

## **SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

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**ITEM NO:** P-4  
**DATE:** September 10, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Community Transit  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Deborah Knight, City Administrator

**ISSUE:**

Community Transit is modifying its service to the Sky Valley and Sultan Community. Sultan is served by community transit routes 270, 271, 275 and 277.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Review the attached materials. Ask follow-up questions.

**SUMMARY:**

Council member Slawson requested a brief presentation by Community Transit representatives regarding proposed service changes. Mr. Todd Morrow Chief of Strategic Communications will be at the meeting to present information and answer questions on the following topics:

- Community Transit service to Sultan
- an update on programs and projects at the agency
- November 2009 modification in Community Transit service

Sam Brodland Supervisor of Service Planning and Scheduling will be at the meeting to answer questions specific to community transit service in Sultan.

**ATTACHMENT**

A – November 2009 Service Change Proposal - Community Transit Board of Directors

**To: Board of Directors**

**From: Carol Thompson, Service Development Manager**

**Date: July 2, 2009**

**Subject: November 2009 Service Change Proposal**

### **BACKGROUND**

In January of 2008 the Board of Directors adopted the revised Transit Development Plan. This plan charts our course for the six years from 2008 to 2013. In the area of Service Development, the plan includes the following objectives for year 2009:

- Implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on SR99 corridor
- Modify existing service to complement BRT service

In addition to implementing *Swift* BRT service, this proposal includes elements that would modify existing service with a view toward developing more direct, streamlined service associated with "Transit Emphasis Corridors."

### **STATUS**

The service change proposal includes implementing *Swift* service on SR99 and changing existing service on routes 100, 101, 105, 106, 114, 118, 131, 177, 190, 200, 270, 271, 275, 280, and 821 for the purpose of:

- elimination of duplicate service
- redeploying service hours to meet greater demand
- streamlining existing service for efficiency

After almost two months of public input, Service Development presented to the Board on June 4, 2009 a review of the proposed changes to service as made available to our customers for public comment. Staff received meaningful input on all proposals from both the public and members of the Board.

The original proposal included elimination of local service to downtown Everett for routes from north and east county. This part of the proposal received a notable number of comments expressing concern about the loss of one-seat service to the County Administration Building. In response to these comments, Service Development has modified the original proposal to offer an alternate proposal that addresses the concerns of customers traveling to work in downtown Everett. The alternate proposal maintains the one-seat ride to the County Campus during the highest demand period of the day. Select trips on routes 270, 275, and 280 would operate with extensions between Everett Station and Pacific & Wetmore. During morning commute time, four select trips would serve Everett Station first then continue to Pacific & Wetmore. In the afternoon commute time, four select trips would originate at Pacific & Wetmore and continue to Everett Station before traveling to north and east county.

## Attachment A

### Proposed Changes to Service – Fall 2009

#### Route *Swift*

- Implement Bus Rapid Transit service on SR 99 corridor between Everett Station and Aurora Village
  - Weekdays
    - 5:00 AM – 7:00 PM, 10 minute frequency
    - 7:00 PM – Midnight, 20 minute frequency
  - Weekends
    - 6:00 AM – midnight, 20 minute frequency

#### Route 100

- Eliminate route
- Service superseded by *Swift*

#### Route 101

- Reduce weekday frequency to 20 minutes from start of service to approximately 7 p.m.; 30 minutes during evenings and weekends
- Frequency on SR99 superseded by *Swift*

#### Routes 105 and 106 (see map; route segment proposed for re-alignment is in yellow)

- Move southern terminus to UW Bothell campus; eliminate route between campus and Bothell P&R
- Creates common terminal with routes 120 and 121; potential interlining efficiency
- Help resolve on-time performance issue by shortening route
- Link between UW Bothell campus and Bothell P&R is currently served by KC Metro and Sound Transit

#### Route 114 (see map; route segment proposed for re-alignment is in yellow)

- Realign route at SR-99 and 200<sup>th</sup> St. (convert all trips to route 116)
- Provide more capacity to serve Edmonds Community College

#### Routes 118/131

- Minor route change in the area of 212<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> in Edmonds. Eliminates difficult turn and lane change; brings both routes closer to *Swift* Station and Edmonds Park & Ride.

#### Routes 177

- Eliminate route; transfer operation to Everett Transit
- This transfer of route operation is part of the Community Transit – City of Everett Partnership Agreement

## **Routes 190**

- Convert one afternoon trip to morning trip; 7:35 p.m. trip currently underutilized and all morning trips are experiencing above average passenger loads.

## **Routes 200, 270, 271, 275, and 280 (see maps; route segment proposed for re-alignment is in yellow)**

### Original Proposal

- Route trips directly to Everett Station; eliminate downtown routing
- Frequency of service to downtown Everett would greatly improve with *Swift*
- Helps reduce congestion and possible delays for *Swift* on Pacific Avenue
- Provides more direct service to Everett Station from north and east county

### Alternate Proposal

- Same as above except extend select trips to and from Pacific/Wetmore to serve County employees. Select trips would serve Everett Station first in the westbound (a.m.) direction and second in the eastbound (p.m.) direction. Trips extended would be:
  - Route 270 currently scheduled to arrive at Everett Station at 7:21 a.m.
  - Route 275 currently scheduled to arrive at Everett Station at 7:45 a.m.
  - Route 280 currently scheduled to arrive at Everett Station at 7:19 a.m.
  - Route 280 currently scheduled to arrive at Everett Station at 8:00 a.m.
  - Route 280 currently scheduled to depart at Everett Station at 4:34 p.m.
  - Route 280 currently scheduled to depart at Everett Station at 5:03 p.m.
  - Route 275 currently scheduled to depart at Everett Station at 4:38 p.m.
  - Route 270 currently scheduled to depart at Everett Station at 5:05 p.m.
- Times would be adjusted to match shift start and end times at the County Administration Building.

## **Route 821 (see map; route segment proposed for re-alignment is in yellow)**

- Move north terminus to Cedar and Grove P&R; eliminate route east of State Avenue
- Opening of new Park & Ride offers additional off-street parking