Selah Transit Development Plan 2024-2029 and 2022-2023 Annual Report

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Public Hearing

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Section 1: Introduction

The Transportation Development Plan 2024 - 2029 provides updated information and forecasts to the Washington State Department of Transportation on Selah Transit's current components and accomplishments as well as proposed action strategies for 2024 - 2029.

This document is also used to notify the public about projects, which have been completed, are in process, or are planned for the future. Following a public hearing, the Selah City Council will approve this plan before this document goes into effect.

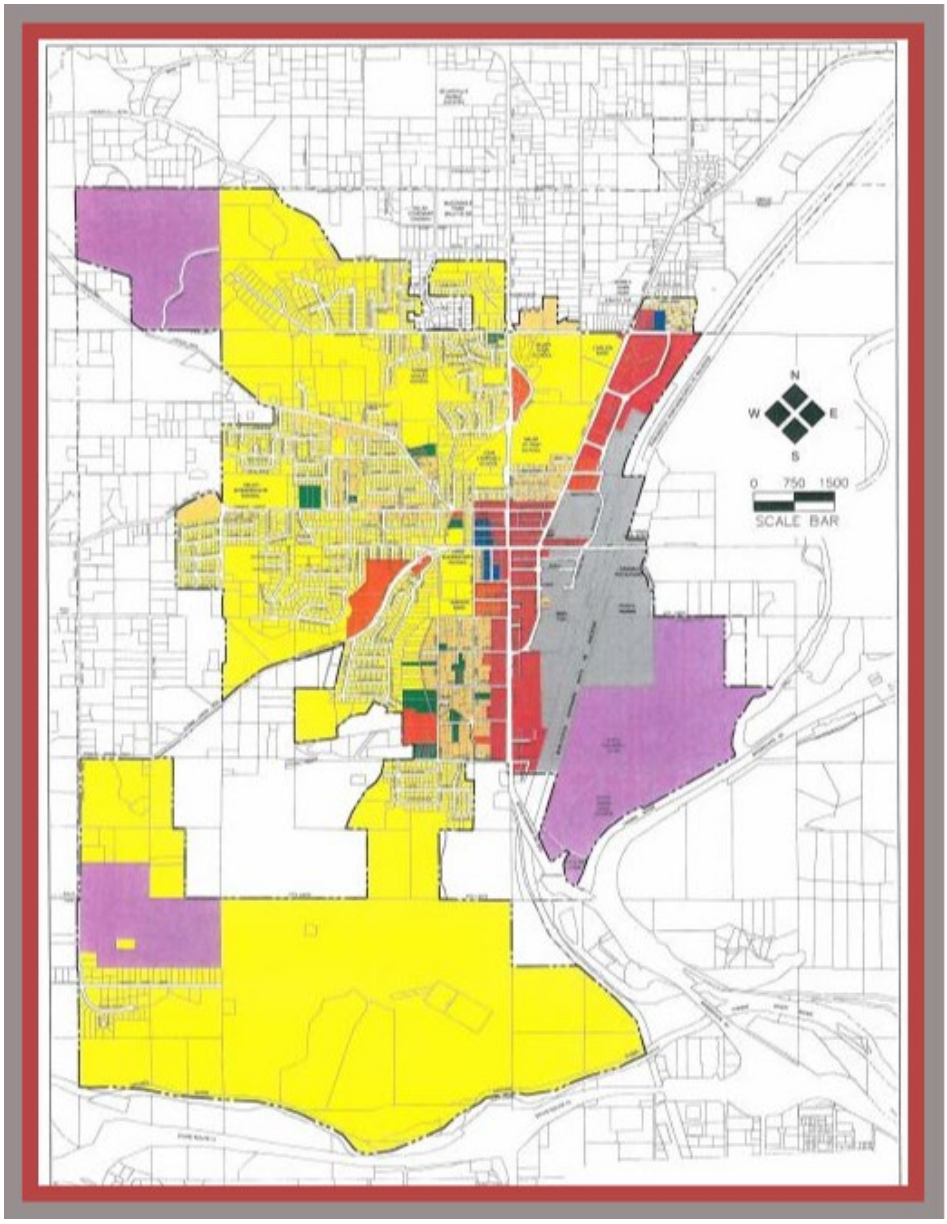
Section 2: History

Selah was officially incorporated on April 3, 1919. Selah has a strong major form of government. Selah's base economic activity primarily consists of fruit warehousing/processing facilities due to the proximity of fruit orchards in the nearby Wenas Valley and access to regional railroad and roadway systems for shipment to markets.

Selah's Transit services are funded by a voter-approved 0.3% sales tax in 2007. In 2009 the City of Selah began public transit service through a contract with Yakima Transit providing fixed routes and Paratransit services. In May 2018 the City of Selah ended its contract with Yakima Transit and contracted with Medstar Transportation to provide both fixed route and paratransit services.

Section 3: Location

Selah covers 4.37 square miles (2796.5 acres), with a population of 8,309. It is located in Yakima County, which spans 4,296.1 square miles – the second-largest land area and seventh-largest population area in Washington State, with a population of 260,778.



Section 4: Organization

Selah Transit is a municipal transit system as authorized in RCW 35.58.2795.

The Selah City Council governs Selah Transit.

Selah Transit is a municipal transit system as authorized in RCW 35.58.2795 and is located in Yakima County. The City of Selah does not have any transit-specific employees dedicated to Selah's Transit operations. Selah's transit-related staff consists of administrative personnel that support the City as a whole, including positions from City Hall and Public Works. The Selah City Administrator oversees Transit contracts transit services for both fixed route and paratransit ADA services with Medstar Transportation.

As of 4/21/2023, Selah Transit's contractor employed:

1 full-time employee in the operations division

5 full-time equivalents in the Dial-A-Ride Paratransit division

.5 full time equivalent in the maintenance division

.5 full time equivalent in the administration division

.5 full-time equivalent employed by The City of Selah transit division

7.5 Total Transit employees

Section 5: Physical Plant

The contractor's facility is located at 1904 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, WA 98902. Their contracted services provider Medstar Transportation owns the building.

Section 6: Service Characteristics

Selah Transit operates 2 fixed-route buses. The Selah Route operates within the City of Selah Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:07 p.m. The Selah/Yakima Route operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:33 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:31 p.m. Each route has a midday break in the schedule. There are no fixed route services on Sundays or federal holidays.

Dial-A-Ride Paratransit service operates the same service hours as the fixed-route service.

For further details on our local fixed route services or Dial A Ride rules and applications, please visit us at https://selahwa.gov or www.gomedstar.com or see the back section of the Yakima Transit Bus book.

The vehicles are owned and operated by Medstar Transportation and include a combination of ADA accessible

passenger cutaway chassis vehicles and Grand Caravan minivans. Because all vehicles used in the provision of transit services are purchased and owned by the contractor and not the City of Selah, there is no listing for capital expenditures for buses in this plan. When vehicles are listed as additions to or replacements of vehicles used for transit purposes, it is for fleet description only and no Capital funds are used at this time but could be considered in the future.

Selah Transit Fare Structure per Boarding (effective January 1, 2019)

Fixed Route Day Pass - Selah Residents……$1.00
Fixed Route Monthly Pass - Selah Residents 18 and older……$15.00
Fixed Route Day Pass - Non-Selah Residents……$1.00
Fixed Route Monthly Pass - Non-Selah Residents 18 and older……$30.00
Fixed Route Monthly Youth Rate for 6 to 18 years old……$10.00
Dial A Ride Boarding……$2.00
Dial A Ride Ticket Books……$20.00
Children 5 and under ……Free

Section 7: Service Connections

Selah Transit connects with Yakima Transit routes 3 and 4 at 40th Ave and N 16th Ave. It also connects with route 7 at 40th Ave and Route 8 at N 16th Ave. Selah Transit connects with Union Gap Transit at the Sears passenger shelter on Valley Mall Blvd and Main St as well as connections with Pahto Public M-F at 10:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and again at 5:10 p.m. These connector routes meet up with the Ellensburg Commuter, CWA Airporter Shuttle for trips to Seattle, and the Community Connector for trips throughout Yakima County as well as connections to Ben Franklin Transit.

Selah Transit offers Dial A Ride services within the City of Selah and to and from the city limits of Yakima and Union Gap.

Section 8: Service Development & Improvements

- The contractor will continue to work closely with the City of Selah to promote Selah Transit, emphasizing increasing fixed-route ridership. Use surveys to improve routes.
- The contractor will work with the City of Selah to promote local businesses.
- Use innovative software to streamline operations and efficiencies.
- Mobility management.
- Micro Transit to transport residents to fixed-route connections.

Section 9: Selah Transit Development Plan & WSDOT - Operating & Investment Guidelines:

Preservation: Continue to meet all the requirements of the ADA as it applies to fixed-route and paratransit services. Maintain or increase levels of service, and try to add more alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles.

Safety: The continued modernization of the vehicle fleets including fleet software will improve system safety by enlisting the latest safety-related technology, securement, and maintenance systems. The installation of new bus shelters will also improve system safety by providing a waiting area that is both well-lit and away from traffic.

Mobility: All Selah Transit vehicles are ADA-accessible vehicles equipped with Q'Straint securement systems. This allows total accessibility for those who can access the fixed route systems as well as for those residents who use paratransit services.

Environment: By the year 2029, we hope to have converted all transit vehicles to hybrid or alternative fuel technology to enhance a healthy community, promote energy conservation and protect our environment.

Stewardship: It is the intent of Selah Transit, to work towards greater efficiency and to improve the quality of our on-demand transportation services with efficient routes and studies for future investment in micro-transit services for local and outlying businesses. This could include an on-demand rider App that allows riders to easily view the ETA of each vehicle in real-time.

Section 10: Plan Assumptions

Population – According to the 2022 census report, the Selah Transit service area population is 8,180.

1. **Sales Tax:** We are expecting Sales Tax to increase at a rate of 1.5% through 2029.
2. **Inflation Factor:** Medstar Transportations wage and salary costs will increase by 6.00% per year throughout the plan due to Washington State Minimum Law potential changes. All other costs will increase at an estimated 2.50% per year throughout the plan.
3. **Fixed Route Bus Service:** In 2023 Selah Transit will provide approximately 5,597 hours of revenue service. Ridership will be consistent through 2029.

Figure 1: **Monthly Ridership**

Depicts the month ridership totals since the implementation of services by Medstar Transportation through 2023.

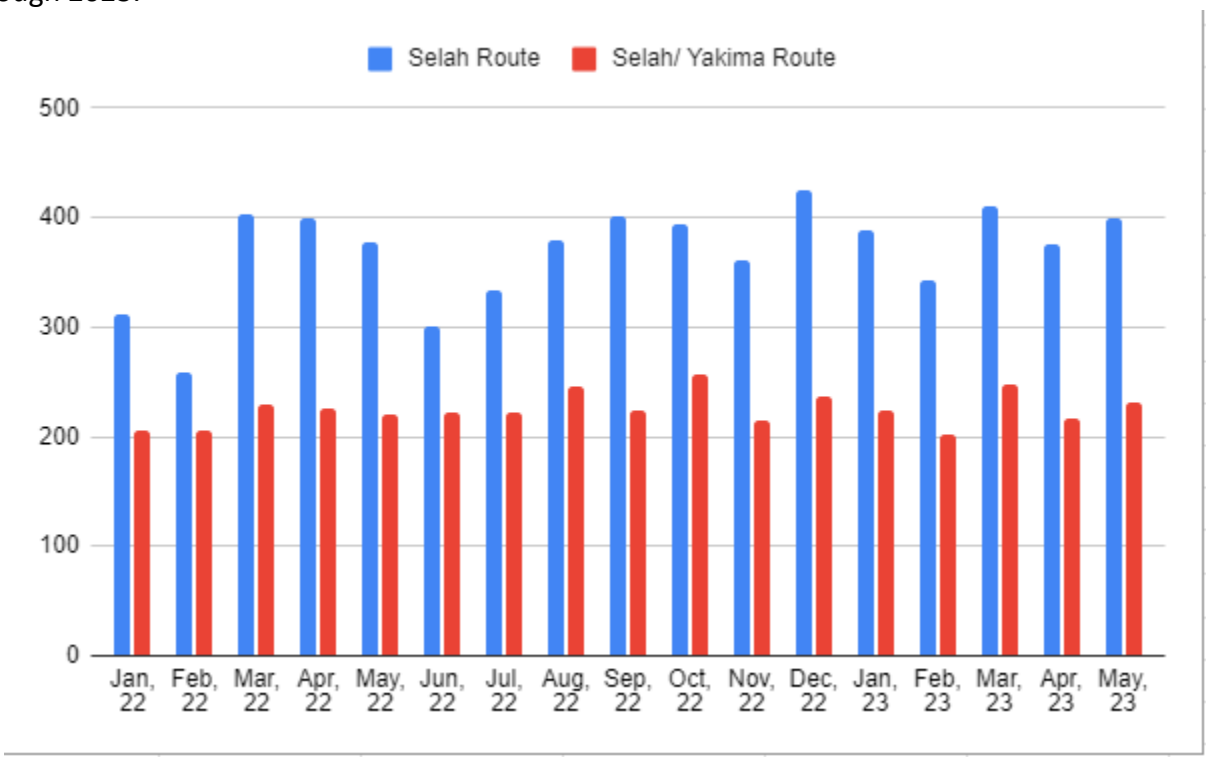


Figure 2: Selah Transit Route Daily Average by Month

The graph depicts boarding/exits per day by an average by day through 2023.

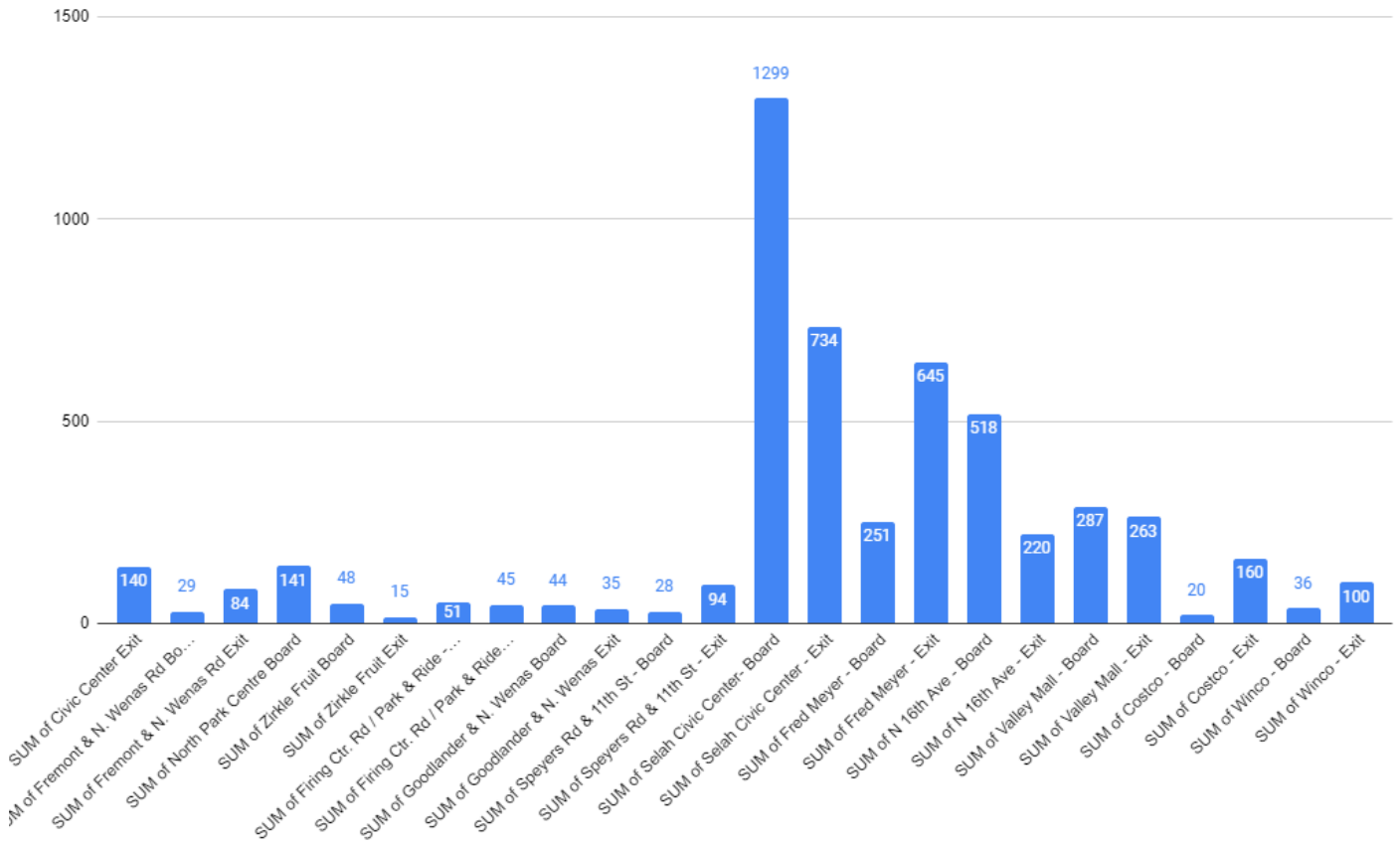
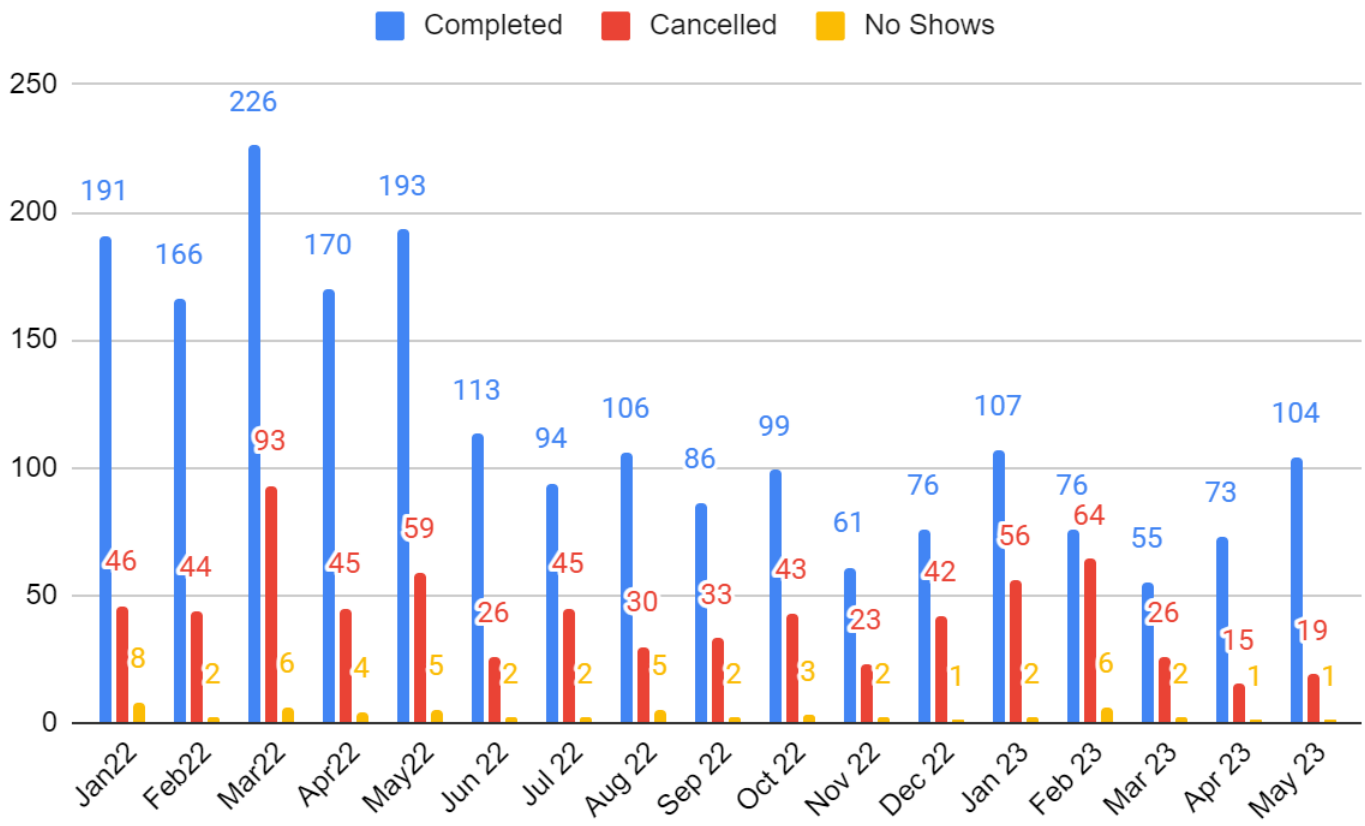


Figure 4: Dial-A-Ride ADA Paratransit Service

Selah Transit will provide 5231 revenue hours of service in 2023, and forecast it will increase at a rate of 1% each year through 2029.

Dial A Ride Total Boardings May 22 through May 23.



Section 11: Operating Data 2022 Actual - 2023 – 2029 Estimated

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Revenue vehicle miles	96,954	97,924	98,903	99,892	100,891	101,900	102,919	103,948
Total vehicle miles	108,937	110,026	111,127	112,238	113,360	114,494	115,639	116,795
Revenue vehicle hours	5,542	5,597	5,653	5,710	5,767	5,825	5,883	5,942
Total vehicle hours	5,819	5,819	5,819	5,819	5,819	5,819	5,819	5,819
Passenger trips	4,617	4,663	4,710	4,757	4,804	4,853	4,901	4,950
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reportable injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gasoline fuel Consumed (gal)	15,368	15,522	15,677	15,834	15,992	16,152	16,313	16,477
Dial-A-Ride Service								
Revenue vehicle miles	49,875	50,374	50,877	51,386	51,900	52,419	52,943	53,473
Total vehicle miles	56,039	56,599	57,165	57,737	58,314	58,898	59,487	60,081
Revenue vehicle hours	4,223	4,223	4,223	4,223	4,223	4,223	4,223	4,223
Total vehicle hours	4,745	4,745	4,745	4,745	4,745	4,745	4,745	4,745
Passenger trips	2,697	2,724	2,751	2,779	2,807	2,835	2,863	2,892
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reportable injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gasoline fuel Consumed (gal)	1,695	1,712	1,729	1,746	1,764	1,781	1,799	1,817

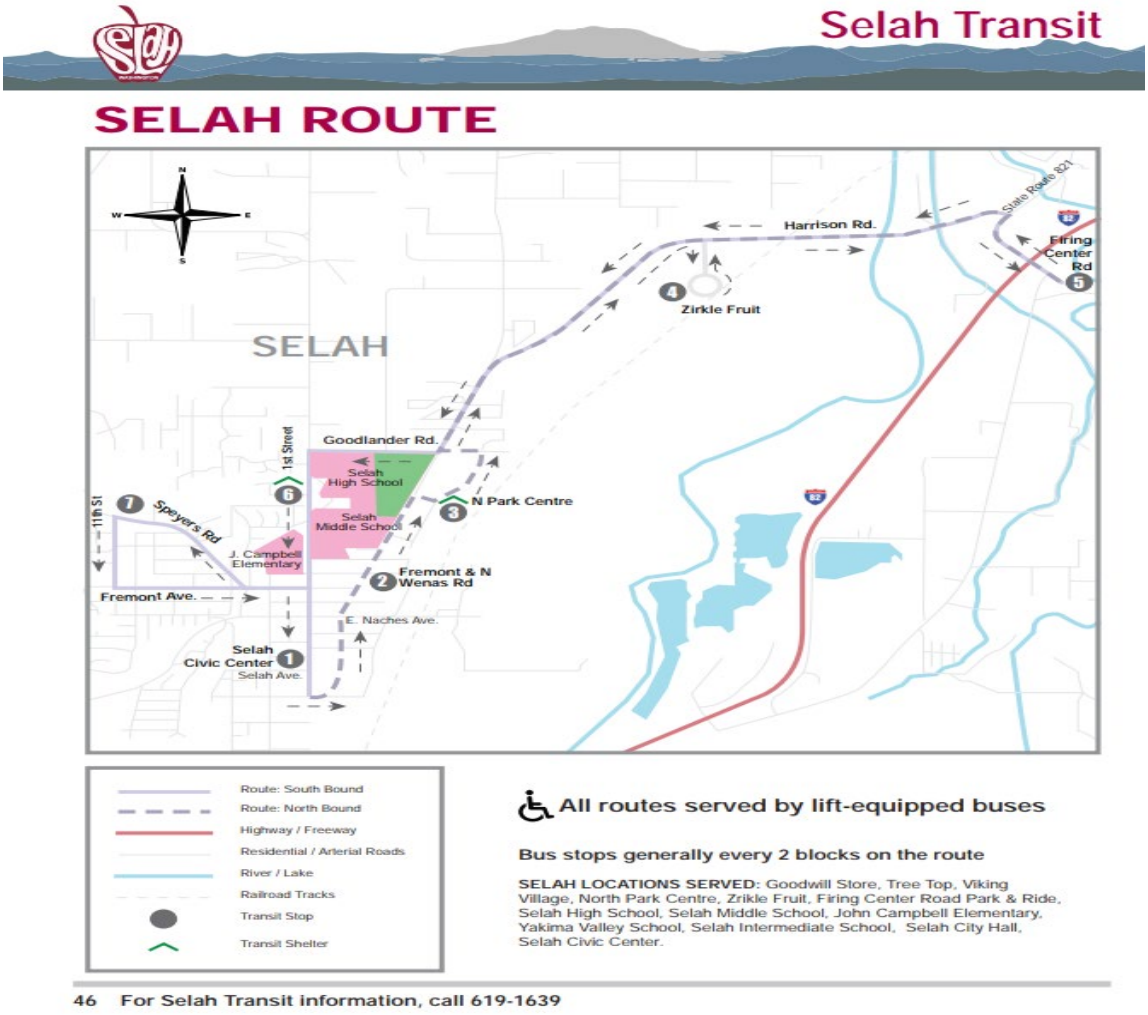
Section 12: Selah Transit - Operating Revenues and Expenditures 2022-2029(All figures in whole dollars)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Beginning Balance	665,364	639432	673769	709951	748075	788247	830576	875178
Revenues								
Sales Tax	675214	600000	609000	618135	627407	636818	646370	656066
Federal Operating Grants								
WSDOT Grants	16930							
Other	11508	11000	11220	11444	11673	11907	12145	12388
Total Available	1369016	1398094	1446198	1496480	1549052	1604030	1661537	921,502
Operating Expenses								
Contracted Fixed Route	229700	233146	236643	240192	243795	247452	251164	254931
Contracted Paratransit ADA	56360	57205	58063	58934	59818	60716	61626	62551
Contracted Commuter YAK-ELL	16,000	16,240	16,484	16,731	16,982	17,237	17,495	17,758
Administration	118813	121783	124828	127949	131147	134426	137787	141231
Total Expenses	420873	428374	446018	443806	451743	459830	468072	476471
Net Cash Available	948143	822058	857972	895724	935413	977141	1021019	1067160
Capital Revenue								
Sales Tax Revenue								
WSDOT Grant - Capital								
Other								
Total Capital Revenue								
Capital Expenditures								
Minor Equipment								
Facilities	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Shelters/Benches/Signs								
Transfer Out OP	297711							
Total Capital Expenditures	308711	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Ending Cash Balance 12/31	639432	811058	846972	884724	924413	966141	1010019	1056160

Section 13: List of Equipment

Year	Make	Model	VIN #	Seats	Lift/Ramp	Vehicle #
2001	Ford	E-350	1FDWE35L41HB26683	8	YES	111
2017	Ford	E-350	1FDEE3FS6HDC15500	12	YES	112
1993	Ford	E-350	1FDKE30G2PHB98810	12	YES	113
2006	Ford	E-350	1FDWE35L16DA47499	11	YES	115
2017	Dodge	Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBG5HR860010	3	YES	77
2017	Ford	E-350	1FDEE3FS0HDC01219	8	Yes	117

Section 13: Route Maps, Schedules, and Rules



Selah Transit

Selah Route - **Monday thru Friday** | Ruta de Selah - Lunes a Viernes

	Selah Civic Center	Fremont & N. Wenas Rd.	North Park Centre	Zirkle Fruit	Selah Firing Ctr. Rd. Park & Ride	Selah High School N. 1st St.	Speyers Rd. & 11th St.	Selah Civic Center
AM	6:45	6:52	6:54	6:57	7:02	7:05	7:10	7:15
	7:20	7:27	7:29	7:32	--	7:37	7:42	7:47
	7:52	7:59	8:01	8:04	--	8:09	8:14	8:19
	8:24	8:31	8:33	8:36	--	8:41	8:46	8:51
	8:56	9:03	9:05	9:08	--	9:13	9:18	9:23
	9:28	9:35	9:37	9:40	--	9:45	9:50	9:55
	10:00	10:07	10:09	10:12	--	10:17	10:22	10:27
	10:32	10:39	10:41	10:44	--	10:49	10:54	10:59
	11:04	11:11	11:13	11:16	--	11:21	11:26	11:31
PM	1:30	1:37	1:39	1:42	--	1:47	1:52	1:57
	2:02	2:09	2:11	2:14	2:19	2:22	2:27	2:32
	2:37	2:44	2:46	2:49	--	2:54	2:59	3:04
	3:09	3:16	3:18	3:21	--	3:26	3:31	3:36
	3:41	3:48	3:50	3:53	3:58	4:01	4:06	4:11
	4:16	4:23	4:25	4:28	--	4:33	4:38	4:43
	4:48	4:55	4:57	5:00	5:05	5:08	5:13	5:18
	5:23	5:30	5:32	5:35	--	5:40	5:45	5:50

Selah Route - **Saturday** | Ruta de Selah - Sábado

	Selah Civic Center	Fremont & N. Wenas Rd.	North Park Centre	Zirkle Fruit	Selah Firing Ctr. Rd. Park & Ride	Selah High School N. 1st St.	Speyers Rd. & 11th St.	Selah Civic Center
AM	10:30	10:37	10:39	10:42	--	10:47	10:52	10:57
	11:02	11:09	11:11	11:14	--	11:19	11:24	11:29
	11:34	11:41	11:43	11:46	--	11:51	11:56	12:01
PM	2:00	2:07	2:09	2:12	--	2:17	2:22	2:27
	2:32	2:39	2:41	2:44	--	2:49	2:54	2:59
	3:04	3:11	3:13	3:16	--	3:21	3:26	3:31
	3:36	3:43	3:45	3:48	--	3:53	3:58	4:03
	4:08	4:15	4:17	4:20	--	4:25	4:30	4:35
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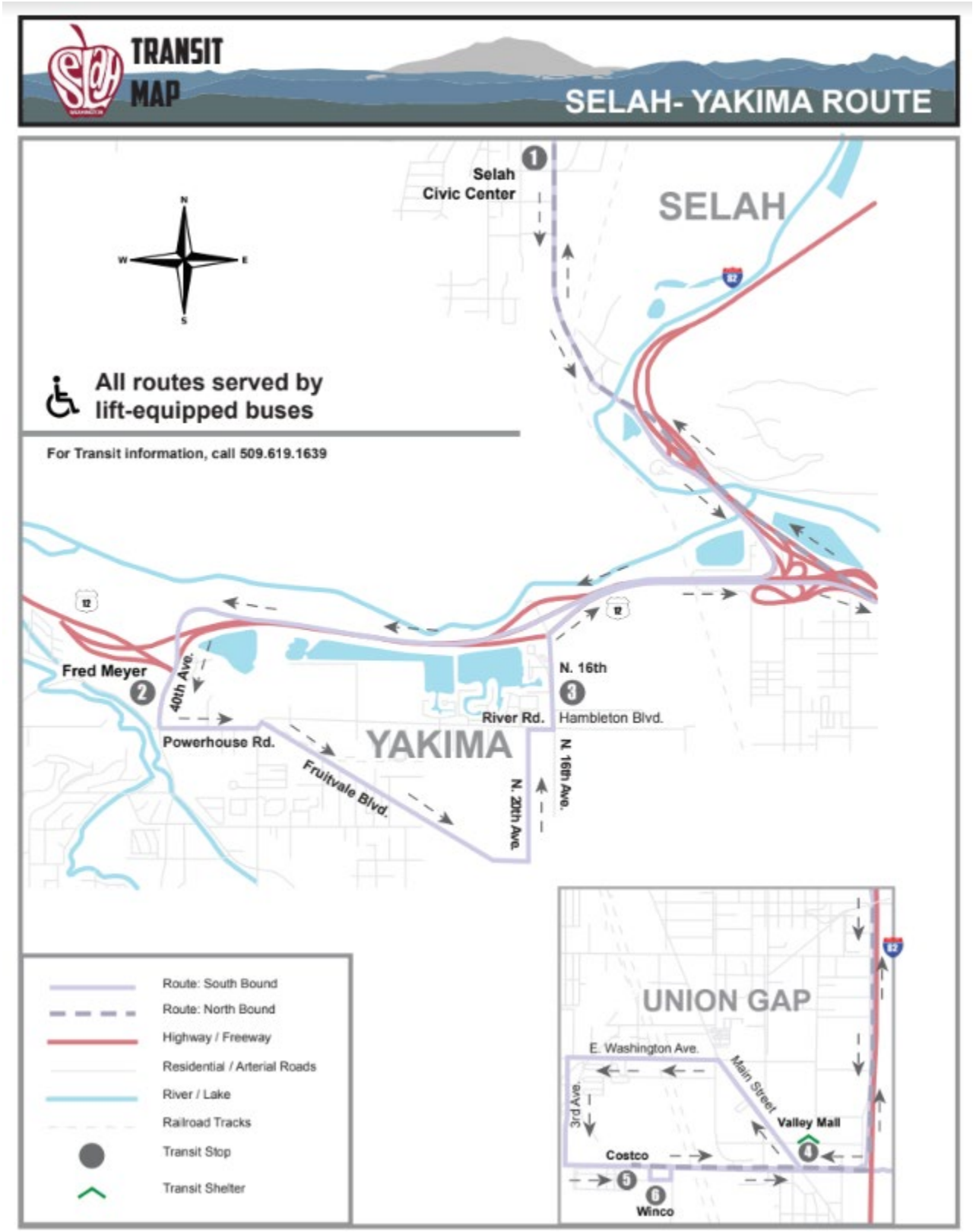
Selah - Yakima Route



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Selah/Yakima Route - **Monday thru Friday** | Ruta de Selah y Yakima - Lunes a Viernes

	Departs Selah Civic Center	Fred Meyer	North 16th Ave.	Valley Mall	Costco	Winco	Arives Selah Civic Center
AM	6:30	6:40	6:48	7:00	--	--	7:13
	7:18	7:28	7:36	7:48	--	--	8:01
	8:06	8:16	8:24	8:36	--	--	8:49
	8:54	9:04	9:12	9:24	--	--	9:37
	9:42	9:52	10:00	10:12	10:19	10:24	10:40
	10:45	10:55	11:03	11:15	11:22	11:27	11:43
PM	1:45	1:55	2:03	2:15	2:22	2:27	2:43
	2:48	2:58	3:06	3:18	3:25	3:30	3:46
	3:51	4:01	4:09	4:21	4:28	4:33	4:49
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Selah/Yakima Route - **Saturday** | Ruta de Selah y Yakima - Sábado

	Departs Selah Civic Center	Fred Meyer	North 16th Ave.	Valley Mall	Costco	Winco	Arives Selah Civic Center
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	3:33	3:43	3:51	4:03	4:10	4:15	4:31

Selah Transit

TELEPHONE INFORMATION HOURS:
Monday – Friday: 7 AM – 6 PM • Sat: 8 AM – 6 PM • Sun: 8 AM - 4 PM

RIDER NOTICE - Beginning January 1, 2019 to ride the Selah Transit buses you will need to purchase a bus pass for individual rides or a monthly bus pass. The cost for individual bus passes is 1.00 per day. Monthly bus passes will be $30.00 for non-Selah residents and $15.00 for Selah residents. Dial A Ride ticket books will also be available for purchase for those who qualify to use Selah Dial A Ride. Dial A Ride tickets will be $2.00 per boarding and ticket books will be available for $20.00. Bus passes and Dial A Ride ticket books will be available for purchase at Selah City Hall, the Selah Civic Center, Medstar Transportation as well as from the Selah Transit Drivers. Children 5 and under ride free.

ACCESSIBLILTY- All transit buses are wheelchair accessible.

All of Selah Transit's buses are lift-equipped to accommodate our passengers using mobility devices such as wheelchairs.

BUS STOPS- See map or call 619-1639 for assistance.

LOST AND FOUND- Lost items are held for 30 days.

BICYCLES

Our transit buses are equipped with bike racks.

Selah Transit assumes no liability for damage or theft when using bike racks. Use the bike racks at your own risk and monitor your bike when it is on the racks. Please follow the bike rack instructions when loading/unloading.

LOADING YOUR BIKE

1. Pull up to release arm & allow it to drop down slowly.
2. Lift bike onto rack putting bike in the inside slot first.
3. Raise support arm over top of front tire & release to fit over tire making sure support arm is resting on tire not metal.

UNLOADING YOUR BIKE- (inform driver you need to unload bike)

1. Raise arm off the tire & allow it to drop down slowly.
2. Lift bike out of rack.
3. If there is no other bike in the rack, fold the rack up by raising it to the upright position.

RIDING GUIDLINES-

- Shirts and shoes are required
- State law prohibits smoking on the bus
- Take seat quickly & stay seated while the bus is moving
- State law requires the use of seat belts
- No eating, drinking or listening to music w/out headphones
- Keep feet and carry-on items including strollers out of the aisles
- Non service animals must be in cages
- Children under 6 must be with an adult or older child
- No profanity or rude behavior allowed on the bus
- Bikes must be in bike racks. No rollerblades
- The first few seats are reserved for the elderly and riders with special mobility needs. Please give up those seats when requested.
- Please let the driver know ahead of time if you want to get off the bus, and after exiting, wait for the bus to leave before crossing the street.
- Flag stops will only occur when the driver feels it is safe to do so.

SELAH DIAL-A-RIDE-

This program is a great way for Selah residents with mental or physical disabilities, temporary injury or illness to travel when needed within the cities of Union Gap, Selah, and Yakima. In order to become eligible to ride Dial-A-Ride each applicant must complete & submit an application which includes a medical evaluation of their disability, temporary injury or illness. **For an application call 509-619-1639.**

INFORMACIÓN TELEFÓNICA :
Lunes a Viernes: 7 AM - 6 PM • Sáb: 8 AM - 6 PM • Dom: 8 AM - 4 PM

AVISO AL CLIENTE - Comenzando el 1 de Enero de 2019 para viajar en los autobuses de tránsito Selah tendrá que comprar boletos para paseos individuales o un pase de autobús mensual. El costo del boleto de autobús individual es $1.00 por día. Los boletos de autobús costaran $30.00 para los clientes que no son residentes de Selah y $15.00 para los que si son residentes de Selah. Los libros de boletos del servicio de Selah Dial A Ride también estarán disponibles para la compra para aquellos que califiquen para usar Selah Dial A Ride. Los boletos para Selah Dial A Ride costarán $2.00 por embarque y los libros de boletos estarán disponibles por $20.00. Los pases de autobús y los boletos de viaje para Selah Dial A Ride estarán disponibles para su compra en el City Hall de Selah, el centro cívico de Selah, en la oficina de Medstar, y también estarán disponibles con los conductores del tránsito de Selah. Niños menores de 5 años viajan gratis.

SERVICIOS ACCESIBLES - Todos los autobuses de tránsito son accesibles para minusválidos. Todos los autobuses de tránsito de Selah son equipados con elevadores para dar cabida a nuestros pasajeros que utilizan dispositivos de movilidad como sillas de ruedas.

BUS STOPS- Ver mapa o llame al 619-1639 para obtener ayuda.

ARTÍCULOS PERDIDOS- Objetos perdidos y fundadores perdidos se llevan a cabo durante 30 días.

BICICLETAS

Nuestros autobuses de tránsito están equipados con bastidores de bicicletas.
Selah Transit asume ninguna responsabilidad por daños o robo cuando se utiliza bastidores de bicicletas. Usa los bastidores de bicicletas a su propio riesgo y controlar su bicicleta cuando está en los bastidores. Por favor, siga las instrucciones portabicicletas cuando se carga / descarga.

CARGAR LA BICICLETA

1. Ponga hacia arriba para liberar el brazo y permitir que caiga abajo lentamente.
2. Levante la bicicleta sobre la rejilla poniendo en bicicleta en el interior de la ranura por primera vez.
3. Levante el brazo de soporte sobre la parte superior del neumático delantero y de liberación para encajar en fabricar neumáticos brazo de soporte seguro está descansando en el neumático no metálica.

DESCARGA DE SU BICICLETA - (informar controlador que necesita para descargar bicicleta)

1. Levantar el brazo de la llanta y la deje caer hacia abajo lentamente.
2. Levante la bicicleta fuera del bastidor.
3. Si no hay otra bicicleta en el estante, el estante veces por elevándolo a la posición vertical.

REGLAS PARA VIAJAR-

- Se requieren camisas y zapatos
- La ley estatal prohíbe fumar en el autobús
- Tome asiento rápidamente y permanecer sentado mientras el autobús está en movimiento
- La ley requiere el uso de cinturones de seguridad
- No se permite comer, beber o escuchar música de entrada / salida de auriculares
- Mantenga los pies y el equipaje de mano, incluyendo sillas de paseo fuera de los pasillos
- Animales no disponen del servicio deben estar en jaulas
- Los niños menores de 6 años deben estar acompañados por un adulto o un niño mayor
- No hay malas palabras o comportamiento grosero permitido en el autobús
- Las bicicletas deben estar en bastidores de bicicletas. No hay patines
- Los primeros asientos están reservados para los ancianos y los corredores con necesidades especiales de movilidad. Por favor, renunciar a esos asientos cuando se le solicite.
- Por favor, deje saber al conductor antes de que se quiera bajar del autobús, y después de salir, esperar a que el autobús para salir antes de cruzar la calle.
- Las paradas de bandera sólo se producirán cuando el conductor considere que es seguro hacerlo.

SELAH DIAL-A-RIDE- Este programa es una gran manera para que los residentes de Selah con discapacidades mentales o físicas, daño temporal o enfermedades de viajar cuando sea necesario dentro de las ciudades y Union Gap, Selah, y Yakima. Con el fin de ser elegibles para montar Dial-A-Ride cada solicitante debe completar y presentar una solicitud que incluye una evaluación médica de su discapacidad, lesión o enfermedad temporal. Para una aplicación llame a 574-8000.