Peninsula RTPO
2026 Consolidated Grants Project

Project Name: **39790 - Paratransit services - operating 2027-2029**

Organization Name: Clallam County Public Transportation Benefit Area

Contact Name: Jason McNickle

Project Description

This project will sustain essential demand response paratransit services for the elderly and persons with disabilities throughout Clallam County.

Project Funding Summary

Total Project Cost	$ 11,283,919
Grant Request	$ 9,992,297
Match Amount	$ 1,291,622

WSDOT has different match requirements for different kinds of projects.

Type of Project

- [x] Operating
- [ ] Vehicles/Equipment
- [ ] Small Construction
- [ ] Mobility Management
- [ ] Planning

Type of Service

- (x) Sustain / Replace
- ( ) New / Expand
- ( ) Not Applicable

Duration

- ( ) 2 years
- (x) 4 years

SUPPORT FOR PRTPO HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Applicable HSTP Coordination Strategies this project will support.

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

Mobility Management
- [x] Increase awareness and visibility of available mobility services
- [x] Expand travel training programs
- [x] Promote coordinated online and print mobility resources
- [x] Improve access to transit information & trip reservation tools
- [x] Strengthen coordination of paratransit transfers between systems
- [ ] Ensure WA 211 provider data is current across all Peninsula counties
- [x] 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
- [x] Advance rural mobility innovations
- [ ] Enable vehicle sharing, Maintenance-as-a-Service, other
- [x] Enhance multi provider scheduling, reservation, and dispatch coordination
- [ ] Expand school-transit partnerships to support youth transit use

Project Need

Clallam Transit System's ADA Paratransit service provides essential transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others who are unable to use the fixed-route system. The need to maintain this service is identified in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP), which prioritizes accessible transportation for older adults, people with disabilities, and rural residents. Ongoing ridership trends, customer feedback, and coordination with local human service agencies continue to demonstrate the importance of preserving reliable paratransit service throughout Clallam County. This project will provide operating assistance to maintain current ADA paratransit service levels, ensuring eligible riders have continued access to medical care, employment, education, shopping, and other essential destinations. Without this funding, increasing operating costs could require service reductions or limit Clallam Transit's ability to meet growing demand, negatively impacting mobility, independence, and quality of life for those who depend on paratransit as their primary means of transportation.

Special Needs Transportation

Clallam Transit System (CTS) focuses on the special needs population by providing services in the required 3/4 mile corridor either side of fixed route as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, demand response paratransit service is available to persons beyond the 3/4 mile corridor either side of fixed route at an additional cost. This comprehensive approach ensures that all persons have access to critical services throughout Clallam County. CTS also coordinates services with Jefferson County to accommodate paratransit trips across both Jefferson and Clallam County. CTS also recognizes that with a population of individuals having at least one type of disability being higher than other counties on the Olympic Peninsula (19% verses 15% for the region), and the rural and remote nature of Clallam County, it is critical to provide paratransit services throughout the community. Clallam County also has the highest population of American Indians and Alaska Natives on the Olympic Peninsula (7%). The Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha, Quileute, and Makah Tribes are located within Clallam County, and therefore it is imperative to provide demand response paratransit and special need transportation services within these communities.

Benefits to Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

Clallam Connect provides essential transportation services to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities throughout Clallam County. The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization's 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan identifies Clallam County as having the highest percentage of persons with disabilities in the Peninsula region (19%), approximately 13% of residents living below the federal poverty level, 7% of residents identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native, and the highest percentage of zero-vehicle households in the region (7%). These demographic characteristics demonstrate the continued need for accessible public transportation. Clallam County is home to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Makah Tribe, and Quileute Tribe. Many tribal members, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents face transportation barriers due to the county's rural geography, long travel distances, and limited transportation alternatives. Clallam Connect provides ADA complementary paratransit and demand-response transportation to medical appointments, employment, education, grocery stores, nutrition programs, and other essential community services. By providing reliable, accessible transportation, the project reduces barriers to healthcare and other vital resources while supporting independent living and improving mobility for residents in vulnerable andmhistorically underserved communities.
Inclusive outreach in planning:
Clallam Transit routinely engages riders and community partners through public Board meetings, service change outreach, rider feedback, customer service interactions, and coordination with local governments, Tribal partners

Coordination Efforts

Clallam Transit paratransit services are included in the Peninsula Region Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). The project is also included in the STIP. In the development of the Peninsula Region Human Services Transportation Plan, a community survey was distributed throughout the Olympic Peninsula to better understand current transit riders within the study area and the potential gaps/needs for transportation. The information submitted as part of the completed surveys is reviewed and comments are considered in the development and modification of service, as appropriate.

Multimodal Partnerships

CTS coordinates paratransit and special needs transportation with Clallam Transit fixed route services, when possible and appropriate. This allows passengers to have greater access to regional bus services traveling to Jefferson County, Kitsap County, and the Bainbridge/Seattle Ferry system. We employ a mobility coordinator who is promoting transportation services that are available through Clallam Transit. This position also offers travel training to teach clients how to use public transportation and also performs outreach to community organizations to promote transportation options.

Measurement of Project Success

Clallam Transit will measure project success through regular review of passenger trips, revenue vehicle hours and miles, on-time performance, noshows, same-day cancellations, ADA trip denials, customer comments, and service complaints. Data will be monitored through scheduling and dispatch records, operating reports, and monthly performance reporting. Corrective actions, which may include adjusting schedules, improving trip grouping and dispatching practices, reviewing staffing or vehicle availability, providing additional employee training, and evaluating service procedures.

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Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	38336-2027-2029 Consolidated Grant Program - Operating
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Sep 9, 2026 3:01 PM
Program Area:	Consolidated Grant Program
Status:	Submitted
Stage:	Final Application
Initial Submit Date:	Sep 2, 2026 1:25 PM
Initially Submitted By:	Jason McNickle
Last Submit Date:	
Last Submitted By:	

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

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Organization Information

Legal Name*:	Clallam County Public Transportation Benefit Area
DBA Name*:	Clallam Transit System
Organization Type*:	Transit Agency ? Rural
Organization Website:	https://www.clallamtransit.com/ (Please enter http://... for this field)
SAM UEI #:	HF93GJ9GPBN6
Physical Address*:	830 W Lauridsen Blvd
	Port Angeles (City) Washington (State/Province) 98363-2300 (Postal Code/Zip)
Mailing Address*:	830 W Lauridsen Blvd

	Port Angeles City	Washington State/Province	98363-2300 Postal Code/Zip
Remit to Address*:	830 W Lauridsen Blvd		
	Port Angeles City	Washington State/Province	98363-2300 Postal Code/Zip
Phone*:	(360) 452-4511 	1350 Ext.	
Fax:	(360) 452-1316		
Fiscal Year End Last day of*:	December		
Indirect Cost Rate:	15.00%		
IDR Expiration Date:	06/30/2025		

Organization Contact Information

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Organization Director*:	Jason First Name	McNickle Last Name	
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Project Contact:	Taron First Name	Lee Last Name	
	Operations Manager Title	TaronL@clallamtransit.com Email Address	

Summary of Project Information

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Refer to the glossary in the Public Transportation Grant Guidebook for service-type definitions.

Service Type*: Demand-response
Select all that apply

Need for Service*: Sustain existing service
Expansion can?t be combined with sustaining existing service within the same application for the first biennium.
NOTE: Sustain existing service is the only project type eligible for a 4-year term.

Checking "Yes" for 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) requirements. For examples of federal requirements from last biennium, refer to the Public Transportation Grant Guidebook.

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

If project is a purchase-of-service type, the eligible funding source and match rate may be affected.

Is this a purchase-of-service project?: No

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

Congressional District(s)
Select as many as apply
*:
6

Legislative District(s)
Select as many as apply
*:
24

County(ies)
Select as many as apply
*:
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 project will sustain essential demand response paratransit services for the elderly and persons with disabilities throughout Clallam County.

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 sustain essential demand response paratransit services for the elderly and persons with disabilities throughout Clallam County. These demand response services are essential for the mobility of persons who, without paratransit service options, would be unable to access needed services including medical appointments, shopping, and social activities. This grant will enable Clallam Transit to continue providing these critical demand response paratransit services throughout all of Clallam County.

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:

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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*:

Clallam Transit has an experienced staff including Jason McNickle, CTS General Manager with 17 years of public transportation experience as well as, Taron Lee the CTS Operations Manager, with over 15 years of transit operations experience.

Relationship to Other Projects

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Is this project dependent on any other projects submitted by your organization?*: No

Did you, or will you, apply for this project in another grant program this biennium?*: No

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?*: Yes

List all project applications for this funding opportunity, including this project, in order of priority*:

1. Consolidated Grant - Paratransit Operations
2. Bus and Bus Facilities Grant -
a. Over-the-road coaches for Strait Shot Bus Service
b. 25 Safety Barriers
3. Regional Mobility Grant - Expanded and Enhanced Fixed-Route Bus Service

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	This project maintains Clallam Connect ADA complementary paratransit and demand-response services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, ensuring safe, reliable, and accessible transportation throughout Clallam County. The project supports continued operations, service reliability, and access to essential destinations including healthcare, employment, nutrition, shopping, and social services.
Peninsula RTPO	TBD	The project helps address identified unmet transportation needs by maintaining capacity for growing paratransit demand, improving first- and last-mile connections, supporting access to underserved populations, and ensuring continued mobility for individuals unable to use fixed-route transit.

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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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*:

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Budget

Duration of Project

Duration of Project*: Four Years

Expenses

Expenses	If Other, List the Expense	** July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Current Estimate)	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia	** July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia
Labor & Benefits		$4,873,260.00	$5,153,131.00	5.74%	$5,437,518.00	5.52%

Fuel & Lubricants	$322,780.00	$339,563.00	5.20%	$353,707.00	4.17%
Project Supplies	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
Maintenance Parts & Supplies	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
Contracted Services - Other	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
Insurance	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
Depreciation	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	0.00%
	$5,196,040.00	**$5,492,694.00**		**$5,791,225.00**	

Sources of Revenue/Match

Revenue/Match Source	If Other, List the Source	** July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Current Estimate)	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029 (Projected)	** July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031 (Projected)
Local: Transit Sales Tax		$594,786.00	$628,718.00	$662,904.00

Fares and Donations

Row	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Current Estimate)	July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029 (Projected)	July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031 (Projected)
Fares and rides donations	$27,583.00	$29,422.00	$30,872.00

Variances

Variance between 2025-2027 and 2027-2029: 5.71%

Variance between 2027-2029 and 2029-2031: 5.44%

Variances:

Other Sources and In-Kind Match

Other Sources*:

N/A

Are you using in-kind match?*: No

Other Support

Other Support:

Budget Development Methodology

Budget development methodology*:

Budget is created using past three years trends and actual information to forecast future expected wages, benefits, inflation, and supplies.

Summary

July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029

Total Expenses: $5,492,694.00

Match Total: $628,718.00

Requested Amount: $4,863,976.00
This is the amount of grant funds your organization is requesting from July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029

Percentage of Match: 11.45%

July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031

Total Expenses: $5,791,225.00

Match Total: $662,904.00

Requested Amount: $5,128,321.00
This is the amount of grant funds your organization is requesting from July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031

Percentage of Match: 11.45%

Indirect Costs

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Are you charging indirect costs to this grant/project?*: Yes

Select the method your organization uses to apply indirect costs to this project.

Method*: De minimis rate self-certification

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	July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031 (Projected)	Percent of Change
Passenger Vehicle Hours	34666	36777	6.09%	39017	6.09%
Passenger Vehicle Miles	456110	483887	6.09%	513356	6.09%
Passenger trips should be entered as whole numbers only.					
Passenger Trips	49944	52985	6.09%	56212	6.09%
Volunteer Hours	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

Project Service Level Description

Describe the methodology used to develop these estimates, including any assumptions used in their development. Identify data sources and monitoring processes.

How were service-level estimates developed?*:

Service-level estimates were developed using actual Clallam Connect operating and ridership data from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, along with current estimates for the remainder of the 2025-2027 biennium. Revenue vehicle hours, revenue vehicle miles, and passenger trips were reviewed to establish a baseline for future service levels. Estimates for July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029 were calculated using an assumed annual growth rate of 3%, reflecting anticipated increases in demand and recent service trends. The same 3% annual growth assumption was applied to develop estimates for July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2031.

For demand-response or deviated fixed-route projects, summarize the intended outputs of this project in both qualitative (narrative) and quantitative (statistical) formats. Some projects may not align with traditional performance measures (e.g., revenue vehicle hours/miles, passenger trips). In such cases, quantifiable objectives can be reported instead, such as: the number of trainings conducted, outreach events completed, passengers served, or other measurable outcomes generated by this project. Be sure to include a quantitative output, as this will serve as the baseline measurement for your next biennium application. Qualitative measures are optional.

Intended Outputs:

The project will support the provision of complimentary ADA demand response paratransit service throughout Clallam County. Quantitative measures for service success include: no eligible passengers being denied trips (0 trip denial rate), maintaining a high percentage of on time trip delivery (92% or greater), maintaining a no-show rate of 7% or less, and a same day cancellation rate of 7% or less.

