Peninsula RTPO
2026 Consolidated Grants Project

Project Name: **40896 - Jefferson Transit Gateway Visitor Center**

Organization Name: Jefferson Transit Authority

Contact Name: Jayme Brooke

Project Description

Construct a regional transit hub at the Gateway Visitor Center with a bus loop and park-and-ride. The project will serve Jefferson County residents and visitors traveling throughout the Olympic Peninsula, improving regional transit connections between Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap counties,along with the Washington State Ferries (WSF).

Project Funding Summary

Total Project Cost	$ 2,300,000
Grant Request	$ 2,185,000
Match Amount	$ 115,000

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
- [x] Sustain current transportation service operations
- [x] Expand service hours, frequency, days, and coverage
- [x] Increase opportunities for efficient single seat trips
- [x] 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
- [x] Increase awareness and visibility of available mobility services
- [ ] 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
- [x] Install curbside amenities to improve comfort & security
- [x] Improve ADA compliant access to stops
- [x] 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
- [ ] Enhance multi provider scheduling, reservation, and dispatch coordination
- [ ] Expand school-transit partnerships to support youth transit use

Project Need

The Olympic Peninsula's rural geography creates significant barriers to regional transportation, particularly for residents who depend on public transit and must travel long distances to make connections. A key gap identified through the CPT-HSTP and reinforced through rider and community feedback is the need for stronger regional transit connectivity. JTA Board members and community members have also identified the lack of a direct connection between Clallam Transit's #123 Strait Shot and Jefferson Transit's #14 Kingston Express as a longstanding need. The proposed transit hub addresses this gap by creating a convenient regional transfer point in Port Ludlow. The bus loop and park-and-ride will enable connections between Jefferson and Clallam Transit services, and provide access for a wider range of riders to Kitsap Transit and the WSF, while providing a more accessible transportation option for rural and disadvantaged residents. With adjustments to existing Jefferson Transit routes, the hub can allow riders to access out-of-county connections without traveling to Port Townsend. The facility will also improve access for visitors traveling throughout the Olympic Peninsula. If the grant is not awarded, Jefferson Transit intends to proceed with acquisition of the property, but construction of the transit hub may be delayed until a future grant cycle. This would prolong the existing connectivity gap and delay improved

Special Needs Transportation

The proposed Gateway Visitor Center transit hub will improve the accessibility, coordination, and efficiency of transportation services for people with special transportation needs. Jefferson Transit's facilities and vehicles are ADA accessible, and the new hub will provide an accessible location for riders to safely transfer between regional transit services. By creating a dedicated bus loop and passenger facility, the project will make transfers between Jefferson Transit and Clallam Transit more convenient and predictable for riders who may face additional challenges when navigating transportation connections. The project will also improve coordination between transit providers by establishing a common regional transfer point for Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot. With future adjustments to existing Jefferson Transit routes, the hub can reduce unnecessary travel and make regional connections more efficient for riders who would otherwise need to travel to Port Townsend to connect to services outside the county. The project will serve people with disabilities, older adults, and other rural and transportation-disadvantaged residents who rely on public or specialized transportation to access employment, medical care, social services, shopping, and other essential destinations. It will also improve transportation access for visitors with disabilities traveling throughout the Olympic Peninsula. By

Benefits to Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

The project will provide direct and meaningful transportation benefits to vulnerable populations, particularly low-income, rural, and transportation- disadvantaged residents who rely on public transportation. Jefferson Transit's fare-free service provides a direct financial benefit to low-income riders by eliminating the cost of transit fares. The new regional hub will further reduce transportation barriers by creating a convenient, ADA accessible connection between Jefferson and Clallam Transit services. The need for improved regional connectivity has been identified over many years through rider and community feedback, coordination with regional partners, and requests from multiple sources, including Jefferson Transit's Authority Board. The project responds to this longstanding need by creating a safe, purpose-built location where riders can transfer between regional routes without traveling to Port Townsend first. This is particularly meaningful for residents who do not have access to a personal vehicle or cannot afford the costs associated with driving. The project will also provide indirect environmental benefits by making transit a more practical alternative to individual vehicle travel. The park-andride and coordinated regional bus connections can reduce vehicle trips, fuel consumption, and transportation-related emissions by allowing travelers to make longer regional trips by transit. These benefits will improve access to employment, medical care, social services, shopping, and other essential destinations while reducing transportation barriers for vulnerable populations. Inclusive outreach in planning: JTA has not conducted targeted outreach to vulnerable populations specifically for this project. However, the need for improved regional connectivity has been communicated through public feedback and requests over several years from riders

Coordination Efforts

The Gateway Visitor Center transit hub is identified in Jefferson Transit's Transit Development Plan (TDP) as a priority for improving regional transit connectivity. The project also supports the CPT-HSTP priority of improving access to transportation for rural and transportation disadvantaged residents by creating a coordinated, accessible connection between regional transit services. The transportation problem has been identified and discussed through rider and community feedback, Jefferson Transit Authority Board discussions, and coordination with Clallam Transit and Jefferson County. Authority Board members have advocated for a connection between Clallam Transit's Strait Shot and Jefferson Transit's Kingston Express for years. Jefferson Transit and Clallam Transit have coordinated on the proposed regional connection, while Jefferson County has been engaged in planning for the acquisition and future use of the Gateway property. Several alternatives have been considered over time. Extending or deviating the Strait Shot into Port Townsend is not feasible because of the additional travel time and operational impacts. Connections along US 101 were also considered, but there are no suitable safe locations that would allow the routes to connect without potentially requiring riders to cross the highway. The Gateway Visitor Center provides a safer, more efficient, and strategically located alternative. Implementation will continue through coordinated work among Jefferson Transit, Clallam Transit, Jefferson County, the project design team, and other applicable agencies. This ongoing regional coordination will support final design, permitting, construction, and ultimately coordinated transit service at the new hub.

Multimodal Partnerships

The Gateway Visitor Center transit hub will strengthen connections among public transit, park-and-ride, bicycle, and pedestrian travel. The facility will provide a transfer point between Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot, allowing connections between regional services without traveling into Port Townsend. All Jefferson Transit buses serving the connection are equipped with bicycle racks, allowing riders to combine transit and bicycling to reach destinations throughout the Olympic Peninsula, including the Larry Scott Trail and Olympic Discovery Trail. The project will improve access to social services by making regional connections more convenient for rural and transportation-disadvantaged residents who may not have access to a personal vehicle. More efficient connections will expand the geographic reach of public transportation and make it easier for riders to access medical care, employment, shopping, social services, and other essential destinations throughout the region. The project will create efficiencies by establishing a single, purpose-built transfer location rather than requiring riders to travel to Port Townsend for regional connections. A bus loop will improve transit circulation and provide a safer, more predictable transfer environment. Coordinating Jefferson and Clallam Transit services at the hub will reduce unnecessary travel and support more efficient route connections.

Measurement of Project Success

40896 - Jefferson Transit Gateway Visitor Center

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	38339-2027-2029 Consolidated Grant Program - Construction
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Status:	Submitted
Stage:	Final Application
Initial Submit Date:	Aug 31, 2026 12:24 PM
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Last Submit Date:	
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Organization Information

Legal Name*:	Jefferson Transit Authority
DBA Name*:	Jefferson Transit
Organization Type*:	Transit Agency ? Rural
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Fiscal Year End Last day of*:	December		
Indirect Cost Rate:	0.00%		
IDR Expiration Date:			

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Summary of Project Information

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Service Area

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, Jefferson

Construction Project Location

Provide the requested location links that apply to your capital construction project. If your project doesn?t include construction, leave the location link fields blank.

For a construction project at a single site (e.g., park-and-ride, bus shelter, charging station, etc.), provide a Google Street View link for the site. If a Google Street View link isn?t available, include a Google Map of the location (with coordinates) in the *Attachments* section.

Google Street View Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/NtmKVDik4QZrh4RQ9

For a construction project that spans a range of locations (e.g., Bus Rapid Transit lines, physical route enhancements, etc.), provide Google Street View Links for the starting and ending points. If Google Street View links are not available for your project start and/or end points, include Google Maps of the locations (with coordinates) in the *Attachments* section.

Starting Point Google Street View Link:

Ending Point Google Street View Link:

Organization Nonprofit Status

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

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 service is, whom it serves, and the geographic area your service covers).

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 the work*:

Construct a regional transit hub at the Gateway Visitor Center with a bus loop and park-and-ride. The project will serve Jefferson County residents and visitors traveling throughout the Olympic Peninsula, improving regional transit connections between Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap counties, along with the Washington State Ferries (WSF).

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*:

Jefferson Transit is in the process of acquiring the Gateway Visitor Center at 93 Beaver Valley Road from Jefferson County following completion of the required NEPA review and determination. A preliminary site plan for the proposed transit hub has been completed. The project will advance final design, engineering, permitting, and construction of a regional transit hub on the property. Key activities will include refining the site plan; completing engineering and design for a bus loop, passenger facilities, and park-and-ride; obtaining permits and approvals; constructing the transit circulation and parking improvements; and installing associated site amenities and infrastructure needed to support safe, accessible transit operations.

The site will establish a regional transfer point connecting Jefferson Transit and Clallam Transit services, including connections between Jefferson Transit's #14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's #123 Strait Shot, as well as connections to Kitsap Transit and the Washington State Ferries. The facility will support multimodal travel and provide a convenient regional connection for South Jefferson County residents who currently travel to Port Townsend to access out-of-county transit connections.

The completed project will expand access to regional public transportation, improve connectivity between communities on the Olympic Peninsula, support multimodal travel, and provide infrastructure that can accommodate future service improvements.

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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lack of a direct connection between Clallam Transit's #123 Strait Shot and Jefferson Transit's #14 Kingston Express as a longstanding 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).

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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The project will serve people with disabilities, older adults, and other rural and transportation-disadvantaged residents who rely on public or specialized transportation to access employment, medical care, social services, shopping, and other essential destinations. It will also improve transportation access for visitors with disabilities traveling throughout the Olympic Peninsula. By providing an ADA-accessible regional hub and strengthening coordination between transit services, the project will expand equitable access to transportation and reduce barriers to regional mobility for people with special transportation needs.

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*:

Administrative Staff: Nicole Gauthier, General Manager; Kari Mathews, Finance Manager; Jayme Brooke, Grants and Procurement Coordinator. Project staff members have experience with grant management, record keeping, reporting, and service implementation including contract adherence. Specific experience includes: a) Federal Transit Administration funds - Jefferson Transit staff have administered several million dollars in FTA funds (both direct and pass-through) from programs 5311 and 5309. b) Other Federal Funds - Jefferson Transit staff have administered over a million dollars in non-FTA federal funds including FWHA-STP funds. c) State Funds - Jefferson Transit has administered hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funds including funds from the following programs: Rural Mobility, Paratransit/Special Needs, and state formula allocation funds.

Project Implementation Strategy and Readiness to Proceed

Describe the activities completed to date that demonstrate your project is ready to proceed. Explain how remaining activities will be carried out to minimize delays and ensure the project is completed on time and within budget, including identification of any major risks.

Describe the implementation strategy and readiness to proceed:

Jefferson Transit has completed several activities demonstrating that the Gateway Visitor Center transit hub is ready to proceed. Jefferson County has been engaged throughout the project and is prepared to proceed with the property sale once the NEPA determination is complete. The NEPA process is nearing completion, with no environmental or historical issues identified to date that are expected to prevent the project from moving forward.

A preliminary site plan has been completed by SCJ Alliance and establishes the proposed layout for the bus loop, park-and-ride, and associated site improvements. Jefferson Transit has also coordinated with Jefferson County and Clallam Transit regarding the proposed facility and regional transit connections. A basic utility review has been completed, limited community engagement has occurred, and Jefferson Transit's Owner's Representatives have developed a project cost estimate to establish the anticipated construction budget.

Following the NEPA determination and property acquisition, Jefferson Transit will proceed with final design, engineering, permitting, and construction. The completed preliminary site plan will provide a foundation for final design and reduce the time needed to advance the project. Jefferson Transit will coordinate closely with its Owner's Representatives, design professionals, Jefferson County, Clallam Transit, and applicable permitting agencies throughout the remaining phases. The agency's goal is to complete the project by June 2029.

No major project risks have been identified at this time. The primary near-term milestone is completion of the NEPA determination and subsequent property acquisition. Construction cost escalation has already been incorporated into the project cost estimate to account for soft costs and anticipated increases in the cost of goods. Continued coordination, established project planning, and early completion of key pre-construction activities will help minimize delays and keep the project within budget and on schedule.

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?*:	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	The project addresses the CPT-HSTP need for improved regional transportation connectivity and access for rural and transportation-disadvantaged residents. The new transit hub will coordinate Jefferson and Clallam Transit services, provide an accessible regional transfer point, and reduce barriers to connecting with out-of-county transportation without requiring riders to travel to Port Townsend first.

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*:

The Gateway Visitor Center transit hub is identified in Jefferson Transit's Transit Development Plan (TDP) as a priority for improving regional transit connectivity. The project also supports the CPT-HSTP priority of improving access to transportation for rural and transportation-disadvantaged residents by creating a coordinated, accessible connection between regional transit services.

The transportation problem has been identified and discussed through rider and community feedback, Jefferson Transit Authority Board discussions, and coordination with Clallam Transit and Jefferson County. Authority Board members have advocated for a connection between Clallam Transit's Strait Shot and Jefferson Transit's Kingston Express for years. Jefferson Transit and Clallam Transit have coordinated on the proposed regional connection, while Jefferson County has been engaged in planning for the acquisition and future use of the Gateway property.

Several alternatives have been considered over time. Extending or deviating the Strait Shot into Port Townsend is not feasible because of the additional travel time and operational impacts. Connections along US 101 were also considered, but there are no suitable safe locations that would allow the routes to connect without potentially requiring riders to cross the highway. The Gateway Visitor Center provides a safer, more efficient, and strategically located alternative.

Implementation will continue through coordinated work among Jefferson Transit, Clallam Transit, Jefferson County, the project design team, and other applicable agencies. This ongoing regional coordination will support final design, permitting, construction, and ultimately coordinated transit service at the new hub.

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*:

The Gateway Visitor Center transit hub will strengthen connections among public transit, park-and-ride, bicycle, and pedestrian travel. The facility will provide a transfer point between Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot, allowing connections between regional services without traveling into Port Townsend. All Jefferson Transit buses serving the connection are equipped with bicycle racks, allowing riders to combine transit and bicycling to reach destinations throughout the Olympic Peninsula, including the Larry Scott Trail and Olympic Discovery Trail.

