Peninsula RTPO
2022 Consolidated Grants Project

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Project Name: **Paratransit Services - Clallam County**

Organization Name: Clallam Transit

Contact Name: Jim Fetzer

Project Description (from WSDOT form)

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

Project Need (from WSDOT form)

This project will sustain essential paratransit services for the elderly and to persons with disabilities throughout Clallam County. These 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 paratransit services throughout all of Clallam County.

Special Needs Transportation (from WSDOT form)

Clallam Transit 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, 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, and Makah Tribes are located within Clallam County, and therefore it is imperative to provide paratransit and special need transportation services within these communities.

Service Connections with Other Modes and Systems (from WSDOT form)

We coordinate 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, Kitsap, and the Bainbridge/Seattle Ferry system. We recently employed 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.

Paratransit Services - Clallam County

Type of Project
Select one project type

- [x] Operating
  - ( ) Two-year
  - (•) Four-year
- [ ] Capital
  - ( ) Expansion
  - ( ) Replacement
- [ ] Mobility Management
- [ ] Planning

Project Funding Summary

	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (if applicable)
Total Project Cost	$ 4,283,882	$ 4,533,952
Grant Request	$ 2,141,941	$ 2,266,976
Match Amount	$ 2,141,941	$ 2,266,976
Match Percent	50.0%	50.0%

SUPPORT FOR PRTPO HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Applicable HSTP Coordination Strategies this project will support.

NOTE: Ranked projects will be amended into the HSTP upon approval by the Executive Board.

Maintain Existing Transportation Services

- [ ] Maintain and replace vehicles
- [ ] Maintain infrastructure and facilities
- [x] Maintain existing services & recruit/retain operators
- [ ] Coordinate siting of facilities with existing services
- [ ] Sustain shared-cost programs for service providers

Enhance or Expand Transportation Services

- [ ] Increase hours of service
- [ ] Increase days of service
- [ ] Increase frequency of existing service
- [ ] Expand service into new areas
- [ ] Recruit/retain operators, drivers to expand services
- [ ] Enhance or introduce first- / last-mile connections
- [ ] Expand long-distance single-seat services
- [ ] Improve special needs traveler amenities
- [ ] Deploy ZEV benefiting special needs populations
- [ ] Increase broadband access
- [ ] Reduce travel cost as barrier to accessing services
- [ ] Improve NEMT services for discharged patients

Increase Public Awareness of Available Resources

- [ ] Develop and deploy travel training programs
- [ ] Promote existing 2-1-1 call center resources
- [ ] Develop coordinated on-line resources and brochures
- [ ] Promote long-distance one-seat options to target pops
- [ ] Educate human services providers about client travel
- [ ] Establish consolidated call center for travelers

Increase Cooperation, Coordination Among Providers

- [ ] Expand service provider-referral agency communication
- [x] Support coordination between service providers
- [ ] Enhance capacity for coordination scheduling, dispatch
- [ ] Enable vehicle & maintenance sharing agreements
- [ ] Enhance special needs emergency mgmt coordination
- [ ] Expand tribal transit-tribal health service coordination
- [ ] Coordinate services with vets' transportation programs
- [ ] Reduce duplication of services or consolidate services

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Application was submitted on the wrong form but narrative questions are the same.

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	15644-2023-2025 Consolidated Grant Program - Mobility Management
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Oct 27, 2022 3:01 PM
Program Area:	Consolidated Grant Program
Status:	Submitted
Stage:	Final Application
Initial Submit Date:	Oct 26, 2022 8:01 AM
Initially Submitted By:	James Fetzer
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
DUNS #:	118944578 #########
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	VPYGEUTH4UL5
Organization Website:	https://www.clallamtransit.com/ (Please enter http://... for this field)
Physical Address*:	830 W Lauridsen Blvd

	Port Angeles Washington 98363-2300 City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
Mailing Address*:	830 W Lauridsen Blvd
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Fiscal Year End Last day of*:	December

Organization Contact Information

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Organization Director

Name*:	Kevin Gallacci First Name Last Name
	General Manager keving@clallamtransit.com Title Email Address

Applicant Contact

Name*:	Jim Fetzer First Name Last Name
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Summary of Project Information

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Does your mobility management project include the purchase of capital equipment*:	No Capital equipment includes items that have a useful life of more than one year, exceed your organization?s capital cost threshold or $5,000, and are subject to depreciation and inventory records.
Willing to Accept FTA funds for the biennium Checking yes to federal funds means that your organization is willing and able to comply with the associated federal requirements. For an example of last biennium's federal requirements see the Consolidated Grants Program Guidebook. ***:**	Yes

Select all of the Congressional District(s), Legislative District(s) and County(ies) the project will serve.
Congressional & Legislative District map

Congressional District(s)*: 6

Legislative District(s)*: 24

County(ies)*: Clallam

Duration of Project*: Four Years

Dependency on Other Projects

Is this project dependent on any other projects submitted by your organization?	Project Title
No Data for Table	

Scope of Work

Project Description

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

RTPO/MPO*: Peninsula RTPO

Is this project primarily serving a rural area?*: Yes Any service that supports Public Transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000.

Is this project primarily serving the Seattle, Tacoma, Everett urbanized area?*: No

Provide a brief, high-level description of what your project proposes to do (address who, what and where).
This description may be used to describe your project to the Legislature.

Proposed scope/description of the work.*:

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

Why is this project needed, and how does this proposal address the need?

Describe why you are pursuing the proposed project. Include a description of the transportation problem that needs to be addressed, how the problem was identified, and how the proposed project will address the problem.

Need*:

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Describe coordination efforts with your regional planning organization.

Include details such as inclusion in regional plans, what prioritized strategies are being addressed, who was involved in defining the problem, other alternatives that were/are being considered for solving the problem, and demonstrations of local/regional support for implementing the proposed project.

Coordination Efforts*:

Clallam Transit paratransit services are included in the 2022 Peninsula Region Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). The project is also included in the STIP. In the development of the 2022 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.

How does the project advance efficiencies in, accessibility to, or coordination of transportation services provided to persons with special transportation needs?

To be eligible for funding for special needs transportation, RCW 47.01.450 requires that applicants address how their project advances the efficiency, accessibility, and/or coordination of special needs transportation.

Describe how your project advances these areas, and how you are going about developing these advancements. Additionally, identify the special needs population to be served by this project.

Special Needs Transportation:

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For operating, mobility management and capital projects: How will your organization measure whether the project is successful and improves the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation?

Identify data sources and monitoring processes. Explain how the project provides more efficient and effective transportation services to the target population(s) within the community. Describe strategies or steps to be taken if the project does not meet its performance targets.

For Planning Projects: How will your organization measure the planning project?s success?

Identify data sources used in the planning process.

Measurement of Efficiency and Effectiveness*:

Project success is regularly monitored by review of operating statistics by the Clallam Transit staff and by the Clallam Transit Board. Operating statistics including current year passenger boardings, prior year passenger boardings, on-time performance, no-show rates, same day service cancellations, and number of newly approved clients. In addition, service comments and complaints are compiled by staff and investigated and addressed as they are received. If after investigation, a complaint is considered valid, service corrections are implemented as required. CTS ensure that no eligible paratransit trip requests are denied.

How does your project connect to, coordinate with, leverage or enhance other modes of transportation in your service area (i.e., aviation, intercity bus or rail, park and rides, bicycle/pedestrian)?

Describe how this project supports and interacts with other modes of transportation in the project area. Does this project enhance other transportation or social services within your organization or among partners?

What efficiencies will be gained within the service area as a result this project?

Other Modes of Transportation*:

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Identify the project staff for this project. What type of experience do these individuals have with grant management?

Provide the names and experience of the key staff that will be working on this project, including their experience managing projects similar to the proposed project.

Project Staff*:

Kevin Gallacci, General Manager - A seasoned transit professional who has 37 years experience in public transportation at Clallam Transit. Kevin has extensive experience in vehicle maintenance, procurement, and administration. Kevin also has extensive experience in local, state, and federal funding. Jim Fetzer, Operations Manager - A total of 43 years transit experience in operations, maintenance, and administration.

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plans (CPT - HSTP)

Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan	Page number(s) or TBD
Peninsula RTPO	32
Peninsula RTPO	33

Budget

Expenses

Expenses	If Other, Please List	**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (Actual)	**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (Budgeted)	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 (Total of Actual and Budgeted)	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia	**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia
Labor & Benefits		$1,567,387.00	$1,840,997.00	$3,408,384.00	$3,542,504.00	3.94%	$3,748,712.00	5.82%
Fuel & Lubricants		$85,550.00	$74,276.00	$159,826.00	$190,535.00	19.21%	$208,101.00	9.22%
Project Supplies		$724.00	$3,383.00	$4,107.00	$4,320.00	5.19%	$4,162.00	-3.66%
Maintenance Parts & Supplies		$17,214.00	$55,911.00	$73,125.00	$88,139.00	20.53%	$91,251.00	3.53%
Contracted Services - Other		$46,286.00	$92,837.00	$139,123.00	$120,304.00	-13.53%	$133,185.00	10.71%
Overhead		$171,716.00	$206,740.00	$378,456.00	$394,580.00	4.26%	$418,541.00	6.07%
Fares and Donations (must be a negative number)		$-21,730.00	$-24,271.00	$-46,001.00	$-56,500.00	22.82%	$-70,000.00	23.89%
		$1,867,147.00	**$2,249,873.00**	**$4,117,020.00**	**$4,283,882.00**		**$4,533,952.00**	

Revenue and/or Match

Revenue and/or Match Sources	If Other, Please List	**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (Actual)	**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (Budgeted)	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 (Total of Actual and Budgeted)	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 (Projected)	**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Projected)
State: Rural Mobility competitive		$641,143.00	$515,125.00	$1,156,268.00	$0.00	$0.00
Federal: FTA via WSDOT		$225,266.00	$384,805.00	$610,071.00	$0.00	$0.00
Local: Transit sales tax		$1,000,738.00	$1,349,943.00	$2,350,681.00	$2,141,941.00	$2,266,976.00
		$1,867,147.00	**$2,249,873.00**	**$4,117,020.00**	**$2,141,941.00**	**$2,266,976.00**

Summary of Awarded Amount for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

Requested Amount: $2,141,941.00

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Revenue / Match: $2,266,976.00

Variances

Variance between 2021-2023 and 2023-2025: 4.05%

Variance between 2023-2025 and 2025-2027: 5.84%

Variances:

Other Sources

Other Sources*:

Local match to this grant is provided through sales tax revenue allocated to Clallam Transit System.

Comments

Comments*:

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

DBE Goals

DBE Goals	Percentage	Efforts	No DBE
No	0.00%		This service is internally operated so there are limited contracting opportunities. CTS recently completed its DBE program update and has determined that no DBE contract opportunities exist with the current anticipated projects. CTS does check to see if DBE firms are available when seeking vendors for projects. If a potential DBE vendor is identified that can provide the services/products required for the project, they are notified of the contract opportunity and encouraged to bid on the work. .

Summary

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

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Revenue Total: $2,141,941.00

Requested Amount $2,141,941.00
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: Expense Total minus Revenue Total

Percentage of Match: 50.00%

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027

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Requested Amount $2,266,976.00
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Percentage of Match: 50.00%

Measurable Outcomes

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For mobility management, summarize the intended outputs of this project in both qualitative (narrative) and quantitative (statistical) formats.

There may be some projects where traditional performance measures (e.g., revenue vehicle hours/miles, passenger trips) do not apply.
In those cases, quantifiable objectives can be used instead by submitting the following information: number of trainings or outreach, or number of passengers served, or other measurable outcomes produced by this project.

Ensure there is a quantitative output, as this will be the baseline measurement for the following biennium?s application. Qualitative measures are optional.

Intended Outputs*:

The project will support the provision of complimentary ADA 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 (94% or greater), maintaining a no show rate of 6% or less, and a same day cancellation rate of 5% or less.

Milestones

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT	Date (mm/yy)
Project Start	07/23
Project Complete	06/27

Attachments

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Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Copy of organization?s most recent audit report	✓	Audit Report	2021 Audit Report.pdf	pdf	15 MB	10/24/2022 01:35 PM
501(c) IRS Letter of Determination (for new non-profit applicants only)						
WA Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) Certification (for new non-profit applicants who are direct service providers)						
Service area map	✓	Clallam Transit System Map	Clallam System Map.jpg	jpg	144 KB	08/24/2022 10:13 AM
Population density map	✓	Clallam County Population Density Map	ArcGIS - Clallam Transit Density Map.pdf	pdf	249 KB	08/24/2022 10:06 AM
Letters committing matching funds						
In-kind match valuation proposal (only operating and mobility management projects may use in-kind contributions as matching funds)						
Letters of support (combine into one file attachment)		Clallam Transit - Letters of support for paratransit services application	Paratransit letters of support - Consolidated Grant Application.pdf	pdf	263 KB	10/24/2022 05:13 PM
Letter of concurrence (for projects that operate in multiple planning regions)						
Federal Indirect Cost Rate Approval Letter						
Cost Allocation Plan		Cost allocated to wages and benefits.	Cost Allocation Para 23-25.pdf	pdf	113 KB	10/24/2022 01:33 PM

Supplemental Information

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Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities & Tribes - May 2022

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

Identify the type of direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations your project provides using the descriptions above, if any. Explain how your project provides these benefits. Your response may include suggestions about how WSDOT should evaluate project(s) against Climate Commitment Act requirements in the future.

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities*:

Overburdened communities within Clallam County include the Jamestown, Lower Elwha, Makah, and Quileute Tribes. According to the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan Update, 127 tribal members are aged 65 or older, 413 tribal members have a disability, and 590 are considered low income. Clallam County has a total population of 29% of seniors aged 65 or older, 21,715 total, many of whom are dependent on paratransit services. Clallam County has the highest percentage of persons with disabilities in the peninsula region, 9% or 14,748 total. Clallam County also has the highest percentage of American Indian and Alaskan Native populations in the peninsula region, a total of 7% or 5,430 total. While not considered or measured as an overburdened population, the number of zero vehicle households in Clallam County is the highest in the peninsula region, at 7%, which is a good indication of the magnitude of need for transportation services. In overburdened communities in tribal areas, there is a lack of access to basic educational, medical, and shopping services. Clallam Transit provides vital paratransit to these communities that allows access to these lifeline services. In 2021, Clallam Transit provided 27,650 paratransit trips to person in Clallam County. This number was down significantly from the 2019 paratransit ridership figure of 62,823. The COVID 19 Pandemic was the cause of the reduced ridership during 2020 and 2021. Many businesses were limiting customers or were closed altogether. Many tribal centers were closed to the public and travel in and out was quite limited. It is anticipated that paratransit ridership will continue to

rebound to 2019 levels as pandemic ends. This grant will allow Clallam Transit to meet the growing demand for paratransit services, especially in the overburdened communities.

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 are confirming your outreach to the tribe in pursuit of a resolution formally supporting your project :	Yes

Attachments

Tribal support correspondence/resolution:

Certification

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I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application packet 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*:	Kevin Gallacci First Name Last Name
Title*:	General Manager
Date*:	10/26/2022

Clallam Transit Map

USA Counties (Generalized)

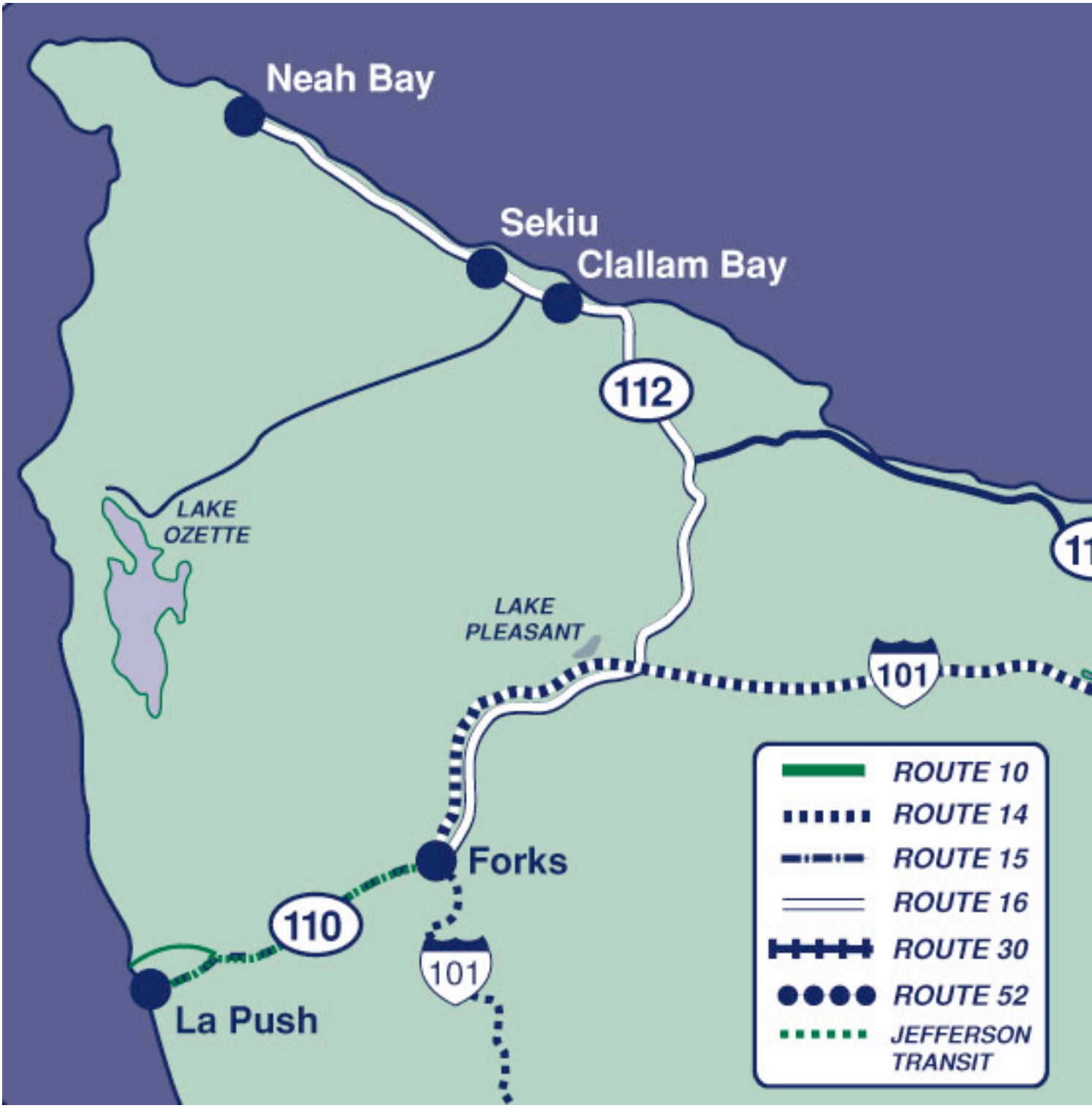
USA Population Density

Persons per square mile by tract

- 100,001 or more people
- 25,001 to 100,000 people
- 10,001 to 25,000 people
- 1,001 to 10,000 people
- 101 to 1,000 people
- 100 or less people
- No population



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September 27, 2022

Kevin E. Gallacci, General Manager
Clallam Transit System
830 West Lauridsen Boulevard
Port Angeles, Washington 98363

RE: Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Grant Program 2023-2027

Dear Mr. Gallacci:

On behalf of the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, we strongly support Clallam Transit System's ("CTS") application for approximately $5,250,000 of operating funds to support continued paratransit operation over the next two biennia. Many individuals and overburdened communities of Clallam County, including the elderly, youth, and disabled, need travel options to access work, medical appointments, education, and other purposes within the county and local public transit modes of service may be their only means of travel.

As traffic volume continues to grow in Clallam County, the need for robust and desirable public transit is so very important to support all the communities within the county. This further extends the need for those who cannot drive, cannot always access fixed-route bus service and greatly depend upon reliable paratransit service. With CTS's fixed-route service expansion plans, this will contribute to and further benefit communities with extended paratransit service availability as this service is mandated to operate in conjunction with fixed-route services.

It is my understanding that paratransit is considerably higher cost service to operate per passenger in comparison to fixed-route service. As needs continue to grow and costs inflate, it becomes even more necessary to augment a portion of this service with operating funds to provide long term sustainability for CTS, this grant will enable CTS to continue to support our many seniors, youth, residents with disabilities and folks who simply do not or who cannot drive and finding their access to jobs and basic services by removing transportation barriers.

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners supports Clallam Transit in applying for this funding opportunity in hopes to provide the best possible solutions for our public transportation and provide operating funding for paratransit service over the next several years.

Sincerely,

Clallam County Board of Commissioners

Mark Ozias, Chair | Randy Johnson | Bill Peach

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CLALLAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

September 13, 2022

Kevin E. Gallacci, General Manager
Clallam Transit System
830 West Lauridsen Boulevard
Port Angeles, Washington 98363

RE: Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Grant Program 2023-2027

Dear Mr. Gallacci:

On behalf of the Clallam County Economic Development Council, we strongly support Clallam Transit System's ("CTS") application for approximately $5,250,000 of operating funds to support continued paratransit operation over the next two biennia. Many individuals and overburdened communities of Clallam County, including the elderly, youth, and disabled, need travel options to access work, medical appointments, education, and other purposes within the county and local public transit modes of service may be their only means of travel.

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Sincerely,

Colleen McAleer
Executive Director

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WASHINGTON, U.S.

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September 15, 2022

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On behalf of the City of Port Angeles, we strongly support Clallam Transit System's ("CTS") application for approximately $5,250,000 of operating funds for continued paratransit operation over the next two biennia. Many individuals in our community, including the elderly, youth, and disabled, need travel options to access work, medical appointments, education, and other purposes within the county and local public transit modes of service may be their only means of travel.

As traffic volume continues to grow in Clallam County, the need for robust and desirable public transit is so very important to support all the communities within the county. This further extends the need for those who cannot drive, cannot always access fixed-route bus service and greatly depend upon reliable paratransit service. With CTS's fixed-route service expansion plans, this will contribute to and further benefit communities with extended paratransit service availability as this service is mandated to operate in conjunction with fixed-route services.

It is my understanding that paratransit is considerably higher cost service to operate per passenger in comparison to fixed-route service. As needs continue to grow and costs inflate, it becomes even more necessary to augment a portion of this service with operating funds to provide long term sustainability for CTS, this grant will enable CTS to continue to support our many seniors, youth, residents with disabilities and folks who simply do not or who cannot drive and finding their access to jobs and basic services by removing transportation barriers.

The City of Port Angeles supports Clallam Transit in applying for this funding opportunity in hopes to provide the best possible solutions for our public transportation and provide operating funding for paratransit service over the next several years.

Sincerely,

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Kevin E. Gallacci, General Manager
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Port Angeles, Washington 98363

13 Oct 2022

RE: Washington State Department of Transportation Consolidated Grant Program 2023-2027

Dear Mr. Gallacci:

On behalf of the City of Forks, I am writing to lend our strong support to Clallam Transit System's ("CTS") application for approximately $5,250,000 of operating funds to support continued paratransit operation over the next two biennia. There are many in Clallam County, including the elderly, youth, and disabled, who are in need of travel options to access work, medical appointments, education, and other purposes. CTS serves as their only means of travel.

The rural nature of our West End further complicates the need for an affordable and reliable means for people to travel across the county. For those who cannot drive and cannot always access fixed-route bus service, CTS' paratransit service is their only viable means of transportation. With CTS's fixed-route service expansion plans, I expect that this will further benefit our West End residents with the proposed extended paratransit service availability operating in conjunction with fixed-route services.

It is my understanding that paratransit is a considerably higher cost service to operate per passenger in comparison to fixed-route service. However, for those of us who live in the West End, not every appointment, class, or workshift easily fits within CTS' fixed route schedule. Augmenting a portion of the paratransit operation will ensure the long term sustainability for CTS. The requested grant will enable CTS to continue to support our many seniors, youth, residents with disabilities and folks who simply do not or who cannot drive. These much needed funds ensure that transportation barriers do not prohibit or curtail our community's members ability to seek the health care, education, commercial or recreation needs they have.

We support Clallam Transit in applying for this funding opportunity in hopes to provide the best possible solutions for our public transportation and provide operating funding for paratransit service over the next several years.

Sincerely,

Tim Fletcher
Mayor

JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

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October 20, 2022

Brian Lagerberg, Director
WSDOT Public Transportation Division
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7387

Re: Support for Clallam Transit System Grant Application

Dear Mr. Lagerberg:

Our Tribe (JST) is pleased to support Clallam Transit System's (CTS) application for approximately $5,250,000 in operating funds to support sustained Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complimentary paratransit operations over the next two biennia. Tribal members living in Clallam County communities, require a variety of travel options to access work, medical appointments, Peninsula College, and other cultural, social, educational, and economic opportunities. CTS's ADA paratransit services and fixed route public transportation could be their only means of travel.

A significant portion of the Tribe's enterprises and facilities, many of which provide critical medical services, are located in Sequim, WA. The Healing Clinic and the Family Health Center directly rely on paratransit services for those who cannot drive and find fixed-route bus service inaccessible. JST greatly depends upon reliable paratransit service with accurate windows of arrival and departure. JST is looking forward to CTS's fixed-route service expansion plans in 2023 which would increase paratransit service coverage, further benefiting Sequim and Port Angeles client base.

It is my understanding that paratransit in general is a considerably higher cost per passenger in comparison with fixed-route service. As ADA eligible passengers continue to grow and costs inflate, it becomes necessary to augment sales tax revenues with grant funds to provide long term sustainability for CTS. This grant request is consistent with the locally adopted 2022 Human Services Transportation Plan and will enable CTS to sustain its entire operations for the next four years.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe continues to partner with CTS and fully supports this grant application for approximately $5,250,000.

Sincerely,

W. Ron Allen

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO