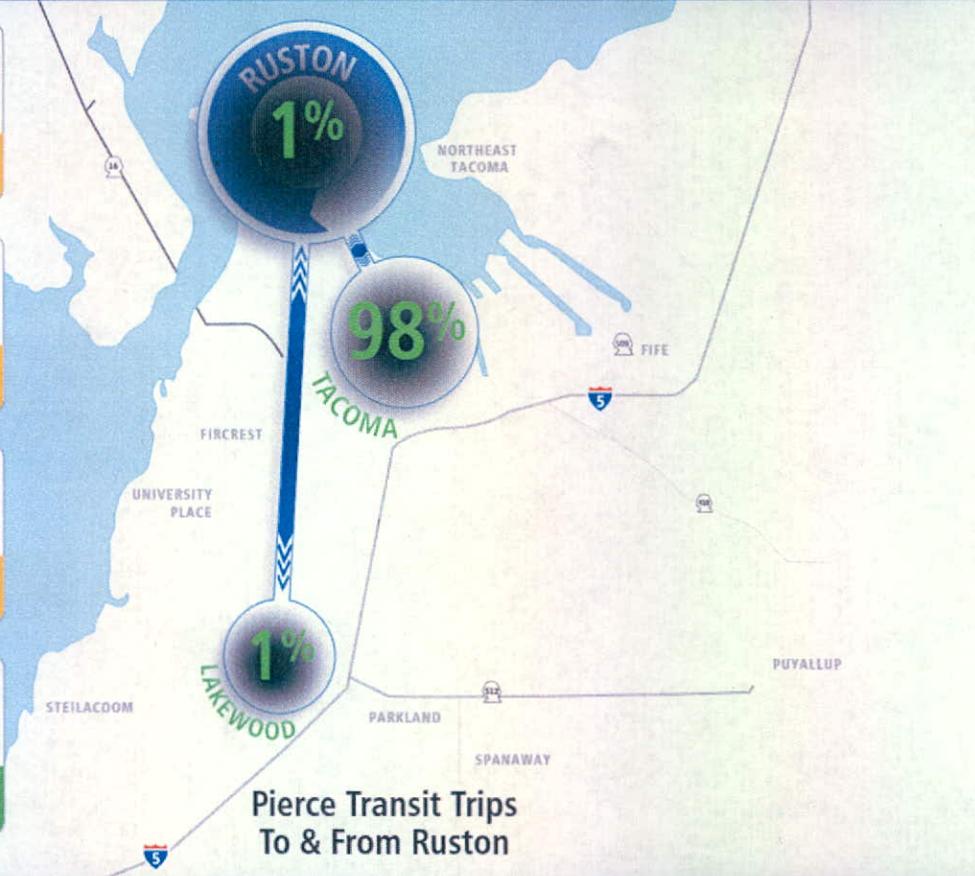
**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

**12**  
AVERAGE WEEKDAY  
BOARDINGS

**14**  
AVERAGE SATURDAY  
BOARDINGS

**9**  
AVERAGE SUNDAY  
BOARDINGS

**4,670**  
ANNUAL BOARDINGS  
WITHIN RUSTON



**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Ruston Business District • Downtown to Defiance Sunday Parkways



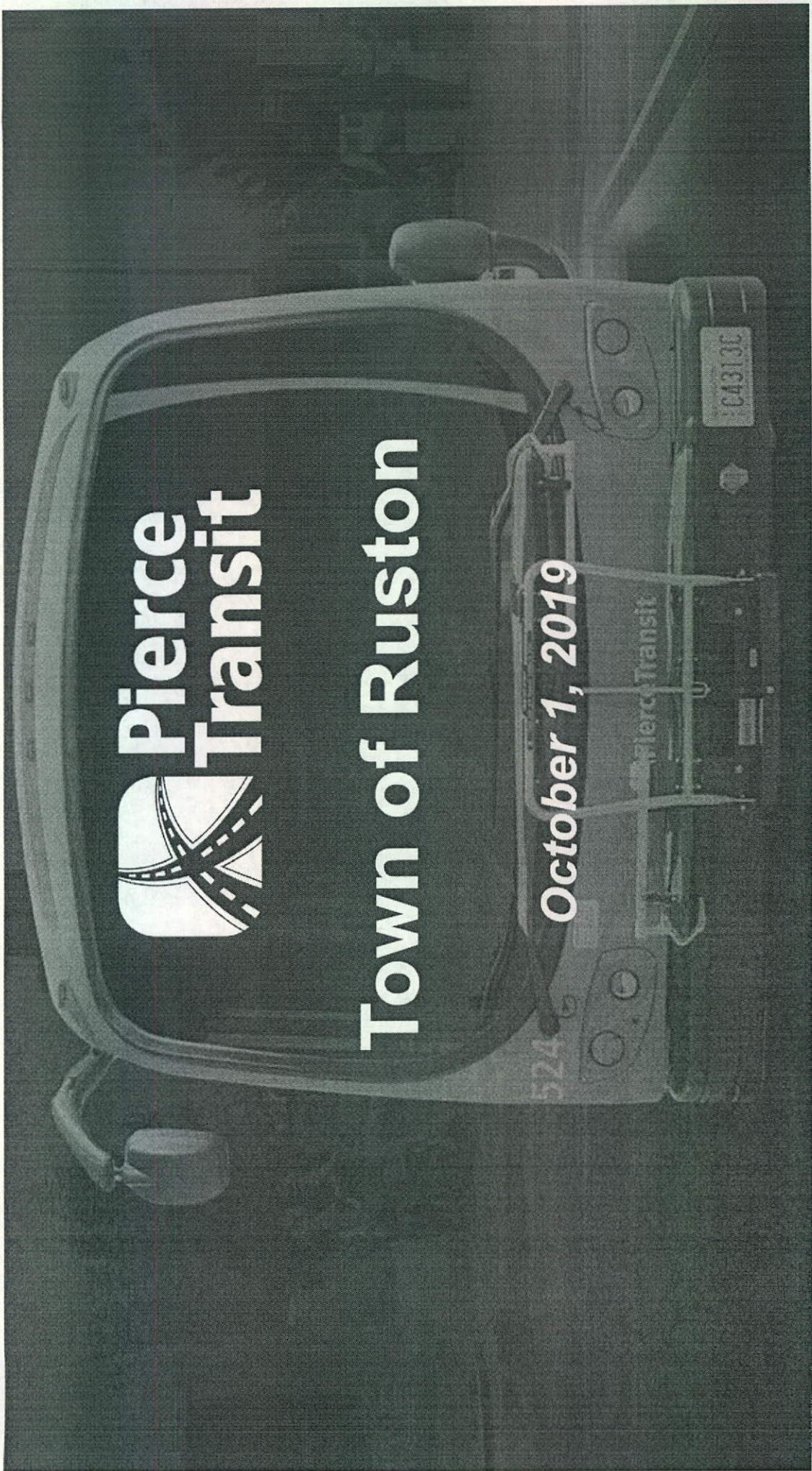
**131**  
PICKED UP & DROPPED  
OFF IN RUSTON

**<1%**  
OF ALL PIERCE TRANSIT  
SHUTTLE TRIPS



# Town of Ruston

October 1, 2019



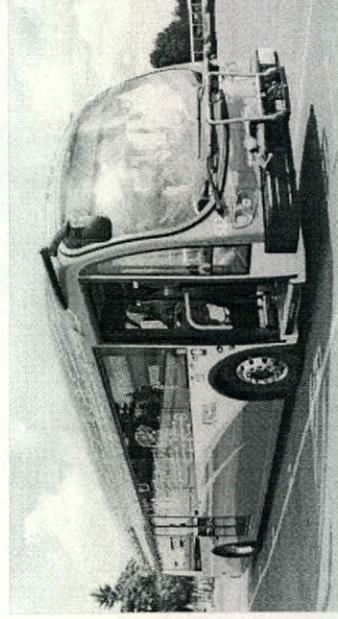
# Pierce Transit History

*Pierce County's local transit provider for 40 years*

- Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation ("Pierce Transit")
- Founded in 1979; began service in 1980
- Provide fixed-route bus, SHUTTLE paratransit and Vanpool/Vanshare services