How will your organization measure whether the project is successful? Describe the steps you will take to improve performance if your project does not meet the identified performance targets.

Project Success Measurement*:

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grouping and dispatching practices, reviewing staffing or vehicle availability, providing additional employee training, and evaluating service procedures.

Milestones

Readiness to Proceed

Will your project be ready to proceed at the start of the biennium?*: Yes

Milestones

Activities	Date (mm/yy)
Project Start	07/27
Project Complete	06/31

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*:

Clallam Connect provides essential transportation services to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities throughout Clallam County. The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization's 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan identifies Clallam County as having the highest percentage of persons with disabilities in the Peninsula region (19%), approximately 13% of residents living below the federal poverty level, 7% of residents identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native, and the highest percentage of zero-vehicle households in the region (7%). These demographic characteristics demonstrate the continued need for accessible public transportation.

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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:

Clallam Transit routinely engages riders and community partners through public Board meetings, service change outreach, rider feedback, customer service interactions, and coordination with local governments, Tribal partners, healthcare providers, employers, educational institutions, and regional transportation agencies. Feedback consistently highlights the importance of maintaining dependable fixed route and paratransit services that many members of our community rely on.

Tribal Support

Is this project directly operated by a tribe?*: No

Is your project serving and is it supported by a tribal nation in Washington?: Yes

Estimate the percentage of your project that serves the tribe:	7.00% %
By checking this box, you confirm that you have reached out to the tribe regarding a resolution formally supporting your project:	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	✓	Clallam County Population Density Map with Legend	Clallam County Populaiton Density Map.pdf	pdf	212 KB	09/02/2026 10:33 AM
Service area map	✓	Clallam Transit System Map	Clallam Transit Peninsula Map Strait Shot.pdf	pdf	1 MB	09/02/2026 10:04 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.)		Letter of support from the Makah Tribe	Makah Tribe Letter of Support.pdf	pdf	1 MB	08/27/2026 04:28 PM
Optional attachments						
Letters committing matching funds						
Letter of concurrence (for projects that operate in multiple planning regions)						
Letters of support (combine into one file attachment)		Letters of support from the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, Grays Harbor Transit, Jefferson Transit, Makah Tribe, and the PRPTO	Letters of Support.pdf	pdf	340 KB	09/02/2026 09:58 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

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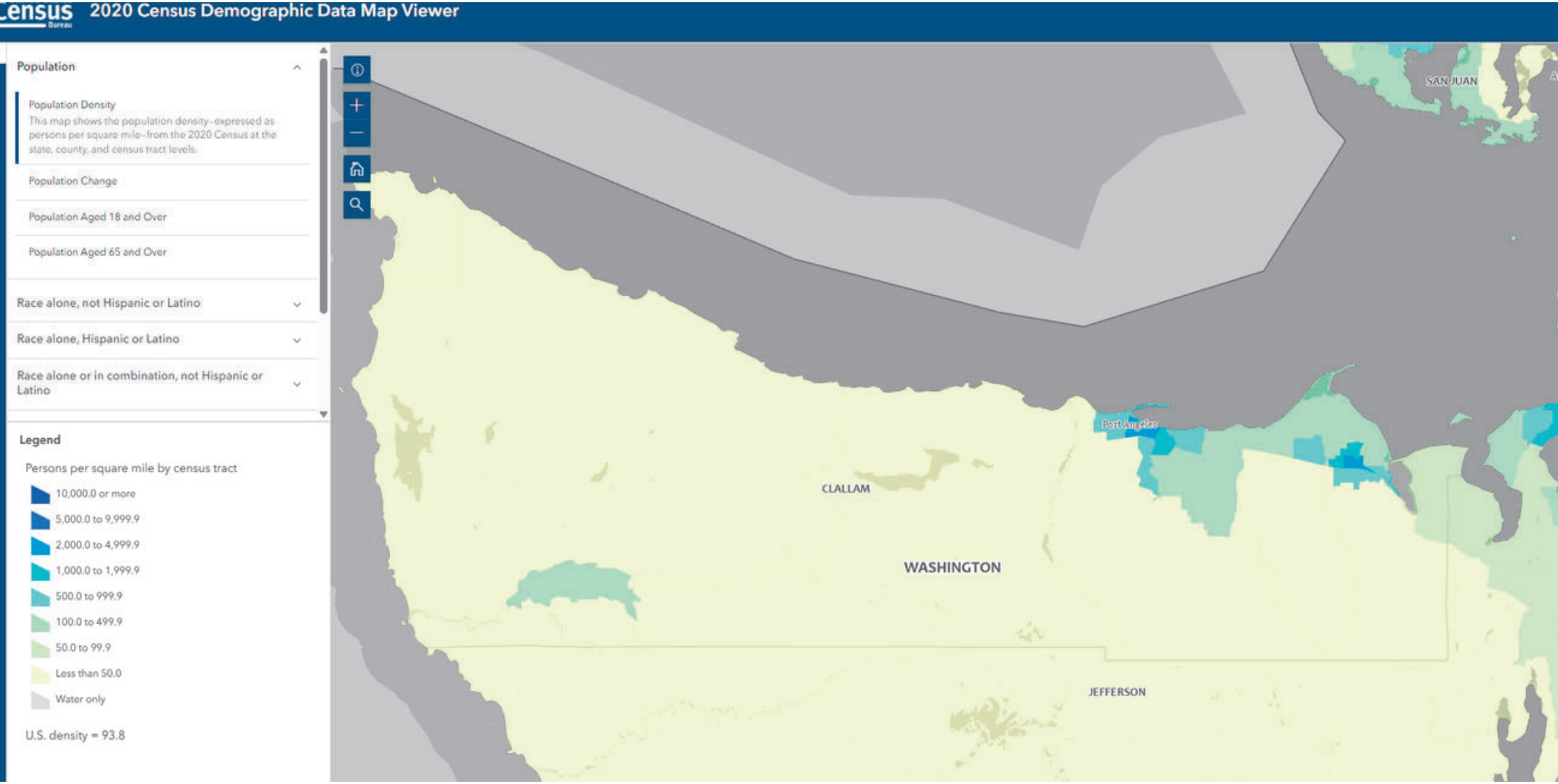
I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application is true and accurate and that this organization has the necessary fiscal, data collection, and managerial capabilities to implement and manage the project associated with this application:

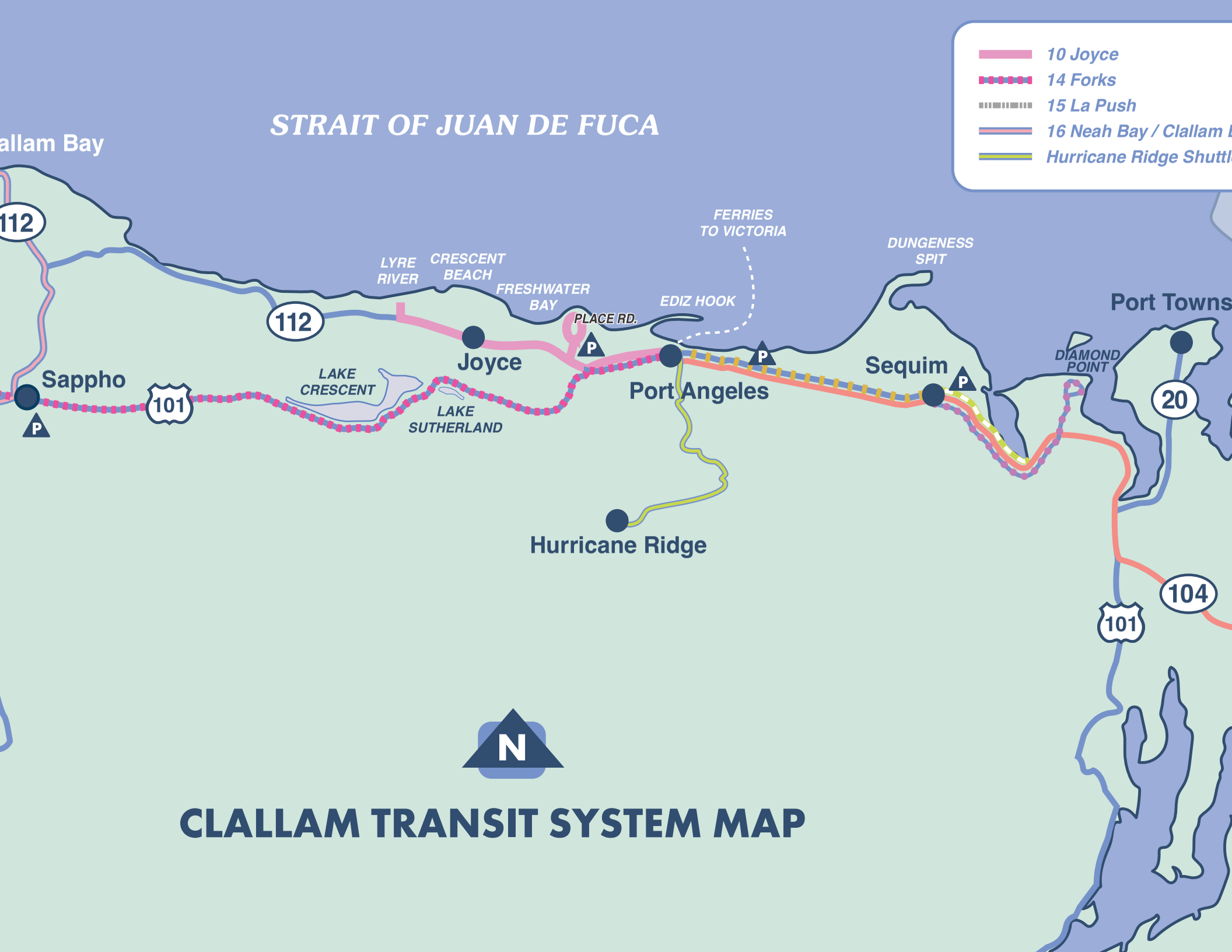
Certification*: Yes

Application Authority*: Jason (First Name) McNickle (Last Name)

Title*: General Manager

Date*: 09/02/2026


Census Bureau
2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer
Population
Population Density
This map shows the population density—expressed as persons per square mile—from the 2020 Census at the state, county, and census tract levels.
Population Change
Population Aged 18 and Over
Population Aged 65 and Over
Race alone, not Hispanic or Latino
Race alone, Hispanic or Latino
Race alone or in combination, not Hispanic or Latino
Legend
Persons per square mile by census tract
10,000.0 or more
5,000.0 to 9,999.9
2,000.0 to 4,999.9
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Jason McNickle, General Manager
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RE: Letter of Support for Clallam Transit System Consolidated Grant Application – ADA Paratransit Services

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Sincerely,

Jeff Bartlett

Transit Supervisor/Mechanic

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From the Desk of
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July 20, 2026

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Ken Mehin
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63 Four Corners Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368

July 28, 2026

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September 2, 2026

Don Chartock, Director
WSDOT Public Transportation Division
PO Box 47387
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Re: Clallam Transit's paratransit program, Clallam Connect

Dear Director Chartock,

We are seeking funding to maintain and improve accessible transportation for individuals who are unable to independently use our fixed-route services because of a disability or limiting condition.

