

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, on average public transit provides more than 100 million passenger trips in Washington each year; and
- WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington, the transformative transportation package passed in 2022, will invest more than \$3 billion in transit programs and projects over 16 years; and
- WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington also established the first-in-the-nation Youth Ride Free program, which provides zero-cost fare to more than 1.4 million young people across Washington, reducing a major barrier to transit access. In the first three months alone of this program, passengers 18 and undertook nearly 7 million trips; and
- WHEREAS, recent research shows that 1 in 4 adults in the United States suffers from transportation insecurity, suggesting millions of Washingtonians can't regularly move from place to place in a safe or timely manner because they lack the resources necessary for transportation; and
- WHEREAS, transit provides essential trips and essential jobs for People of color and low-income individuals. Among urban residents, Black, Latinx, and foreign-born community members are more likely to take public transit daily or weekly. During COVID, ridership remained highest on routes that serve communities of color. In American cities, people of color account for a disproportionate share of the 2.8 million essential workers who usually commute on transit. Among frontline transit workers, a greater share is Black or Latinx, or are from low-income households; and
- WHEREAS, investment in transit can yield 49,700 jobs per \$1 billion invested, and offers a 5 to 1 economic return; and
- WHEREAS, a 2021 study from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concluded that the energy saved by passengers in the US using public transit rather than personal vehicles saved 63 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2018 — roughly the equivalent of taking 16 coal-fired power plants offline for a year; and
- WHEREAS, C-TRAN has provided public transportation in Clark County since 1981, today operating Local, Regional and Express fixed-route bus service, C-VAN paratransit service, and The Current on-demand service; and
- WHEREAS, C-TRAN provides cost- effective, safe, and accessible public transportation that empowers the community by providing mobility options that connects them with places of employment, education, health care, shopping, entertainment, recreation, social and religious function.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the Month of June as:

“ Ride Transit Month ”

in the City of Vancouver and encourages the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other applicable entities, along with the people of the United States, to observe Ride Transit Month with appropriate events and activities to promote public transportation



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 3rd day of June 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR