



# REPORT TO COUNTY AND CITIES

## June 2009

### **Board Goals:**

***“Improve ridership/Be good stewards of public funds”***

- **Public Invited to Learn About New Marysville Cedar and Grove Park & Ride**

**Community Transit will discuss its plans to develop a new park & ride lot at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Grove Street in Marysville from 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the Marysville Library, 6120 Grove Street.**

With plans calling for work on the project to begin in July, Community Transit wants to be sure neighbors and transit riders are aware of the new facility. The agency will be constructing a 213-space park & ride, with a large, sheltered boarding area and room for three buses. The project will include landscaping and lighting as well as other security features. The new park & ride is scheduled to open this December.

- **Curb the Congestion Efforts Expanded**

**A May 16 Commute Options Expo offered Community Transit a chance to share its congestion management message with more than 1,000 people attending the event.**

This is Community Transit’s second year partnering with Snohomish County on the Curb the Congestion program. Because of the success of last year’s effort along 164<sup>th</sup> Street SW/SE, the program was expanded this year to also include 128th Street between Everett and Mill Creek and 20th Street between Lake Stevens and Everett, two other highly congested traffic corridors. The program offers information about alternative commuting and incentives in the form of monthly bus passes or vanpool subsidies in return for a resident leaving his or her car at home. In a survey of last year’s participants, 90 percent said they would continue to use alternative transportation after their three-month membership in the program expired.



- **Community Transit and Regional Agencies Mark Dump the Pump Day, June 18**

**Oxy Gene will be on hand as Community Transit celebrates National Dump the Pump Day, from 6 to 9 a.m. June 18 at the Lynnwood Transit Center.** The day is designed to get people out of their cars and give public transportation a try. People attending the event will receive a bookmark that will indicate how much money they can save by riding the bus as well as things they can buy or activities they can do with that saved money. Large, poster-sized calculators will be at each bus bay noting how much money passengers on a full bus on each route are saving. Community Transit is joining its partner transit agencies in the region to mark Dump the Pump Day.

- **Community Transit Honors Three New Million Mile Drivers**

**Ann Brown, Gary Krause and Pete Majkut are Community Transit's newest Million Mile Drivers. Each has met the National Safety Council's standard of 12½ years without a preventable accident to earn the honor.**

Brown has been with Community Transit since March 1996. She has earned numerous commendations from customers, including six for ADA compliance. Krause joined Community Transit in August 1990 and has earned many commendations, including for driving during the World Trade Organization riots in downtown Seattle. Majkut joined Community Transit in 1996 and has earned six reliability awards and numerous letters of commendation and appreciation.



**Gary Krause, Ann Brown and Pete Majkut each have driven buses a million miles without a preventable accident.**

For reaching the million mile mark, each driver has a bus named for them. They also receive a special Million Mile Driver jacket and patches for their uniforms. Since starting the program in 2001, more than 100 Community Transit coach operators have met the National Safety Council's standard as Million Mile Drivers.

- **Bike to Work Day Draws Hundreds of Cyclists**

**Nine hundred people tried a two-wheeled commute May 15 as Snohomish County and Bothell residents and workers celebrated a sunny Bike to Work Day, sponsored by Community Transit and Everett Transit.**

The event included celebration stations at seven locations around Snohomish County and Bothell. Community Transit Board member and Marysville Mayor Dennis Kendall helped lead the Marysville "celebration ride," while Board chair Carlton Gipson of the Brier City Council participated in Everett's celebration ride. CEO Joyce Eleanor participated in the Lynnwood ride. In addition, more than 750 people on 144 teams have committed to continue biking to work at least once a week through June 12 in the Snohomish County Bike Commute Challenge.

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