



## PRESS RELEASE

### Kitsap Transit earns WellCity award

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Kitsap Transit has been named one of 114 local governments to earn the distinguished WellCity designation for 2019 from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This recognition is bestowed on entities that demonstrate a commitment to employee health and meet the stringent WellCity standards.



“Our ability to deliver safe, reliable, and convenient service each and every day depends on the health and well-being of our employees,” said John Clauson, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit. “In a competitive job market, we also know that a happy and healthy employee is likely to be a team member for a long time, reducing Kitsap Transit’s turnover and training expenses. Thank you to AWC for honoring us with the WellCity Award.”

WellCity Award recipients earn a 2 percent discount on their medical premiums in the AWC Employee Benefit Trust, Washington State’s largest local government employee health benefit pool for cities, towns and other local governments. The Trust provides health benefits to more than 260 public entities and more than 36,000 employees and family members across the state.

“Employers that place employee health among their core values and demonstrate that belief through healthy workplace policies, environments, and wellness programs, empower their employees to value and maintain good health,” said Peter B. King, AWC Chief Executive Officer. “Both the employer and the community benefit from more productive employees. It’s a win for everyone.”

A complete list of the cities and public entities that earned this year’s award can be found at [wacities.org/wellcity](http://wacities.org/wellcity).

#### **About Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.8 million riders in 2018 across a multi-modal system of routed buses,

passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

**Hablar español?**

Por favor llame al 1-800-501-7433 durante las horas normales de oficina. El personal de servicios al cliente se conectará con un intérprete para ayudarle a responder sus preguntas.

**Nagsasalita ka ba ng Tagalog?**

Paki-tawagan ang numero 1-800-501-7433 normal na oras ng trabaho. Customer Service kawani ay kumonekta sa isang taga interpretor upang tulungan sagutin ang iyong katanungan.

**About AWC**

AWC serves its members through advocacy, education, and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that advocates on behalf of cities and towns, provides training, and pooling programs such as the AWC Employee Benefit Trust. AWC created the AWC Employee Benefit Trust in 1969 to assist cities in meeting state-imposed medical coverage mandates for local law enforcement officers and firefighters.

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