Yesterday

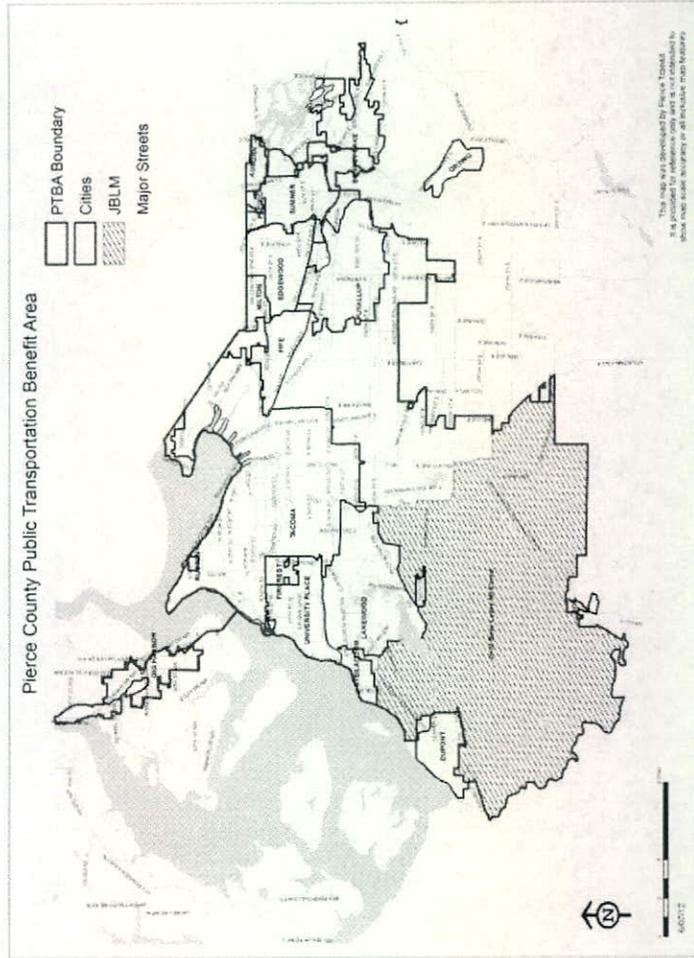


Today



# Pierce Transit Service

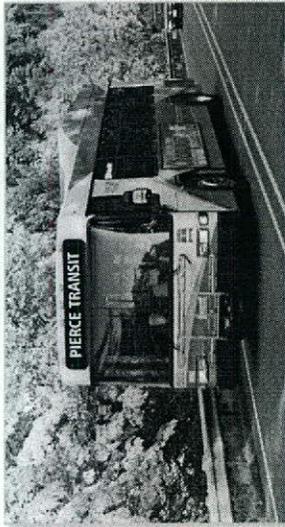
- 292 square miles
- 13 cities & towns, and portions of unincorporated Pierce County
- 70% of Pierce County's population



# Service by the Numbers

## Buses

- 32 local routes; 153 buses
- 8.7 million boardings
- 5 million revenue miles



## SHUTTLE Paratransit

- 5,495 clients; 100 vehicles
- 300,043 boardings



## Vanpool

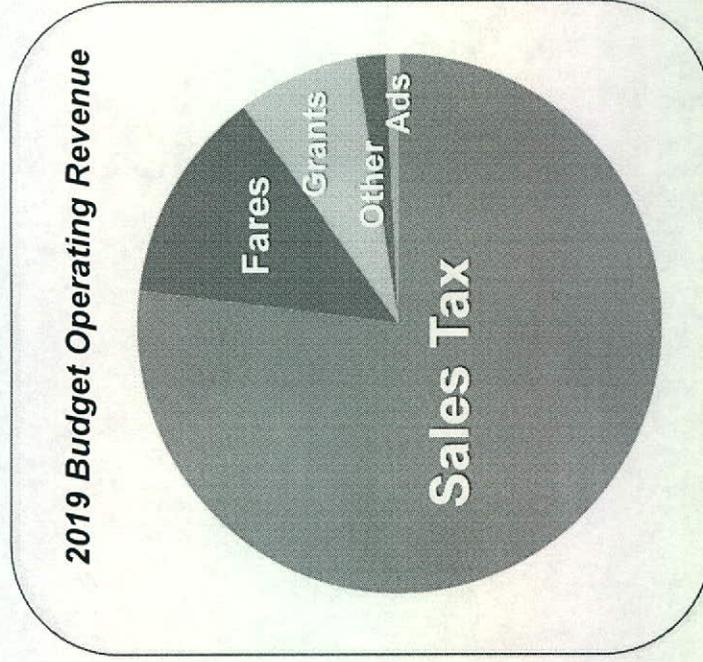
- 2,400 customers; 363 vans
- 786,000 boardings
- 4.7 million miles





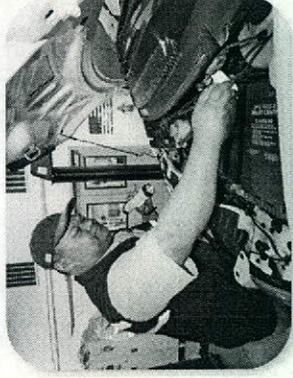
# How Pierce Transit Is Funded

- Local sales tax 0.6%  
(6 cents on a \$10 purchase)
- Sales tax 85%
- Fares 11%
- Grants 2%
- Other/Advertising 2%



# Pierce Transit Workforce

- 985 employees (22% veteran)
- 89% Service & Maintenance
- 11% Administration
- Family-wage jobs, training provided for many positions
- Partnership with Sound Transit provides many Pierce Co. jobs



# Employer Services

*Employee transportation planning assistance*

- Serve 180 Pierce County employers
- One-on-one personalized assistance & staff presentations
- ORCA Business Accounts (1.2 million trips per year)
- Forming vanpools and carpools
- Emergency Ride Home
- Bus trip planning
- Incentives, prizes for employees





# RideBRT

BUS RAPID TRANSIT TACOMA TO SPANAWAY

[RideBRT.com](http://RideBRT.com)

# Bus Rapid Transit

*Preparing for the agency's biggest project yet*

- Line serves six Opportunity Zones
- Completed 2-year feasibility study
- Now in Project Development phase
- \$90M committed toward \$150M project
- Key decisions completed
- FTA just rated project "Medium-High"



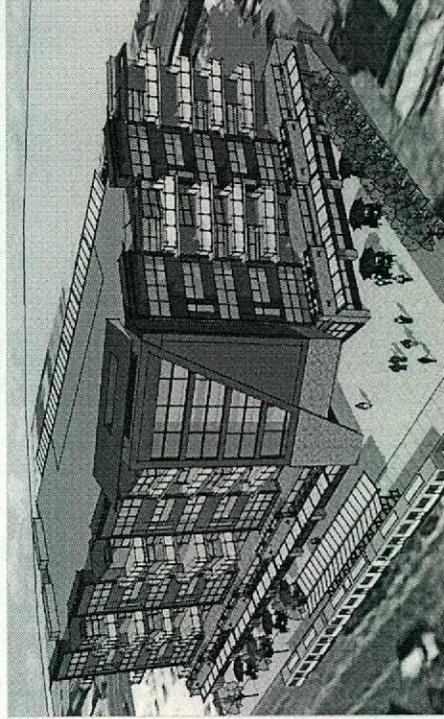
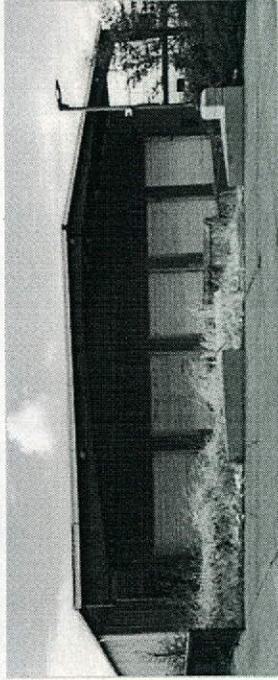
## RideBRT

BUS RAPID TRANSIT TACOMA TO SPANAWAY

# Aligning Transit & Economic Growth

*Dome District: A growing community & regional transit hub*

- Tacoma Dome Station
  - Pierce Transit local routes
  - Sound Transit Express routes
  - Sounder commuter rail
  - Intercity Transit
  - Amtrak
  - Greyhound
  - Link Light Rail
  - Bike SPA (secure parking area)
  - 2,400 commuter parking spots
- Transit-oriented Development



