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Jefferson Transit is Developing a Climate Action Plan

Shaping a sustainable and resilient future for transportation in Jefferson County

Port Townsend, Washington – Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, with far-reaching impacts on our environment, economy, and quality of life. Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) is committed to addressing this challenge by fostering a more sustainable and resilient transportation system that benefits the community and future generations.

As part of this commitment, JTA is developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to guide our efforts in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting clean and efficient transit options throughout Jefferson County, and enhancing our community’s resilience to climate change impacts. A consultant team, led by Peak Sustainability Group, is developing the CAP through a collaborative and iterative process of research, engagement, and refinement. Work began in January 2024 to produce a final CAP by the end of the year.

The community will have several opportunities to contribute to the CAP. The first opportunity for input is through a survey , open until 5 pm on June 7th. The feedback, ideas, and insights received will help shape JTA’s CAP to ensure that it reflects the needs and priorities of the community.

To participate in the survey, please visit bit.ly/4cSQrMS for the online version or <http://www.jeffersontransit.com/climate-action-plan> for the locations where paper copies are available.

In the months ahead, additional opportunities for input will be available through focus groups and a public open house. Further details about the CAP and upcoming engagement events can be found at <http://www.jeffersontransit.com/climate-action-plan>.

“Our vision is a future where all Jefferson County community members have access to a low-emissions public transit system that keeps our community thriving and connected while building resilience to climate change impacts. In this future, transit is not only an option but a natural choice for our community” said Nicole Gauthier, General Manager.

About Jefferson Transit Authority

JTA is a countywide public transit system with a mission to provide safe, reliable, comfortable public transportation service in Jefferson County that is cost-effective, reduces energy consumption, and contributes to the cultural, environmental, and economic betterment of the residents of Jefferson County.

Jefferson Transit's service area spans 259 square miles and supports County residents, tourists, and people passing through to neighboring counties. JTA provides transit in higher-density areas like Port Townsend and the Tri-Area as well as providing rural connections between regional destinations like Forks to Amanda Park and Port Townsend to Sequim, Brinnon, and Poulsbo.