

Pierce Transit Key Messages & Topics

July 2023

Pierce Transit will run a Sunday schedule on **Independence Day**, Tuesday, July 4. Customer Service at Tacoma Dome Station will be closed with no bus phone service. You can always visit us online at [PierceTransit.org](https://www.piercetransit.org) for trip planning and other information.

2023 JBLM Airshow & Warrior Expo

- Saturday, **July 15** and Sunday, **July 16**
- Ride to and from the event **free** on board the Pierce Transit Express
- Pierce Transit will provide Express rides from Lakewood Station (11424 Pacific Highway SW) and the SR-512 Park & Ride (10617 S. Tacoma Way) to the event, with service running every 15 minutes between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- For more details on this service, visit [PierceTransit.org/jblm-air-show-express](https://www.piercetransit.org/jblm-air-show-express).
- This is JBLM's first airshow in seven years and it is free and open to the general public.

All Aboard the Gig Harbor Trolley

- The Trolley will provide rides between the downtown Gig Harbor waterfront district, Harbor Hill and the Uptown shopping district.
- Service starts July 1 and **runs through Aug. 31**.
- The Trolley also **connects with other routes** at the Kimball Drive Park & Ride.
- Fare is the same as a regular bus ride:
 - \$2 per ride or \$5 for an All Day Pass for adults
 - \$1 per ride or \$2.50 for an All Day Pass for those paying with an ORCA LIFT card or those who show a Regional Reduced Fare Permit.
 - Like all Pierce Transit services, **youth 18 and under ride free**.

For more details, visit [PierceTransit.org/pt-trolley](https://www.piercetransit.org/pt-trolley).

Vanpool Summer Refresh

- First Month Free promotion ends on July 31.
- There are two new **incentives** in which to participate:

- **The Ride More Incentive** is offered to those who ride in their vanpool 15+ days in the months of June and July, for entry into a drawing to win one of three **\$500 Alaska Airline vouchers**.
- **The Recruiting Incentive:** when a rider recruits a new vanpooler who continues as a monthly rider, they'll be entered into a drawing to win one of three **\$500 Alaska Airline vouchers**.
- Visit [PierceTransit.org/vanpool-rewards](https://www.piercetransit.org/vanpool-rewards) for more information.

Summertime Means Community Outreach

- Come **learn more about Pierce Transit** at a variety of community events in July!
- We will have information about our services and friendly staff at the following **events** this month:
 - July 8: Puyallup Farmers Market and Tacoma Pride Festival
 - July 15: Edgewood Community Picnic and Lakewood SUMMERFest
 - July 20: Broadway Farmers Market in downtown Tacoma
 - July 21: Eastside Farmers Market at Stewart Heights Park
 - July 23: Dune Peninsula Farmers Market
 - July 29/30: MOSAIC Arts & Culture Festival at Wright Park

ORCA LIFT at Pierce Transit

- ORCA LIFT is a **reduced adult fare program** offered to individuals that meet the eligibility requirements of up to, or equal to, 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- If you qualify, you will **pay \$1 per one-way trip** on Pierce Transit buses and Runner services (Tideflats, Ruston, Spanaway, JBLM).
- Qualified individuals **pay reduced adult fare per one-way trip** with the following transit agencies:
 - Sound Transit services such as ST Express, Link Light Rail, Sounder Commuter Rail
 - King County Metro buses, Water Taxi, Seattle Monorail, Seattle Streetcar
 - Kitsap Transit buses
 - Everett Transit buses
 - Community Transit buses
- Applications can be **submitted in person** at Community Health Centers and Community Services offices around Pierce County.

For information and to apply online, open your favorite search engine and search for **ORCA LIFT** [if viewing this document on a computer or smartphone, [click here](#) for a direct link].

Free Youth Transit Pass Reminder

- **Youth ages 18 and under can now ride fare free** on public transit throughout our region.
- **Regional transit partners**, including Pierce Transit, offer free rides to youth.
- Young people who have an ORCA card are **strongly encouraged to register the card** online at myORCA.com or by stopping by our Customer Service Center at Tacoma Dome Station.
- Take a look at our webpage, PierceTransit.org/FreeYouthPass, for more information on how to get your card and access these free transit rides for youth.

Ride Runner for Errands and Fun

- Pierce Transit Runner is an **on-demand service** that offers a quick, car-free transportation solution, typically in areas with limited transit options.
- There are **four Runner zones** serving Pierce County, providing connections to Ruston and along Ruston Way, the Tideflats, JBLM and in the Spanaway/Parkland/Midland area.
- Runner can help you get to **shops, appointments, work and entertainment**. Take Runner to a **local park or beach** and skip the parking hassles!
- For more information on **Runner services**, including hours and fares, visit PierceTransit.org/Runner.

Pierce Transit Careers

- We have an ongoing need for **bus drivers and mechanics** as well as administrative roles.
- Pierce Transit is a great place to work, offering excellent training and benefits such as **health insurance and a generous retirement plan**.
- Candidates for Journey Level Mechanic or Transit Operator positions receive a **\$5,000 signing bonus** (\$2,500 after passing probation and another \$2,500 after one year of service).
- If you know someone looking for a **rewarding job** with excellent benefits and training, please encourage them to visit PierceTransit.org/careers to apply.