



SYSTEM REDESIGN – Phase 3

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Phase 2 September 2025

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Route 600
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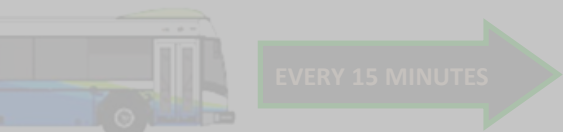
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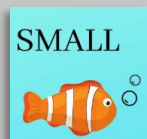
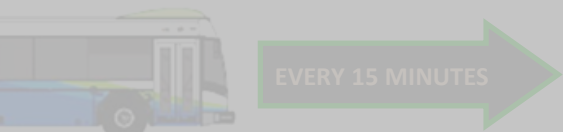
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Bus Rapid Transit – Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, is a high-frequency bus-based transit system that delivers fast, direct, comfortable and cost-effective service. IT will dedicate funds to implement a future BRT line on the Martin Way Corridor from Olympia to Marvin Road.

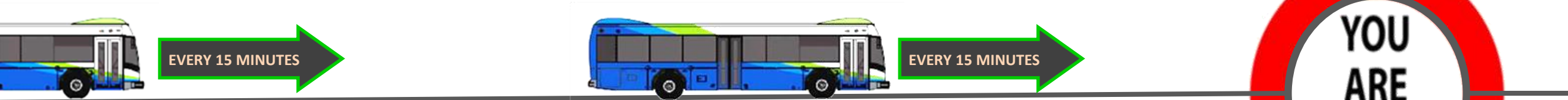




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Extended Span of Service	✓				
Improved Frequency	✓				
Enhanced Commuter Service		✓			
Bus Rapid Transit			✓		
Service to New Areas			✓		
Fare-Collection Efficiencies				✓	
Enhanced Capital Facilities				✓	
Maintain On-Time Performance				✓	
Night Owl Service					✓



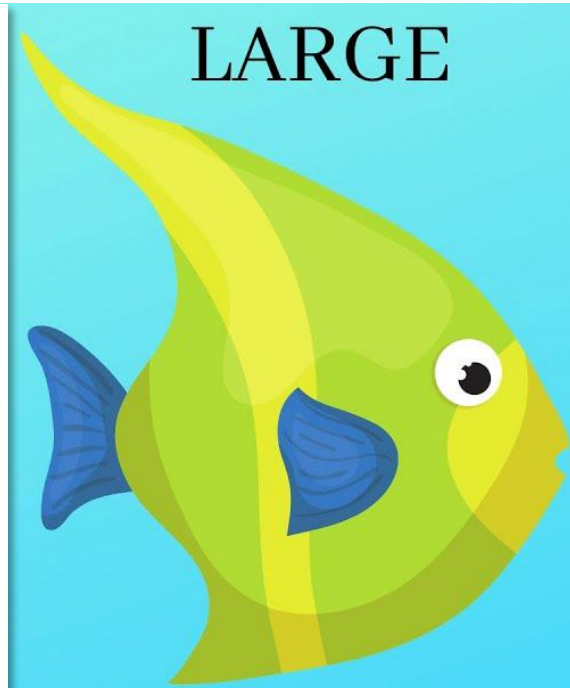
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Public
Comment

October - November 2025

- October 1 – Schedule a public hearing, begin comment period
- November 14 – end comment period

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Board Action

November - December 2025

- November 17 – CAC Recommendation
- December 3 – ITA Adoption of Service Summary & Analysis

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Key takeaways

- Encourage public awareness
- Refer stakeholders to the website
- Redesign incorporates years of rider and community feedback
- Preservation of access at nearly every stop
- A regional planning effort
- Substantial fulfillment of Proposition 1 elements
- A new baseline from which to consider future changes to service



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