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Budget

Construction - Design / Preliminary Engineering Phase

Project Activity	27-29 Project Cost	27-29 Match Amount	27-29 Requested Amount	29-31 Project Cost	29-31 Match Amount	29-31 Requested Amount

No Data for Table

Construction - Right of Way Phase

Project Activity	27-29 Project Cost	27-29 Match Amount	27-29 Requested Amount	29-31 Project Cost	29-31 Match Amount	29-31 Requested Amount

No Data for Table

Construction - Construction Phase

Project Activity	27-29 Project Cost	27-29 Match Amount	27-29 Requested Amount	29-31 Project Cost	29-31 Match Amount	29-31 Requested Amount
Construct Gateway Facility	$2,300,000.00	$115,000.00	$2,185,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	$2,300,000.00	**$115,000.00**	**$2,185,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

Match/Revenue Sources

Source	If Other, List the Source	Amount
Local: Transit sales tax		$115,000.00
		$115,000.00

Scalability

Is your project scalable?*: No

ADA Accessibility

ADA Accessibility:

This grant does not include the purchase of vehicles; therefore, 49 CFR Part 38 vehicle procurement requirements do not apply to this capital project.

Procurement Plan

Procurement Plan*:

Jefferson Transit will use a Design-Bid-Build procurement approach for construction of the Gateway Visitor Center transit hub. Final design and engineering services will be procured separately and competitively.

Once final design, required approvals, and permitting are complete, Jefferson Transit will competitively procure the construction work in accordance with its current procurement policy and all applicable federal and state procurement requirements. The construction solicitation will provide prospective contractors with complete plans, specifications, and contract requirements and will be evaluated using the procurement method and selection criteria established by JTA.

JTA will manage the procurement and contract administration process, with support from its Owner's Representatives and design team as appropriate. This approach will provide clear separation between design and construction responsibilities, promote competitive pricing, and provide a defined process for awarding and administering the construction contract while maintaining compliance with applicable grant requirements.

Other Sources

Other Sources*:

Jefferson Transit is committed to leveraging local resources to implement the Gateway Visitor Center transit hub. JTA's required local match will be provided through local sales tax revenue and is planned for inclusion in the agency's 2027 capital budget, demonstrating a direct financial commitment to the project.

JTA has also invested other resources in project development. These efforts include completing a preliminary site plan through SCJ Alliance, conducting a basic utility review, developing a project cost estimate through JTA's Owner's Representatives, and coordinating with Jefferson County and Clallam Transit on the property, facility, and future regional transit connections. Limited community engagement has also helped inform the project.

Community and regional support is demonstrated through letters of support from numerous public agencies. These partnerships and commitments demonstrate that the project has broad regional value beyond Jefferson Transit alone and provide a foundation for successful implementation. At this time, JTA is not planning to request additional funding from other governmental or non-governmental organizations, but will continue to leverage existing agency resources, regional partnerships, and community support throughout project development and construction.

Budget Development Methodology

Budget development methodology*:

Jefferson Transit developed the project budget using a preliminary construction cost estimate prepared by the agency's Owner's Representatives. The estimate was developed based on the proposed scope of work and preliminary site plan for the Gateway Visitor Center transit hub, including construction of the bus loop, park-and-ride, passenger facilities, and associated site improvements.

Because the original cost estimate was completed more than one year ago, JTA incorporated a 35% allowance into the preliminary budget to account for soft costs and anticipated escalation in construction and material costs. This provides a reasonable contingency for changes in market conditions as the project advances through final design and construction. The preliminary site plan developed by SCJ Alliance provides the basis for defining the project scope and estimating the improvements required.

The budget is intended to cover the full proposed capital scope, from final design and engineering through permitting and construction. JTA will continue to refine project costs as final design progresses and will use updated cost information to validate the budget before construction procurement. This approach provides a realistic and conservative basis for the grant request while ensuring that necessary project costs are accounted for and that available funding can support completion of the proposed transit hub.

Summary

July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2029

Project Cost:	$2,300,000.00
Match Amount:	$115,000.00
Requested Amount:	$2,185,000.00
Match Percentage:	5.00%

July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2031

Project Cost:	$0.00
Match Amount:	$0.00
Requested Amount:	$0.00
Match Percentage:	0.00%

Total

Total Project Cost:	$2,300,000.00
Match Amount:	$115,000.00
Requested Amount:	$2,185,000.00
Match Percentage:	5.00%

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.

Milestones

Project Activities

Project Activity	Applicable to project?	Completion date (mm/yy)	Notes
Construction			
Preliminary engineering start date	Yes	06/25	

Environmental documentation complete (e.g., NEPA/SEPA)	Yes	09/26	Not complete yet, CE Worksheet completed, awaiting final determination
Property acquisition complete (lease or purchase)	No	10/26	Purchase will be completed once NEPA determination is received.
Contract advertisement	Yes	07/27	
Operationally/substantially complete	Yes	06/29	
Vehicles			
Solicitation (request for proposals or invitation for bid) published	No		
Contract Award/Purchase order	No		
First vehicle accepted	No		
All vehicles accepted	No		
All vehicles placed in service	No		
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 project has no significant known risks that are expected to prevent timely completion. The NEPA process is nearing completion, and because no significant environmental or historical issues have been identified, JTA does not anticipate delays to property acquisition. The acquisition will be ready to proceed once the NEPA determination is received. The preliminary site plan is also well advanced and is expected to be fully completed by the start of the grant biennium in July 2027.

The primary potential risks are unexpected construction cost escalation and contractor availability. JTA has incorporated a 35% allowance into the preliminary project budget to account for soft costs and anticipated escalation, providing flexibility to address changing market conditions. JTA will continue to update and validate project costs as final design progresses and before construction procurement.

Contractor availability will be managed through timely completion of design and permitting and early preparation of the construction solicitation. JTA will coordinate closely with its Owner's Representatives and design team to develop bid documents and establish a procurement schedule that allows sufficient time for competitive bidding. Once construction begins, JTA will use established contract administration and project oversight procedures to monitor progress, costs, and schedule and address issues promptly.

Supplemental Information

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Supplemental Information:

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 project will provide direct and meaningful transportation benefits to vulnerable populations, particularly low-income, rural, and transportation-

disadvantaged residents who rely on public transportation. Jefferson Transit's fare-free service provides a direct financial benefit to low-income riders by eliminating the cost of transit fares. The new regional hub will further reduce transportation barriers by creating a convenient, ADA-accessible connection between Jefferson and Clallam Transit services.

The need for improved regional connectivity has been identified over many years through rider and community feedback, coordination with regional partners, and requests from multiple sources, including Jefferson Transit's Authority Board. The project responds to this longstanding need by creating a safe, purpose-built location where riders can transfer between regional routes without traveling to Port Townsend first. This is particularly meaningful for residents who do not have access to a personal vehicle or cannot afford the costs associated with driving.

The project will also provide indirect environmental benefits by making transit a more practical alternative to individual vehicle travel. The park-and-ride and coordinated regional bus connections can reduce vehicle trips, fuel consumption, and transportation-related emissions by allowing travelers to make longer regional trips by transit. These benefits will improve access to employment, medical care, social services, shopping, and other essential destinations while reducing transportation barriers for vulnerable populations.

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:

JTA has not conducted targeted outreach to vulnerable populations specifically for this project. However, the need for improved regional connectivity has been communicated through public feedback and requests over several years from riders, community members, and other stakeholders. Jefferson Transit's Authority Board has also repeatedly heard and supported requests for a connection between the Strait Shot and Kingston Express.

This longstanding feedback helped establish regional connectivity as a priority and informed the proposed location and project approach. The Gateway Visitor Center provides a safe, accessible, and convenient location for regional transfers while avoiding the need for riders to travel to Port Townsend to make connections. JTA will continue to engage the community and regional partners as the project moves through design, construction, and implementation.

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?: 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	Washington_population_density_2020.png	png	254 KB	08/28/2026 10:12 AM
Service area map	✓	Service Area Map	2026 System Map Rev. 6.26.26.pdf	pdf	696 KB	08/28/2026 10:10 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	Matching Funds Letter ConsCap 27-29.pdf	pdf	37 KB	08/31/2026 11:56 AM
Letter of concurrence (for projects that operate in multiple planning regions)					
Letters of support (combine into one file attachment)	Letters of Support	Letters of Support Combined.pdf	pdf	2 MB	08/28/2026 10:15 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*: Jayme (First Name) Brooke (Last Name)

Title*: Grants & Procurement Coordinator

Date*: 08/31/2026

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CLALLAM TRANSIT

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August 6, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager
Jefferson Transit Authority
63 Four Corners Road
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Washington State Department of Transportation
2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant
Letter of Support for Jefferson Transit Project:
• Purchase of the Gateway Visitor Center from Jefferson County to create a regional transit hub.

Dear Nicole,

Clallam Transit System is pleased to support Jefferson Transit Authority's application for funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

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For these reasons, Clallam Transit System strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,

Jason McNickle
General Manager
Clallam Transit System

CHIMACUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 7, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager, Jefferson Transit
63 Four Corners Road
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Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the Chimacum School District, I strongly support Jefferson Transit Authority's grant applications to sustain and expand public transportation services and infrastructure throughout Jefferson County.

In Chimacum, we know thriving communities depend on people being able to get where they need to go. Reliable public transportation connects families to employment, schools, healthcare, essential services, and one another. This is especially important in a rural county, where students, seniors, people with disabilities, and families with limited transportation options depend on transit and regional connections.

We support Jefferson Transit's efforts to construct a new Facilities Maintenance building and dedicated driver training area. Safe, reliable transportation depends on well-maintained vehicles, strong infrastructure, and well-trained drivers. These investments will strengthen Jefferson Transit's ability to safely and sustainably serve our community.

We also support the purchase and development of the Gateway Visitor Center in Port Ludlow as a regional transit hub. Improved connections with neighboring transit systems will help residents travel throughout the Olympic Peninsula and beyond for work, education, medical care, and other important needs.

Chimacum School District also supports continued operating assistance for East and West Jefferson County service and expansion to Sundays. For families without reliable transportation, seven-day service can make the difference between access to opportunities and essential services and being isolated from them.

Jefferson Transit helps hold our rural communities together by supporting families, employers, schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations. Chimacum School District strongly supports these grant applications and encourages WSDOT to fund these important investments in transportation access, opportunity, and quality of life throughout Jefferson County.

Warmly,

Dr. Scott Mauk, Superintendent

DEEP ROOTS BROAD HORIZONS

Department of Public Works
Jefferson County, Washington

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August 7, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager
Jefferson Transit Authority
63 Four Corners Road
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Re: Washington State Department of Transportation
2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant
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Dear Nicole,

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS is pleased to support Jefferson Transit Authority's application for funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

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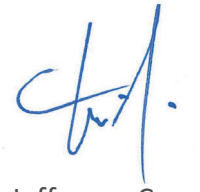
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The Gateway Transit Hub will improve regional mobility, strengthen connections between transit providers, and provide residents and visitors with safer, more convenient access to

public transportation. This project represents an important investment in the future of transportation throughout Jefferson County and the surrounding region.

For these reasons, **JEFFERSON COUNTY]** strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,



Eric Kuzma, Jefferson County Public Works Director

Forks Community Hospital

"Pioneers in Rural Health Care"

August 7th, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager
63 4 Corners Road
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Washington State Department of Transportation 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Letter of Support for Jefferson Transit Project:

- Purchase of the Gateway Visitor Center from Jefferson County to create a regional transit hub.

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For these reasons, Forks Community Hospital strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.
Sincerely,

Heidi Anderson MBA BSN RN
Chief Executive Officer

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Nicole Gauthier
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10 August

Re: Letter of Support for Jefferson Transit Project:
Washington State Department of Transportation
2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant
• Purchase of the Gateway Visitor Center from Jefferson County to create a regional transit hub.

Dear Nicole,

I am pleased to add the City's support to Jefferson Transit Authority's application for funding from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

Residents of Jefferson County rely on regional transit connections to access employment, education, healthcare, and other essential destinations throughout neighboring communities. A frequent request from riders has been a direct connection between Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot. The recently completed roundabout at the intersection of State Routes 104 and 20 makes the Gateway Visitor Center, located at 93 Beaver Valley Road, an ideal location to establish this important regional transfer point.

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The Gateway Transit Hub will improve regional mobility, strengthen connections between transit providers, and provide residents and visitors with safer, more convenient access to public transportation. This project represents an important investment in the future of transportation throughout Jefferson County and the surrounding region.

For these reasons, our City strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,

Tim Fletcher
Mayor

MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY

August 7, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager
Jefferson Transit Authority
63 Four Corners Road
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Support for Jefferson Transit Authority's WSDOT 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant application to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center

Dear Nicole,

Mason Transit Authority is pleased to support Jefferson Transit Authority's application for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant funding to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and develop it as a regional transit hub.

This project will improve regional connections that residents rely on for employment, education, healthcare, and other essential destinations. The Gateway Visitor Center at 93 Beaver Valley Road is well positioned to connect Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express with Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot, especially following completion of the State Routes 104 and 20 roundabout.

Jefferson Transit, Clallam Transit, and Jefferson County have partnered to develop a preliminary site plan that includes a bus loop, park-and-ride facilities, a visitor information kiosk, public restrooms, and enhanced lighting to improve safety and accessibility. This grant funding will allow Jefferson Transit to construct the much-needed regional transportation facility.

The Gateway Transit Hub will strengthen regional mobility and provide safer, more convenient access to public transportation for residents and visitors. Mason Transit Authority strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,

Amy Asher
General Manager
Mason Transit Authority

PORT TOWNSEND
School District
LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

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Dr. Linda Rosenbury

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Nathanael O'Hara
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August 7th, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
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Re: Washington State Department of Transportation
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Dear Nicole,

Port Townsend School District is pleased to support Jefferson Transit Authority's application for funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

Our students, families, and staff rely on regional transit connections to access school, employment, education, healthcare, and other essential destinations throughout neighboring communities. A frequent request from riders has been a direct connection between Jefferson Transit's Route 14 Kingston Express and Clallam Transit's Route 123 Strait Shot. The recently completed roundabout at the intersection of State Routes 104 and 20 makes the Gateway Visitor Center, located at 93 Beaver Valley Road, an ideal location to establish this important regional transfer point.

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The Gateway Transit Hub will improve regional mobility, strengthen connections between transit providers, and provide our school community with safer, more convenient access to public transportation. This project represents an important investment in the future of transportation throughout Jefferson County and the surrounding region.

For these reasons, Port Townsend School District strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,

Linda K Rosenbury

Linda Rosenbury
Superintendent

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August 7, 2026

Nicole Gauthier, General Manager
Jefferson Transit Authority
63 Four Corners Road
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Washington State Department of Transportation
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• Purchase of the Gateway Visitor Center from Jefferson County to create a regional transit hub.

Dear Nicole,

Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 supports Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

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For these reasons, Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,



Joseph Wilson, General Manager

August 27, 2026

Nicole Gauthier
General Manager
Jefferson Transit Authority
63 Four Corners Road
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Ref: Washington State Department of Transportation 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Letter of Support for Jefferson Transit Project:

- Purchase of the Gateway Visitor Center from Jefferson County to create a regional transit hub.

Dear Nicole,

The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) is pleased to support Jefferson Transit Authority's application for funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2027–2029 Consolidated Capital Grant Program to purchase the Gateway Visitor Center property from Jefferson County and transform it into a regional transit hub.

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For these reasons, PRTPO strongly supports this project and encourages WSDOT to fund Jefferson Transit Authority's application.

Sincerely,



Mike French, Vice Chair
Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization

63 Four Corners Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368

August 28, 2026

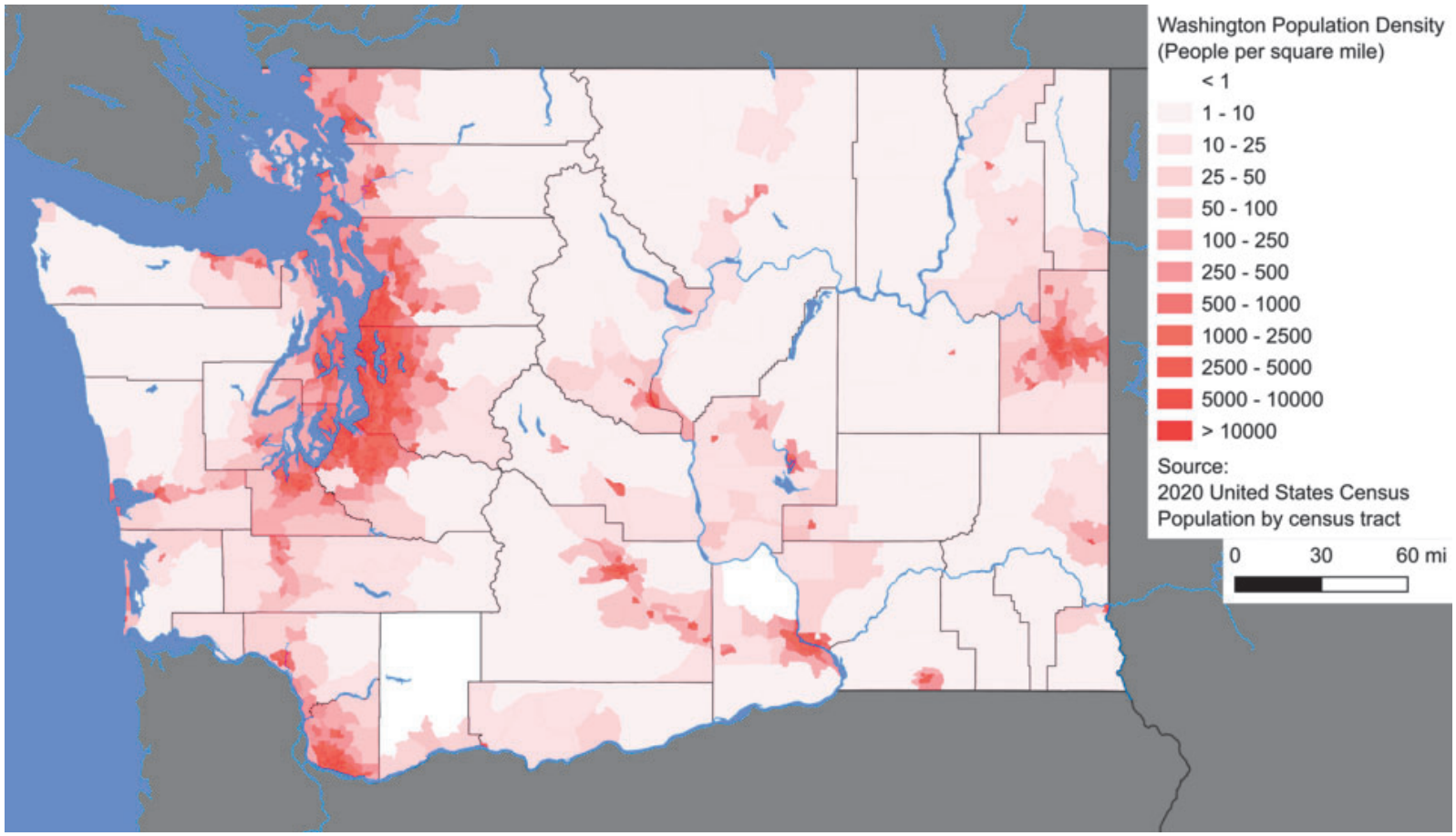
Don Chartock
Washington State Department of Transportation
Public Transportation Division
PO Box 47387, Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Don,

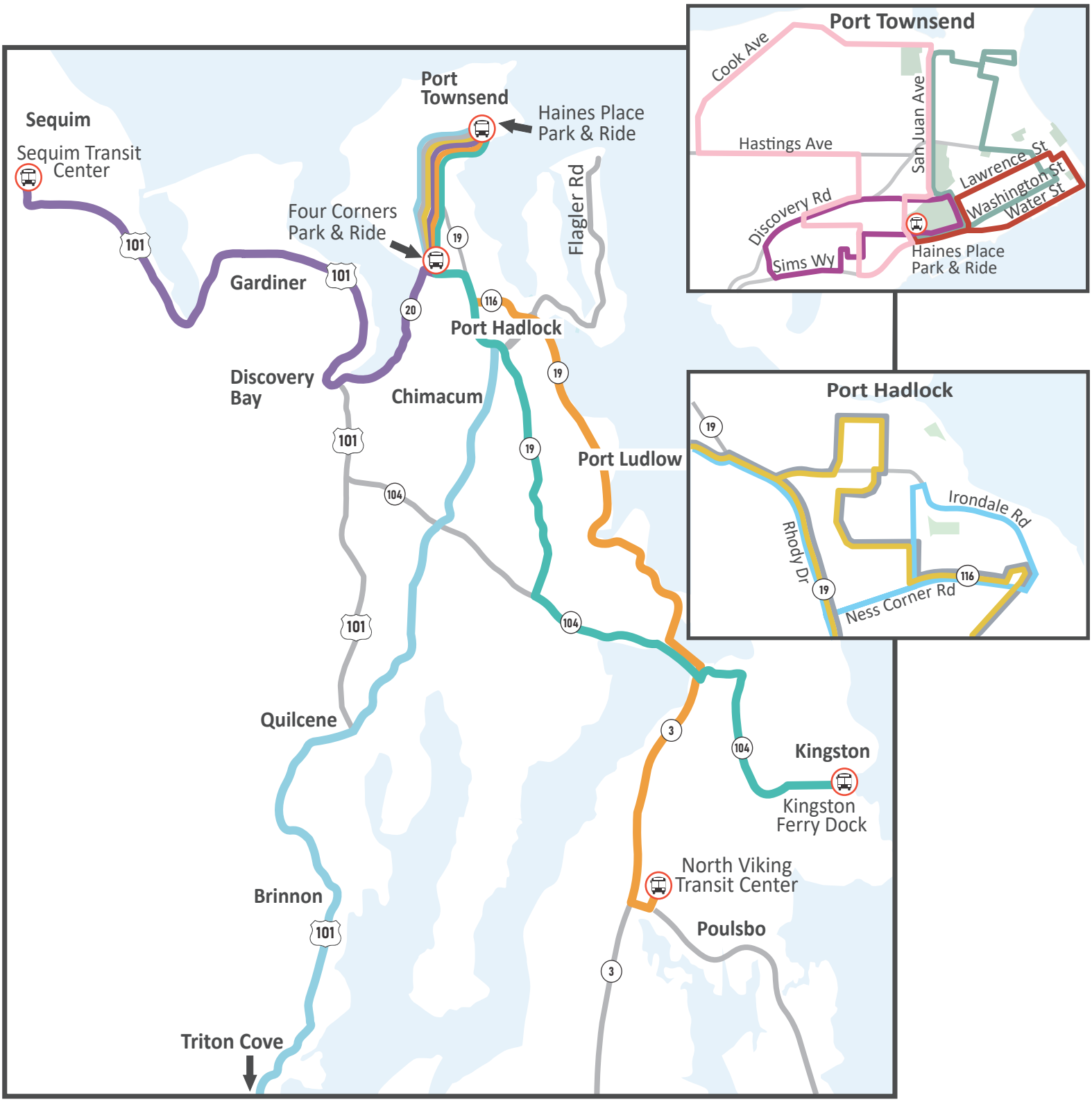
This letter represents a commitment by Jefferson Transit Authority to provide $115,000 in matching support for its Consolidated Capital Grant project entitled "Jefferson Transit Gateway Visitor Center".

Sincerely,

Kari Mathews
Finance Manager, Jefferson Transit Authority


Washington Population Density
(People per square mile)
< 1
1 - 10
10 - 25
25 - 50
50 - 100
100 - 250
250 - 500
500 - 1000
1000 - 2500
2500 - 5000
5000 - 10000
> 10000
Source:
2020 United States Census
Population by census tract
0
30
60 mi

Jefferson Transit System Map



- 1 Brinnon
- 2 Fort Worden
- 3 Castle Hill
- 4 Upper Sims
- 4 Upper Sims
- 6A Tri-Area
- 6B Tri-Area
- 7 Poulsbo
- 8 Sequim
- 11 Shuttle
- 14 Kingston Express