Peninsula RTPO
2026 Consolidated Grants Project

Project Name: **39627 - Makah Public Transit Capital Bus Purchase**

Organization Name: Makah Tribal Council

Contact Name: Jeff Bartlett

Project Description

This grant will be used to order two (2) buses to replace busses in our fleet that are past their useful life benchmark.

Project Funding Summary

Total Project Cost	$ 379,768
Grant Request	$ 341,792
Match Amount	$ 37,976

WSDOT has different match requirements for different kinds of projects.

Type of Project

- ☐ Operating
- ☐ Vehicles/Equipment
- ☐ Small Construction
- ☐ Mobility Management
- ☐ Planning

Type of Service

- ◉ Sustain / Replace
- ○ New / Expand
- ○ Not Applicable

Duration

- ○ 2 years
- ○ 4 years

SUPPORT FOR PRTPO HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Applicable HSTP Coordination Strategies this project will support.

Operations
- ☑ Sustain current transportation service operations
- ☐ Expand service hours, frequency, days, and coverage
- ☑ Increase opportunities for efficient single seat trips
- ☐ Introduce on demand first/last mile services
- ☑ Improve access to behavioral health and substance use centers
- ☐ Improve transport access for patients being discharged

Mobility Management
- ☑ Increase awareness and visibility of available mobility services
- ☐ Expand travel training programs
- ☐ Promote coordinated online and print mobility resources
- ☐ Improve access to transit information & trip reservation tools
- ☑ Strengthen coordination of paratransit transfers between systems
- ☐ Ensure WA 211 provider data is current across all Peninsula counties
- ☑ Increase engagement between providers & regional care hubs

Vehicles / Equipment
- ☑ Maintain & replace vehicles to meet SGR standards
- ☐ Expand vehicle fleet to support service needs
- ☐ Integrate onboard safety, performance, & fleet management technology
- ☐ Modernize communications equipment
- ☐ Deploy advanced technologies and app based tools
- ☐ Deploy suitable zero emissions vehicles
- ☐ Install onboard Wi Fi to support long distance travel

Small Construction
- ☐ Install curbside amenities to improve comfort & security
- ☑ Improve ADA compliant access to stops
- ☐ Develop park and ride sites and regional mobility hubs

Planning
- ☐ Improve mobility assisted evacuation planning, coord
- ☑ Advance rural mobility innovations
- ☐ Enable vehicle sharing, Maintenance-as-a-Service, other
- ☐ Enhance multi provider scheduling, reservation, and dispatch coordination
- ☐ Expand school-transit partnerships to support youth transit use

Project Need

These buses are needed to replace aging buses in our fleet which will help keep "out of service days" to a minimum as well as assist with keeping overall repair costs down. As maintenance/repair costs continue to increase, it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep aging buses up and running. Also, due to our remote location, maintenance/repairs are very difficult as repair facilities range from 85 to 90 miles depending on what service is needed.

Special Needs Transportation

The replacement buses are ADA equipped with features like wheelchair lifts. This allows for safe, reliable access to transportation for special needs populations like seniors/elders and persons with disabilities. Additionally, the buses serve as the only form of transportation for those who cannot afford a car or cannot drive.

Benefits to Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

The service that this project supports is directly owned and operated by the Makah Tribal Government within "Indian Country" on the Makah Reservation. Being a tribal community, we are a overburdened community by the definitions listed in this section of the application.

Coordination Efforts

The Makah Tribe coordinates closely with local and regional partners to ensure transportation planning addresses community needs and aligns with regional priorities. The Tribe serves on the PRTPO Executive Board and TAC and participates in the development and implementation of the 2026 Peninsula Regional HSTP. This project advances multiple strategies in Chpts 4 & 5 of the 2026 HSTP as identified and included in the application. Transportation needs were identified through coordination among the Tribe's Transit Program, Tribal leadership, riders, the community, and regional planning partners. Rider feedback, operational experience, service data, and regional planning discussions identified the need to maintain reliable transit services to the Makah Tribal community as there are no other options in this remote area. The Makah Tribe coordinates with Clallam Transit for out-of-town destinations on 4 connections, Tribal departments, healthcare providers, educational institutions, veterans' services, and social service organizations.

Multimodal Partnerships

Makah Transit has bike racks on all buses, supporting and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian transportation throughout our service area.

Measurement of Project Success

39627 - Capital Bus Purchase

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	38338-2027-2029 Consolidated Grant Program - Vehicles and Equipment
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Sep 9, 2026 3:01 PM
Program Area:	Consolidated Grant Program
Status:	Submitted
Stage:	Final Application
Initial Submit Date:	Aug 27, 2026 1:31 PM
Initially Submitted By:	Jeff Bartlett
Last Submit Date:	Sep 8, 2026 8:43 AM
Last Submitted By:	Jeff Bartlett

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

Active User*:	Yes
Type:	External User
Name:	Mr. (Salutation) Jeff (First Name) Middle Name Bartlett (Last Name)
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	Neah Bay (City) Washington (State/Province) 97357-0115 (Postal Code/Zip)
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Comments:	

Organization Information

Status*:	Approved
Legal Name*:	Makah Tribal Council
DBA Name*:	Makah Tribal Council
Organization Type*:	Tribe
Organization Website:	http://www.makah.com (Please enter http://... for this field)
Vendor ID:	FED0315-2A G
SAM UEI #:	DTRYXWQJF723
Physical Address*:	100 Resort Dr

	Neah Bay	Washington	98357-0115
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Phone*:	(360) 645-3100 Ext.		
Fax:	(360) 645-3112		
Fiscal Year End Last day of*:	December		
Indirect Cost Rate:	39.84%		
IDR Expiration Date:	12/31/2024		

Organization Contact Information

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Organization Director*:	David	Lucas	
	First Name	Last Name	
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	Title	Email Address	
Applicant Contact*:	Jeff	Bartlett	
	First Name	Last Name	
	Transit Supervisor	jeff.bartlett@makah.com	
	Title	Email Address	
Project Contact:	First Name	Last Name	
	Title	Email Address	

Summary of Project Information

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Select all capital types from the list below that best describe your project.

Capital Type*: Fleet replacement

Checking yes to federal funds means that your organization is willing and able to comply with the associated federal requirements, such as federal drug and alcohol testing procedures, Title VI activities, and federal small business enterprise (FSBE) participation.
For examples of federal requirements from the last biennium, see the Public Transportation Grant Guidebook.

Willing to Accept FTA funds for the biennium?*: Yes

If your organization has proof of 501(c) nonprofit status, the project may be eligible for state paratransit special needs competitive funds.

Does your organization have 501(c) nonprofit status?: No

Choose the congressional district(s), legislative district(s), and county(ies) this project will serve (include the entire project area).
Congressional & Legislative District map

Legislative District(s)*: 24

Congressional District(s)*: 6

County(ies)*: Clallam

Scope of Work

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Select the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) / Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that will be ranking this project from the drop-down menu.

RTPO/MPO*: Peninsula RTPO

Project Summary (Scope)

Provide a brief, high-level description of what your project proposes to do (address what the project is, whom it serves, and where the service occurs).

This summary will be used in your grant agreement and may also be used to describe your project to the Legislature.

Proposed summary/scope of work*:

This grant will be used to order two (2) buses to replace busses in our fleet that are past their useful life benchmark.

Project Description

Provide a detailed description of the tasks, activities, and deliverables your project will complete. Your narrative should reflect the full life of the project and demonstrate how the proposed activities align with the grant program?s goals.

Description of project*:

This project will allow Makah public Transit to order two (2) buses to replace buses in our fleet that are past their useful life benchmark.

Project Need

Why is this project needed, and how does this proposal address the need? How would the community be affected if the grant is not awarded?

Include a description of the transportation problem that aligns with the need identified in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP). Explain how the problem was identified and describe how the proposed project will address it.

Need*:

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Area Served

Is this project primarily serving a rural area?*: Yes

Any service that supports public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000.

Special Needs Transportation

To be eligible for special needs transportation funding, applicants must address how their project advances the efficiency in, accessibility to, or coordination of transportation services provided to persons with special transportation needs, as defined in RCW 81.66.010(3).

Does this project advance efficiencies in, accessibility to, or coordination of special needs transportation?*: Yes

Describe how your project advances these areas, and the approach you are using to achieve these improvements. Additionally, identify the special needs population(s) to be served by this project.

Special Needs Transportation:

The replacement buses are ADA equipped with features like wheelchair lifts. This allows for safe, reliable access to transportation for special needs populations like seniors/elders and persons with disabilities. Additionally, the buses serve as the only form of transportation for those who cannot afford a car or cannot drive.

Project Staff

Provide the names of the key staff who will be working on this project, along with their years of experience and relevant qualifications. Include their experience managing similar projects, with specific attention to responsibilities for grant financial management, budget oversight, documentation, and compliance.

Project Staff*:

Mr. David Lucas, Public Works Manager the supervisor over Makah Public Transit for 26 years.
Mr. Jeff Bartlett the Program Supervisor over Makah Public Transit for over 21 years.
Ms. Monica McGee has over 26 years working for the Tribe.

Relationship to Other Projects

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Is this project dependent on any other projects submitted by your organization?*: Yes

List all dependent project applications by title and funding opportunity, including this project.
Describe how the projects are related and explain any dependencies between them. If applicable, identify the funding priority among the projects.

Dependent Project(s)*:

Makah Public Transit Deviated Fixed Route Operating.

This project will be dependent on receiving continuing operations funding from either our "39491 - Makah Public Transit Deviated Fixed Route Operating" Consolidated grant application or our "40712 - Makah Public Transit Deviated Fixed Route Operating" Tribal Transit Mobility grant application.

Did you, or will you, apply for this project in another grant program this biennium?*: Yes

Choose the grant program(s)*:

Tribal Transit Mobility
Select *Other* to indicate any local, state, or federal funding requests, not through WSDOT Public Transportation Division
If *Other* is chosen above, enter the name(s) of the applicable grant program(s).

Other grant program(s):

Have you applied for the same project in a prior biennium and did not receive funding?*: No

Are you applying for other projects within this funding opportunity?*: No

Planning and Coordination

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan	Page number(s) or TBD	How is the need in the CPT-HSTP met by this project?
Peninsula RTPO	TBD	Strategy 3-a. Maintain and replace vehicles to ensure State of Good Repair and transit asset management standards in accordance with Useful Life Benchmarks by vehicle type. Makah Transit is seeking funding to replace two light-duty cutaway buses that have exceeded their useful life benchmarks. Replacing these vehicles will help ensure the continued delivery of safe, reliable, and dependable transportation services to the community of Neah Bay as well as ensure State of Good Repair compliance.
Peninsula RTPO	4-6	Asset management is a priority. Rural travel is hard on vehicles and Neah Bay is no exception. Replacement after a vehicle's useful life reduces maintenance costs and increases safety and reliability resulting in fewer service disruptions.

Cross-region Project

Does this project have a service area that crosses RTPO/MPO planning boundaries?*: No

Project Coordination

Describe coordination efforts. Include details such as:

- How is the project reflected in regional plans?
- Which prioritized strategies are being addressed?
- Who was involved in defining the transportation problem?
- Other alternatives considered for addressing the problem.
- Demonstrations of local/regional coordination in implementing the proposed project.

Coordination Efforts*:

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Transportation needs were identified through coordination among the Tribe's Transit Program, Tribal leadership, riders, the community, and regional planning partners. Rider feedback, operational experience, service data, and regional planning discussions identified the need to maintain reliable transit services to the Makah Tribal community as there are no other options in this remote area. The Makah Tribe coordinates with Clallam Transit for out-of-town destinations on 4 connections, Tribal departments, healthcare providers, educational institutions, veterans' services, and social service organizations.

By selecting yes, you acknowledge that you coordinated or will coordinate this project with the planning organization(s) within the region(s) this project serves*: Yes

How does your project connect to, coordinate with, leverage, or enhance other modes of transportation in your service area (e.g., aviation, intercity bus or rail, park-and-rides, bicycle/pedestrian)?
In your response, include how the multimodal partnerships for this project will improve or enhance access to social services.
What efficiencies will be gained within the service area as a result of this project?

Multimodal Partnerships*:

Makah Transit has bike racks on all buses, supporting and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian transportation throughout our service area.

Budget

Transit Vehicles

Replace / Expand / Rebuild	Vehicle Description	Minimum Useful Life	Passenger Seating	Wheelchair Stations	Fuel Type	Cost Description	Total Cost of Vehicle w/ Accessories	Match	Requested Amount
Replacement	Light-Duty Cutaway	5	14	2	Gas	Base vehicle $118068, contract options $17825, unpublished options $44141, delivery cost $808 for a total vehicle cost $180842. 5% added to total cost ($9042) to allow for possible price increase	$189,884.00	$18,988.00	$170,896.00
Replacement	Light-Duty Cutaway	5	14	2	Gas	Base vehicle $118068, contract options $17825, unpublished options $44141, delivery cost $808 for a total vehicle cost $180842. 5% added to total cost ($9042) to allow for possible price increase	$189,884.00	$18,988.00	$170,896.00
								$37,976.00	**$341,792.00**

Equipment

Equipment Description	Minimum Useful Life	Total Cost	Match	Requested Amount
No Data for Table				

Sources of Match

Source	If Other, List the Source	Amount
Local: Reserves		$18,988.00
Local: Reserves		$18,988.00
		$37,976.00

Scalability

Is your project scalable?*: Yes

Specify the minimum funds needed : $170,896.00
Round to the nearest dollar. Do not include cents.

Describe the scalability of your project.:

We would accept one of two vehicles if there's not enough funding for two vehicles.

ADA Accessibility

ADA Accessibility*:

All purchased vehicles purchased will be required to meet ADA requirements

Procurement Plan

Procurement Plan*:

We plan to request to use the DES State Contract for these vehicle purchases.

Other Sources

Other Sources*:

No other sources will be used.

Summary

Requested Amount

Vehicle Requested Amount: $341,792.00

Equipment Requested Amount: $0.00

Total Requested Amount: $341,792.00

Match Amount

Match Amount: $37,976.00

Percentage of Match: 10.00%

Total

Total Project Cost: $379,768.00

Hydrogen Project Information

Hydrogen Project Implementation

Does your project include purchasing or constructing assets associated with hydrogen fuel?*:

No
Examples: hydrogen-powered vehicles, hydrogen fuel, fueling stations, storage systems, or on-site fueling or production equipment.

Vehicle Replacement

Vehicle Replacement or Rebuild

Are you replacing or rebuilding a vehicle?*: Yes

Click Save Form to continue. If you selected Yes, complete the vehicle information section below.

Vehicle Information

Replace or Rebuild	Vehicle Type	Year	Make/Model	Vehicle Description	Fuel Type	Remaining useful life	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Current Status	Current Mileage	Other Applications	Other Grant Program(s)
Replace	Light-duty Cutaway (Van Chassis)	2019	Ford/E450 Eldorado Aerotech		Gas	-2	1FDFE4FSXKDC74020	Active	70325	Yes	Tribal Transit Mobility
Replace	Light-duty Cutaway (Van Chassis)	2019	Ford/E450 Eldorado Aerotech		Gas	-2	1FDFE4FS1KDC74021	Active	86067	Yes	Tribal Transit Mobility

Service Level

Project Service Level Information

Project Specific Information	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Current Estimate)	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029 (Projected)	Percent of Change
Passenger Vehicle Hours	5031	5100	1.37%
Passenger Vehicle Miles	75732	76000	0.35%
Passenger Trips	7891	7944	0.67%
Volunteer Hours	0	0	0.00%

Project Service Level Description

Describe the methodology used to develop these estimates, including any assumptions applied in their development.

How were service-level estimates developed?*:

Service levels are based on averages from prior years and currant schedule mileage and hour levels.

Milestones

Project Activities

Project Activity	Applicable to project?	Completion date (mm/yy)	Notes
Construction			
Preliminary engineering start date	No		
Environmental documentation complete (e.g., NEPA/SEPA)	No		
Property acquisition complete (lease or purchase)	No		
Contract advertisement	No		
Operationally/substantially complete	No		
Vehicles			
Solicitation (request for proposals or invitation for bid) published	Yes	12/25	DES solicitation date
Contract Award/Purchase order	Yes	08/27	Estimated order date
First vehicle accepted	Yes	06/28	Estimated
All vehicles accepted	Yes	06/29	Estimated
All vehicles placed in service	Yes	06/29	Estimated
Equipment			
Solicitation (request for proposals or invitation for bid) published	No		

Contract award/Purchase order	No
First piece of equipment accepted	No
All equipment accepted	No
All equipment placed in service	No

Project Risks

Identify potential risks that may affect the timely completion of your project. Describe the mitigation strategies your organization will use to reduce or manage each risk.

Milestone risks*:

The only risk would be possible production issues. We plan to order standard equipped chassis to avoid any possible delays.

Supplemental Information

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Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities & Tribes

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

Identify the type of direct and meaningful benefits your project provides to vulnerable populations using the descriptions above, if applicable. Explain how your project delivers these benefits and the impact it will have on the populations served.

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities*:

The service that this project supports is directly owned and operated my The Makah Tribal Government within "Indian Country" on the Makah Reservation. Being a tribal community, we are a overburdened community by the definitions listed in this section of the application.
If these populations were engaged by you or your representatives in developing or maintaining the project, describe the outreach efforts and results. Include details such as methods used to engage the community, feedback received, and how the input influenced the project?s design or implementation.

Inclusive outreach in planning:

Tribal Support

Is this project directly operated by a tribe?*: Yes

Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice Assessment (EJA)

You must conduct an Environmental Justice Assessment (EJA) if you apply for $15 million or more in grant funds.

Are you requesting $15 million or more in WSDOT funds for your proposed project?*: No

Attachments

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Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Required for all projects						
Population density map	✓	Population Density Map	Population Density Map 2026.pdf	pdf	2 MB	09/02/2026 10:03 AM

Service area map	✓	Service Area Map	Bus Route Map and Schedule 2026.pdf	pdf	3 MB	09/02/2026 10:03 AM

Required for new nonprofit applicants only

501(c) IRS Letter of Determination

WA Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) Certification (required for new nonprofit applicants that are direct service providers)

Conditionally required

Indirect costs documentation - de minimis rate self-certification; negotiated indirect cost rate letter from cognizant agency; or a cost allocation plan

In-kind match valuation proposal (required for operating & mobility management projects that are proposing to use in-kind as matching funds)

Procurement policy (required for new applicants or existing grantees without a current policy on file with WSDOT if this project includes the procurement of services or capital assets)

Correspondence from a tribe in support of your project (if project is serving and supported by tribe(s). Not required if the applicant is a tribe.)

Optional attachments

Letters committing matching funds		Matching Funds Letter	WSDOT Application for Capitol Bus purchase .pdf	pdf	41 KB	09/02/2026 10:03 AM
Letter of concurrence (for projects that operate in multiple planning regions)						
Letters of support (combine into one file attachment)		Letters of Support	All 8 Letters of Support for the Transit.pdf	pdf	6 MB	09/02/2026 10:03 AM

Supplemental information

Optional construction attachments

NEPA/SEPA assessment, if available

Supplemental construction project information (building or site designs, site plans, location exhibits, etc.), if available

Certification

Certification

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application is true and accurate and that this organization has the necessary fiscal, data collection, and managerial capabilities to implement and manage the project associated with this application:

Certification*: Yes

Application Authority*: Jeff (First Name) Bartlett (Last Name)

Title*: Transit/Maintenance Supervisor

Date*: 08/27/2026

Benita Gonzalez

Makah Tribal Housing Department SRLA

Permanent Supportive Housing

POBOX 115 Neah Bay, WA 98357 June

15th, 2026

To the Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strongest support for the operating and capital grant applications for the 2027 to 2031 funding cycle. Our faithful Makah transit system provides an indispensable lifeline that directly sustains the health, economy, and independence of our entire community.

This service is vital for our most vulnerable residents, offering essential service to the low-income population, service to the elderly, and service to people with disabilities who otherwise face severe isolation. By removing mobility barriers, the transit system ensures equitable access to critical local resources. Working with the community I see the importance of the Makah Transit system first-hand as a Resident Service Coordinator II.

Crucially, the Makah Transit system provides reliable service to those who use the transit system to go to medical appointments/ making life-sustaining healthcare accessible. It similarly drives economic stability by offering reliable service to employees to commute to their jobs, keeping our local workforce moving.

For community members with limited or no personal transportation, the Makah transit system is not a luxury, it is folks' primary means of transportation for survival.

The Makah Transit is a service to youth, empowering the next generation with safe, independent access to education and extracurricular activities.

Funding this application for 2027-2031 is a direct investment in community resilience I strongly urge your full approval of this operational grant.

Sincerely,

Benita Gonzalez

Resident Service Coord. II

July 20th, 2026

To whom it may concern:

I am happy to write a letter of support for the Makah Tribe's Public Transit Program here on the Makah Reservation.

I have resided on the Makah Reservation for four years, and through the years I have always had the Makah Public Transit to rely on. Thanks to this invaluable service, I have been able to commute to my job everyday, as well as get to my doctor's appointments at our Tribal Clinic without worrying about a ride.

Though I may be a regular passenger, I am far from the only one; there are numerous passengers who board the Makah Public Transit along with me daily–including seniors, youth, people with disabilities, and those like myself who are without a vehicle. We need this service for our community, as it gives those of us without a car or without the ability to drive the chance to get to our jobs, doctor appointments, and to get around while taking cover from all the rain we get from our beloved rainforest.

In conclusion, I strongly support the continuation of the Makah Public Transit Program. The Makah community–students, workers, elders, and the disabled–will benefit immensely from having reliable public transportation.

Sincerely,

Chloe Smith

Chloe Smith
Makah Tribal Community Member

830 West Lauridsen Boulevard
Port Angeles, Washington 98363

CLALLAM TRANSIT

www.clallamtransit.com
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June 29, 2026

Jeff Bartlett
Makah Tribe
P.O. Box 115, 100 Resort Drive
Neah Bay, WA 98357

Re: Makah Tribe - Neah Bay Capital/Deviated Fix Route Grant Applications

Dear Jeff,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Makah Tribe's Capital grant application for 2 new busses as well as their Operating grant application for continued funding of the deviated fixed route service within the community of Neah Bay. The funding of these grants will allow for the continued operation of the vital service that is critical for the residents of the Makah community. This service not only provides transportation services throughout Neah Bay but also provides an important connection to Clallam Transit Route service that allows for regional connections.

Clallam Transit recognizes that this service is critical to the community and is considered a lifeline route for seniors, persons with disabilities, low-income individuals, and persons that do not have access to an automobile.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McNickle

Jason McNickle
General Manager
Clallam Transit System
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MAKAH TRIBE

P.O. BOX 115 • NEAH BAY, WA 98357 360-645-2201

July 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Education & Training Department (E&T), I would like to express support for the Washington State Department of Transportation Operating Grant application submitted by the Makah Tribe to sustain the deviated fixed-route and curb-to-curb paratransit services for the general public, disabled, low income, elders, and persons with special needs.

The E&T provides services to approximately 300 people per year through the following programs: Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training, Adult Basic Education/General Educational Development, Johnson O'Malley, General Assistance, Native Employment Works, Makah Employment and Contracting Rights Office, and the adult and youth Workforce Innovative and Opportunity Act. These programs are instrumental in strengthening self-sufficiency by assisting and supporting clientele through education, work experience and training, as well as, furthering the economic and social development of our community in accordance with the values and traditions of our people.

The majority of clients that apply for E&T services are considered below the federal poverty level or on a fixed income, have unique needs/challenges, and they rely heavily on the community transit for transportation because they have no, or limited, reliable transportation. The public transit service has been instrumental in assisting and supporting E&T clients by providing access to educational, employment, social, health, and wellness needs. This service has made it easier for our clients to travel to: our office to request services; interviews; meetings or appointments; job search; check mail; shop for groceries; seek out other services; get to and from their job or healthcare appointments; and/or make a Clallam Transit connection to attend off reservation appointments to maintain their state benefits.

Getting to a destination warm, dry and on time brings confidence and demonstrates self-sufficiency. The deviated fixed-route and curb-to-curb paratransit services are crucial to our neediest clients. Neah Bay storms, at times, bring wind gusts over 50mph, and the rainfall is approximately 100 inches annually. Keeping individuals and families that need this service safe, warm and dry, in turn, provides our clients with the opportunity to concentrate more on their goals and continue on their journey to be self-sufficient, whether it is starting a work experience position, furthering their education, or remaining permanently employed, without the added barrier of transportation.

Again, I am pleased to document the Makah E&T Department's support for the Makah Tribe's Washington State Department of Transportation Operating and Capital Grant applications. We are confident that this service will continue to benefit our clientele, as well as, visitors and community members. If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-645-3280.

Sincerely,

Lisa Halttunen, Director
Education & Training Department

MAKAH HEALING COURT

P.O. BOX 117 • NEAH BAY, WA 98357 • 360-645-3305

July 15, 2026

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT);

I am writing in support of the Makah Tribe's Capital and Operating Grant applications to continue transit services on the Makah Reservation. The Makah Tribal Court provides judicial services, including Makah Healing Court (drug court). Our service population is in great need of this transportation provided through Makah Public Transit.

Many of the court's clients do not have transportation or a driver's license. They are required to attend substance abuse and mental health treatment programs, community service and other rehabilitative services. Having the transit bus helps these clients access transportation, which is crucial to their ability to obtain tribal services and resources essential to their well-being.

The Makah Healing Court strongly supports these applications to purchase new busses and sustain the fixed route and curb-to-curb paratransit services for the Makah Healing Court clients so they can make their appointments and get to court every Wednesday. The clients use this transportation daily.

Sincerely,

Vickie Hill

Vickie Hill
Makah Healing Court Case Manager

MAKAH TRIBE

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The Makah Tribe is an equal opportunity employer.

July 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Makah Public Transit.

Makah Public Transit provides an essential service to our community, particularly for members with limited or no personal transportation. For many in Neah Bay, this transit system is a vital link that ensures access to medical appointments, employment, and daily necessities that would otherwise be out of reach. As the Human Resources Director for the Makah Tribe, I see firsthand how reliable transportation supports the well-being and independence of our workforce and community members alike.

Thank you for your time and for supporting this vital service to our community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Vogel

Kathy Vogel
Human Resources Director

Community Planning & Economic Development

The Community Planning and Economic Development Department of the Makah Tribe, which includes our Transportation Planner, is pleased to support the Makah Public Transit application for a 2027-2031 operating grant and a 2027-2029 capital grant.

We need to continue our transit service to sustain the deviated fixed-route and curb-to-curb paratransit services for our general public, disabled, low-income, elders, and persons with special needs.

Without transit service, many of our seniors, people with disabilities, and people who are physically unable to or cannot afford to drive would find their access to jobs and essential services severely limited.

Transit has a positive impact in our remote, rural community. It also provides assess to regional connections with adjacent transit systems.

I am pleased to offer our support for Makah Transit Authority's grant application for continued service.

Sincerely,

W. Rufus Arnold

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Acting Community Planning and Economic Development Manger

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Crysandra Sones
115 Resort Drive
Neah Bay, WA 98357

July 15, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

I am the Social Services Manager for the Makah Tribe and a Neah Bay, WA resident. I am writing to express my full support for the Makah Public Transit.

The Makah Social Services program has an array of clients whom utilize the Makah Public Transit, whether it be for the Makah Family Services program's parents to attend family court or meet with their caseworker, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) community participants that need immediate assistance with their electricity bills, or to access the Makah Food Bank. Essentially, the programs offered by Social Services prioritize the vulnerable populations in our community who don't always have access to transportation. This includes individuals who are disabled, low-income, the elderly, and the general public at large. Our program also has staff that utilize the Makah Public Transit to attend work.

Again, I would like to express by full support for the Makah Public Transit as the Social Services Manager and as a resident of the community, as I have also utilized the Makah Public Transit and feel it's an essential service to the community.

Sincerely,



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July 27, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

The Makah Tribal Council has reviewed and approved the Makah Transit grant application to WSDOT for Capital Bus Purchase. The Makah Tribal Council officially commits to matching a minimum of 10% of the grant total. For this application, we commit to $37,976 for a two-year period of July 2027 to June 2029.

The Makah Tribe has historically not only matched the grant amount but often exceeds it due to the importance of public transportation need on the Makah Reservation. If the Makah Tribe is successful in receiving the grant funding, the Makah Tribal Council is committed to providing a tribal resolution indicating the official match.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Greene
Chairman
Makah Tribal Council

Overview of ZIP Code 98357, Washington (ZIP Code)

Cities Block Groups



County:
Clallam (/county/Washington/Clallam-County/Overview)

Metro Area:
Port Angeles Area (/metro-area/Washington/Port-Angeles/Overview)

Unincorporated Places:
Neah Bay (/place/Washington/Neah-Bay/Overview)

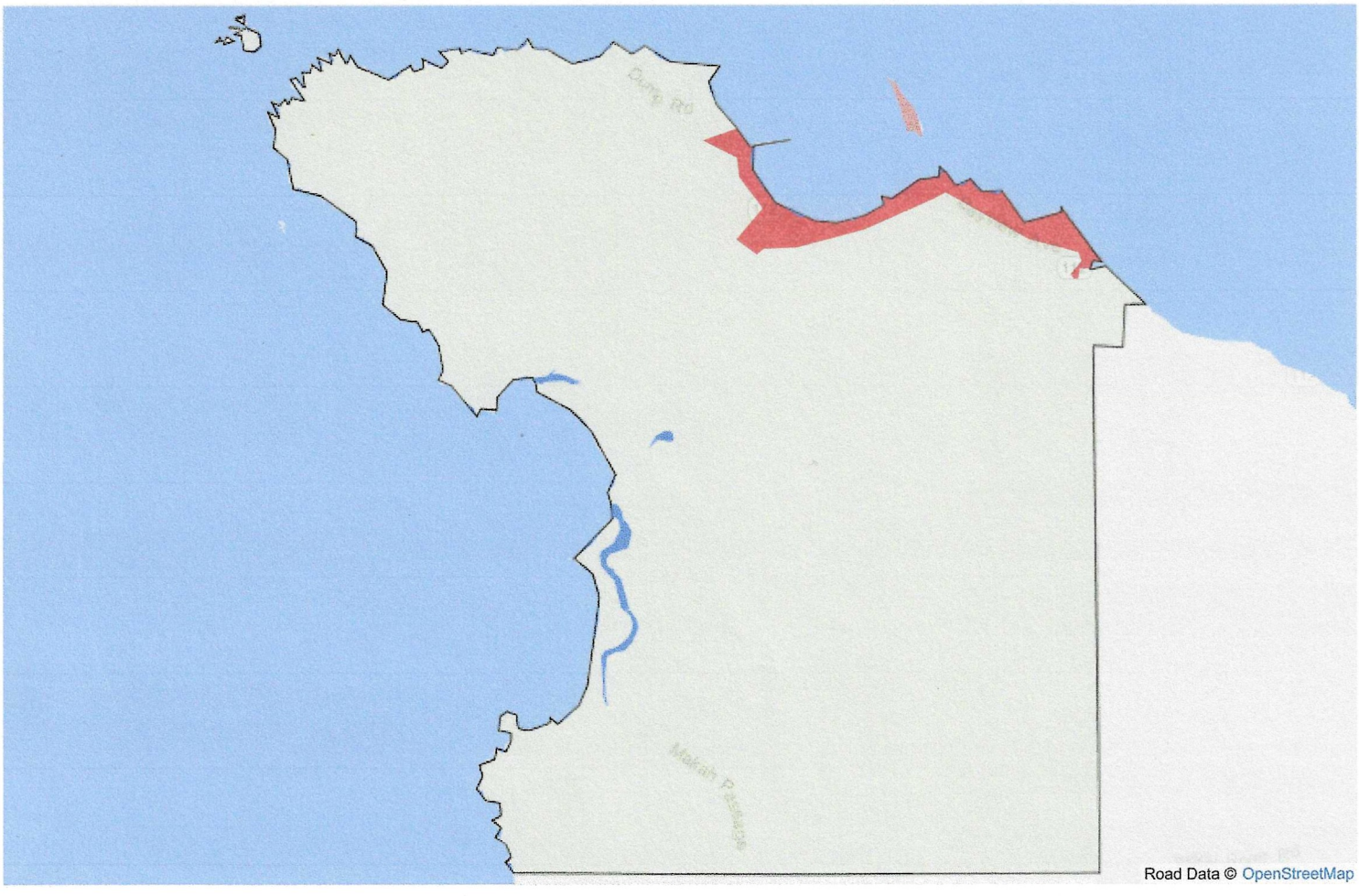
Map of Population by Block Group in ZIP Code 98357

Population Density Population

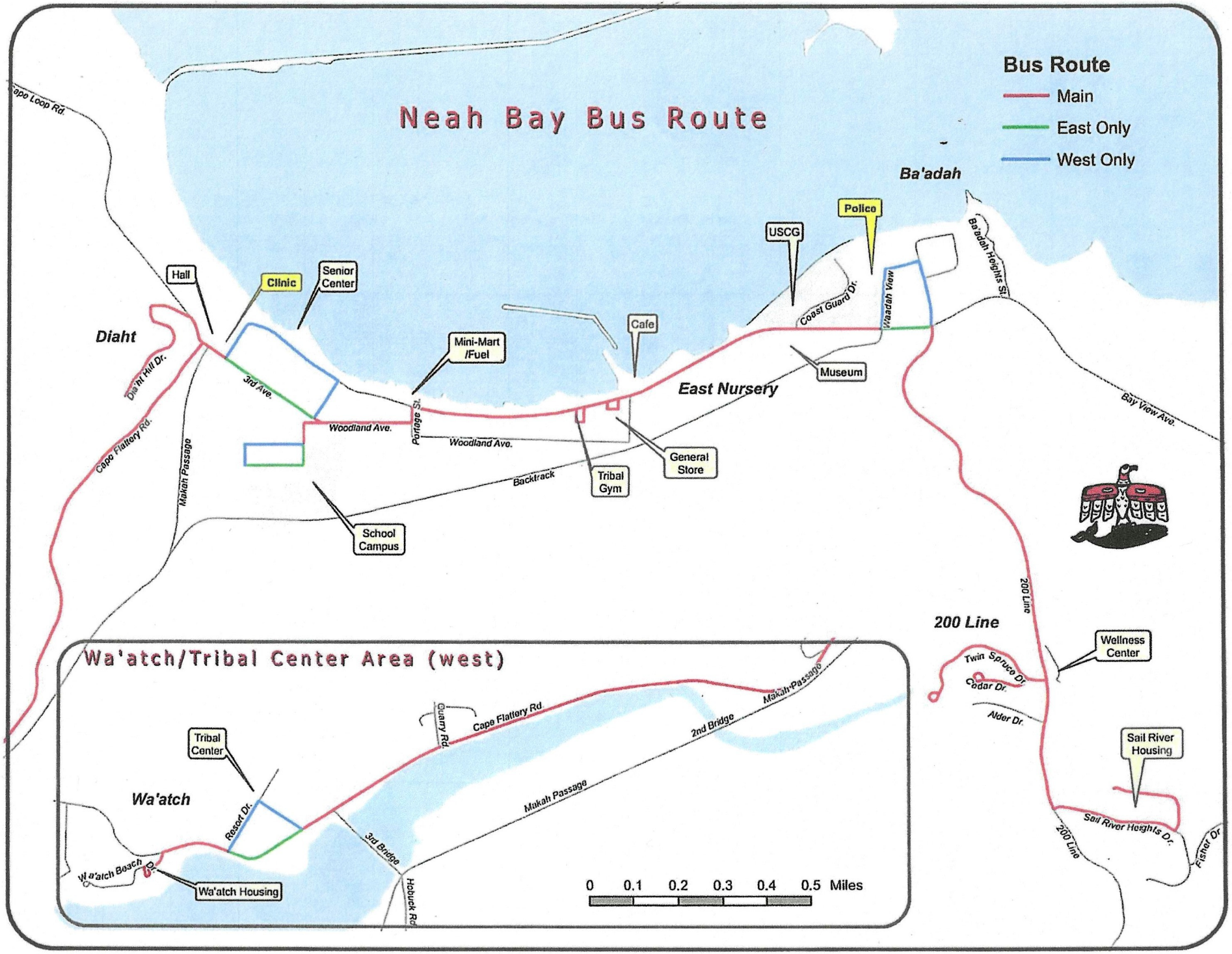
Population Density Population by Block Group #3

Population per square mile of land (excluding water areas):

0/mi² 190/mi² 370/mi² 560/mi² 750/mi² 940/mi²



Map of Population by Block in ZIP Code 98357


Neah Bay Bus Route
Bus Route
Main
East Only
West Only
Ba'adah
Police
USCG
Ba'adah Heights St.
Coast Guard Dr.
Waadah View
Hall
Clinic
Senior Center
Diaht
Dia'ht Hill Dr.
Cape Flattery Rd.
Makah Passage
3rd Ave.
Mini-Mart /Fuel
Portage St.
Woodland Ave.
Woodland Ave.
Cafe
Museum
East Nursery
Bay View Ave.
Backtrack
Tribal Gym
General Store
School Campus
200 Line
200 Line
Wellness Center
Twin Spruce Dr.
Cedar Dr.
Alder Dr.
Sail River Housing
Sail River Heights Dr.
200 Line
Fisher Dr
Wa'atch/Tribal Center Area (west)
Tribal Center
Wa'atch
Resort Dr.
Wa'atch Beach Dr.
Wa'atch Housing
Quarry Rd.
Cape Flattery Rd.
Makah Passage
2nd Bridge
Makah Passage
3rd Bridge
Hobuck Rd.
0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 Miles

MAKAH PUBLIC TRANSIT FARES

BASE FARES:

MAKAH PUBLIC TRANSIT IS A FARE FREE SERVICE

CONTACT INFORMATION

P.O. Box 115
Neah Bay, WA 98357
Phone: (360) 645-3111
Cell Phone: (360) 640-0443
Email: transit@makah.com

Lost and Found:
If you have lost or found an article, please stop by the Public Works Office in Building #150 at the Tribal Center Monday through Thursday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Pets:
All pets must be caged except guide dogs for the blind.

Additional Information:
*Passengers may not smoke or consume food or beverages on the bus.
*Buses do not operate on Saturday, Sunday or Tribal/ Federal Holidays.
*Buses do not operate from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm when there is a funeral within the community.
*Call 645-3111, 640-0443 for more information on bus service days, schedules, or to schedule special pickup for the elderly and disabled.
*Special pickup hours are 10:00 am to 11:40 am.
*Customer Complaints/ Comments should be directed to the Public Works Manager at 360-645-3116

MAKAH PUBLIC TRANSIT SCHEDULE



All Services Are Open To The Public

Telephone:
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(360)640-0443

MAKAH PUBLIC TRANSIT

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE DEPARTURE TIMES

ALSO NOTE: THAT ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

N/A = Not a scheduled stop *** = MTC EMPLOYEE PARK & RIDE**

400 HSNG.	DIAHT HILL	SCHOOL	STORE	200 LINE	SAIL RIVER	Head Start	HSNG. DEPT.	EAST NURS.	STORE	SCHOOL	SR. CTR.	CLINIC	DIAHT HILL	400 HSNG.	TRIBAL CENTER
7:00a	7:08a	7:13a	7:15a	7:23a	7:27a	7:31a	7:32a	7:33a	7:35a	7:40a	7:45a	7:47a	7:50a	N/A	7:55a
8:00a	8:08a	8:13a	8:15a	8:23a	8:27a	8:31a	8:32a	8:33a	8:35a	8:40a	8:45a	8:47a	8:50a	N/A	8:55a
9:00a	9:08a	9:13a	9:15a	9:23a	9:27a	9:31a	9:32a	9:33a	9:35a	9:40a	9:45a	9:47a	9:50a	N/A	9:55a
Special Pickups - 10:00am to 11:45am							**(Please See Notes At The Bottom Of The Page)**								***12:02p**
N/A	N/A	N/A	***12:50p**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1:25p
1:30p	1:38p	1:43p	1:47p	1:55p	1:59p	2:03p	2:04p	2:05p	2:08p	2:13p	2:15p	2:18p	2:22p	2:30p	2:32p
N/A	2:38p	2:43p	2:47p	3:55p	2:59p	3:03p	3:04p	3:06p	3:08p	3:13p	3:15p	3:18p	3:22p	3:30p	3:32p
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	***4:03p**
N/A	4:08p	4:13p	4:15p	4:23p	4:27p	4:31p	4:32p	4:33p	4:35p	4:40p	4:44p	N/A	4:50p	4:58p	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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N/A	7:08p	7:13p	7:15p	7:23p	7:27p	7:31p	7:32p	7:33p	7:35p	7:40p	N/A	N/A	7:45p	N/A	N/A

NOTES: **PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL PICKUPS 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE MAY BETTER SERVE YOU**
SPECIAL PICKUPS ARE FOR ELDERLY (62 & OVER) AND DISABALED PERSONS ONLY
PLEASE CALL 640-0443 FOR ROUTE DEVIATIONS