As part of this project, Clallam Transit is looking at ways to strengthen the Clallam Connect program through improvements to both the ADA eligibility process and our scheduling and dispatching operations. The goal is to make the process easier for riders to navigate, improve the coordination and efficiency of trips, and provide a more reliable and dependable transportation option for eligible passengers.

One of the unique challenges we face is the size and rural nature of Clallam County, which encompasses more than 1,700 square miles. Many residents live considerable distances from fixed-route corridors and from essential services and community resources. While ADA regulations generally require complementary paratransit service within three-quarters of a mile of a fixed-route corridor, Clallam Connect also travels beyond that area to help eligible riders access important destinations throughout the county. This includes medical services, employment, shopping, community resources, and recreational opportunities.

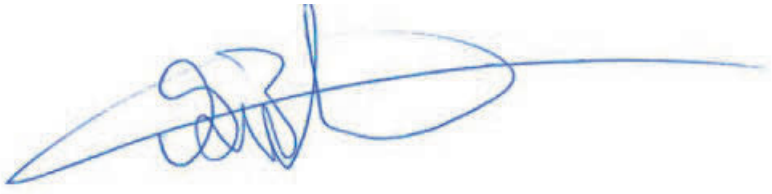
Because of the county's geography, providing this level of coverage requires significant coordination and efficient use of our available vehicles and resources. Clallam Transit recognizes the importance of maintaining our current level of service to the individuals who rely on Clallam Connect and ensuring that people with disabilities/limiting conditions throughout our service area continue to have meaningful access to public transportation and the communities they live in.

The project also supports regional transportation coordination. Clallam Transit works with neighboring transit agencies, including Jefferson Transit and Kitsap Transit, as well as tribal transportation providers, healthcare organizations, human service agencies, and other community partners. Maintaining and improving our paratransit service will continue to

strengthen connections between Clallam Connect, fixed-route service, and other transportation resources available throughout the region.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



Greg Brotherton, Executive Board Chair
Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO)