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Pahto Public P A S S A G E

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Para-transit
- Demand Response
- Park & Ride
- Van Pool
- Guaranteed Ride Home Program

A Fare-Free
Service for the
General Public

Provided by the
Yakama Nation

Operated by
People for
People

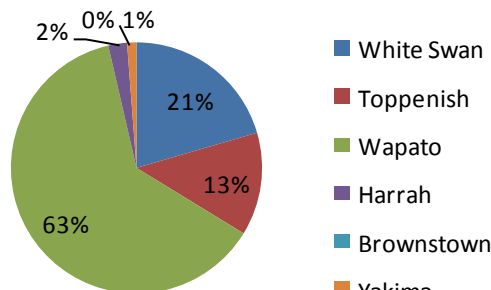
Funded by the
Federal Transit
Administration

2009 Central Washington State Fair

This year at the Central Washington State Fair the Yakama Nation Transit Staff participated in a joint booth with the TRANS-ACTION and D.R.Y.V.E. committees of the Yakima Valley to show current and future projects occurring in the Upper and Lower Valley. The YN Transit portion included past and present success stories of passengers riding the Pahto Public Passage buses.



Need transportation from where?



Additional Services Coming Soon!

1. Para-transit is a crucial service to those that are disabled and elderly. Persons with disabilities and the elderly are constantly faced with the challenge of transportation whether it be for medical purposes, visiting a family member or even going to the grocery store. The service provides a safe and reliable means to travel without having to rely solely upon friends and family.

“Public Transportation is a vital link for more than 51 million Americans with disabilities.”

Robert and Sabrina boarding Route 1 at the Cougar Den going to Toppenish.



2. Demand Response plays a vital role in getting people to the fixed-route service area if they live more than three-quarters of a mile from the route. Those that do not have a vehicle to travel rely on walking. This poses great risk to a person walking since there are no sidewalks and the roads may be narrow and unpaved in a lot of places. Demand Response offers door to door service to and from the nearest Fixed-Route bus stop.

“In 2008, Americans took 10.7 billion trips on public transportation.”

“From 1995 to 2008 public transportation grew by 38%.”

3. Park & Ride allows commuters to park their vehicle in a designated area and travel by public transportation or van pool the rest of the trip to their destination. This allows the commuter to avoid the stress of driving in heavy congested areas and in bad weather.

“Public transportation provides access to job opportunities for millions of Americans.”

“Individuals that use public transportation save an average of more than \$9,000.00 every year.”



4. Van Pool programs reduce the number of cars on the road, decrease pollution and the need for large parking lots. By sharing the commute you not only reduce stress on yourself but on your vehicle as well.

“One person switching a twenty mile one-way commute to public transit reduces their CO2 emissions by 4,800 pounds per year.”

5. Guaranteed Ride Home Program was created to ensure travelers a way back to their personal vehicle or home if they utilized public transportation to get to and from work in the event of an unforeseen emergency involving work or a family member.

“The average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation, and 94% of this goes to buying, maintaining, and operating the cars, the largest expenditure after housing.”



If you have any comments or questions in regards to these future services feel free to give us a call and let us know.

Yakama Business Training & Technology Centers



“Y.B.T.T.C. Staff member Kirby at the new Wapato location.”

If you were unaware of the move, the Wapato Tech Center has relocated to the second floor of the Wolf Den. If you need a lift the Transit buses can drop you off at the Wolf

Den. Just be sure to advise the bus driver you’re requesting to be let off there since it is listed as a flag stop. Be sure to

stay in touch with the Wapato Staff because they are planning to extend their hours of operation to 7:00 pm for at least two days out of the week. Don’t forget

about the other two Tech Center’s in Toppenish across from the Post Office and in White Swan at the Jeld-Wen building. All of the Tech Centers are accessible by bus within a one block walking distance.



“If you need assistance with filling out an application or job searching come in to see Leah in Toppenish.”

“If you need a resume stop in and ask Alan for some assistance at the White Swan Tech Center.”



Ruben, Allyson, Antonio and Vince at the Market Place in Wapato waiting to catch the bus to Toppenish. All of them expressed their gratitude for the bus services offered by the Yakama Nation.

“35 million times each weekday people boarded public transportation.”

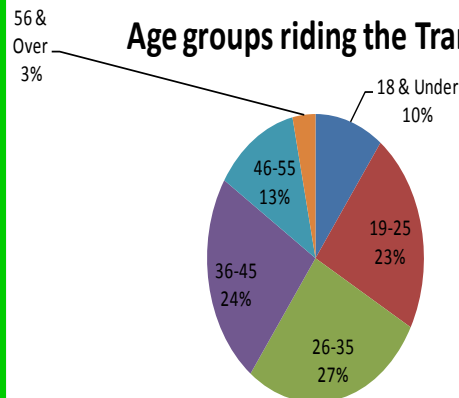
Route 1 stopping in at Legends Casino picking up passengers heading towards White Swan.



Route 2 dropping off eight passengers at the Farm Workers Clinic.

The buses will not be pulling into Wolf Point anymore unless there is extenuating circumstances. Also, at the New Adams View housing complex the bus will be driving all the way around instead of cutting through the first driveway for safety reasons related to children playing near/on the roadway.

Age groups riding the Transit





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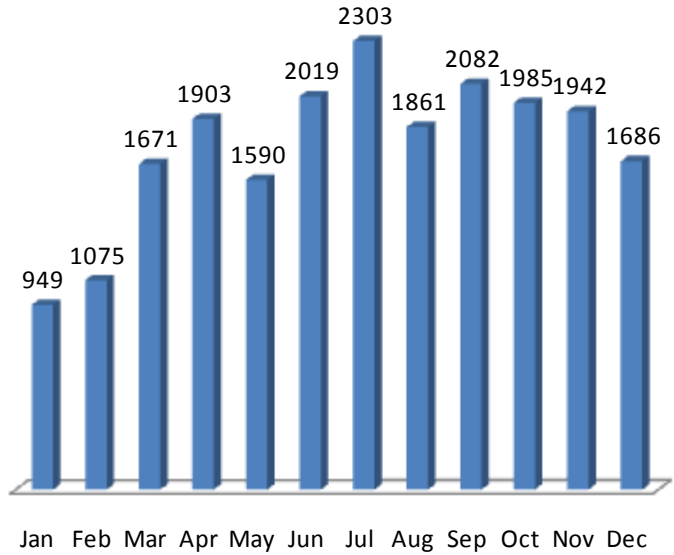
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If you have any questions, comments or need assistance with the bus schedule give us a call or stop by the Transit Office. We are more than happy to assist you.

2009 Monthly Ridership



Once again we would like to thank the Yakama Nation GIS program for creating another detailed map of the bus routes and bus stop locations.