# Transit: A Strong Community Asset

*A transit-rich community is a thriving community*

- Delivers people to jobs, shopping, appointments, classes
- Tool for attracting employers, employees
- Family-wage jobs
- Today's transit more tailored (on-demand partnership with Lyft)
- Generates \$4 in economic returns for every \$1 invested
- Reduces air pollution and congestion by taking people off road
- Provides cost savings over owning car; mobility lifeline for many

# Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners



**Nancy Henderson**  
Represents Steilacoom,  
Pacific, Auburn, Ruston,  
Fircrest and Gig Harbor



**Daryl Eidinger**  
Vice Chair  
Represents Fife, Milton  
and Edgewood



**Don Anderson**  
Mayor of Lakewood



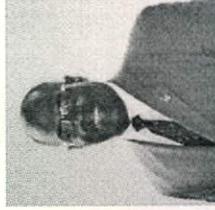
**Marty Campbell**  
Pierce County Council



**Bruce  
Dammeier**  
Pierce County  
Executive



**Robin Ferris**  
Puyallup City  
Council



**Kent Keel**  
University Place  
Council



**Ryan Mello**  
Tacoma City Council



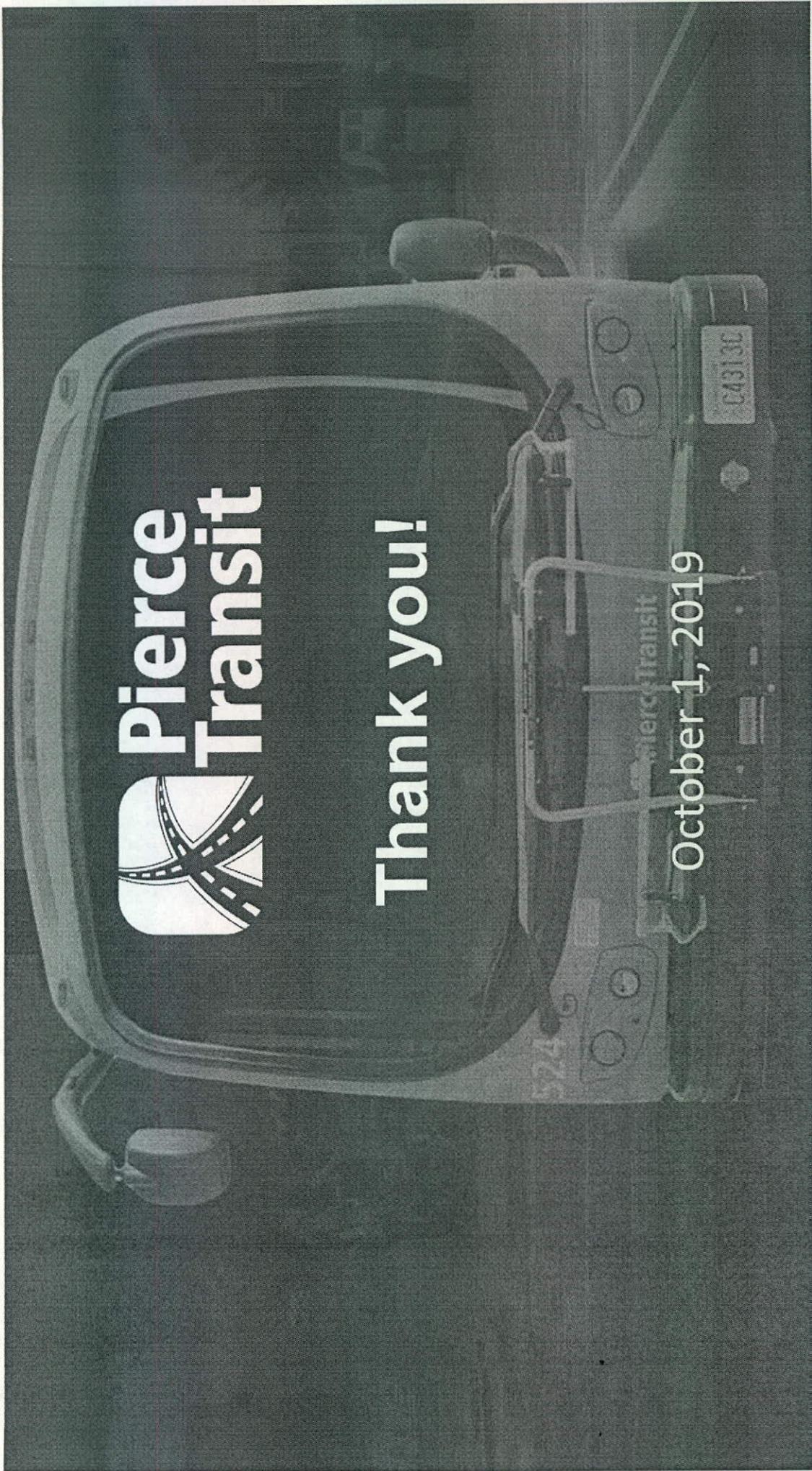
**Victoria Woodards**  
Chair  
Mayor of Tacoma





**Thank you!**

October 1, 2019





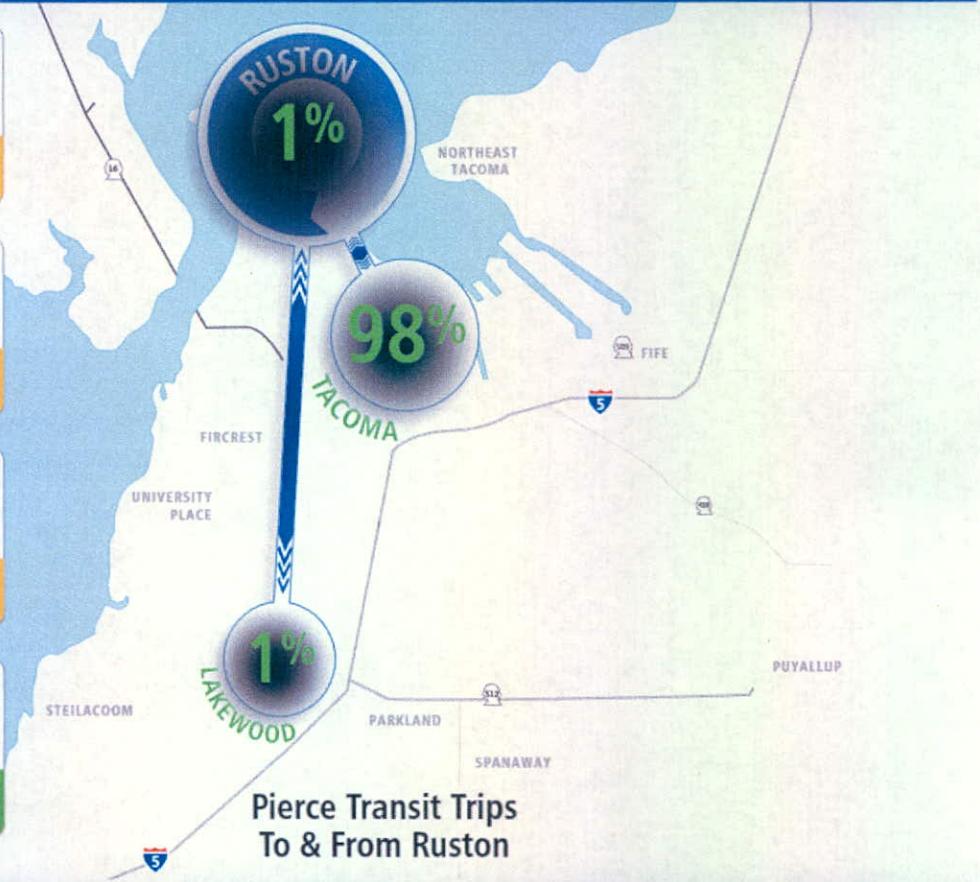
## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

**12**  
AVERAGE WEEKDAY  
BOARDINGS

**14**  
AVERAGE SATURDAY  
BOARDINGS

**9**  
AVERAGE SUNDAY  
BOARDINGS

**4,670**  
ANNUAL BOARDINGS  
WITHIN RUSTON



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ruston Business District • Downtown to Defiance Sunday Parkways



**131**  
PICKED UP & DROPPED  
OFF IN RUSTON

**<1%**  
OF ALL PIERCE TRANSIT  
SHUTTLE TRIPS