



Regional Travel for Western Students

Local Transit Agencies

- It is possible to use various local transit agencies to travel to and from Bellingham, which includes connections to:
 - Mt. Vernon, Oak Harbor, and greater Whidbey Island
 - Everett, Lynnwood, and locations in Eastern Snohomish County
 - Seattle, Shoreline, and Bellevue
 - Tacoma, Lakewood, and greater Pierce County
 - Bremerton and the greater Kitsap Peninsula

- Below is a timetable for weekday southbound travel along I-5, typically done on Friday evening:

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Bellingham Station @ 5:15 PM	Skagit Station (Mt. Vernon) @ 5:57 PM	80X Mt. Vernon	None (Bus Pass)	N/A
Skagit Station @ 6:00 PM	Everett Station @ 6:45 PM	90X Everett	\$2.00	N/A
Everett Station @ 7:30 PM	5th and Pike (Seattle) @ 8:22 PM	510 Seattle	\$2.50	Ask for Transfer Serves SR 512 P&R
2nd and University @ 8:42 PM	Tacoma Dome Station @ 9:33 PM	594 Lakewood	\$0.50 (With Transfer)	

- Below is a timetable for weekday northbound travel along I-5, typically done on Monday morning:

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Tacoma Dome Station @ 4:55 AM	4th and Union (Seattle) @ 5:41 AM	591 Seattle	\$3.00	Ask for Transfer
4th and Union @ 5:55 AM	Everett Station @ 6:43 AM	510 Everett	None (With Transfer)	N/A
Everett Station @ 6:50 AM	Skagit Station (Mt. Vernon) @ 7:35 AM	90X Mt. Vernon	\$2.00	N/A
Skagit Station @ 7:45 AM	Bellingham Station @ 8:30 AM	80X Bellingham	None (Bus Pass)	N/A

- Using the same basic table, variations can be made to serve other areas, with Monday morning return times and departure locations below
 - Oak Harbor: from Skagit Station take Route 411W Whidbey at 6:10 PM
 - Depart 6:40 AM from Harbor Station in Oak Harbor on Route 411W Mt. Vernon
 - Lynnwood: from Everett take Route 202 Lynnwood at 7:01 PM
 - Depart 5:54 AM from Lynnwood Transit Center on Route 201 Smokey Point
 - Eastern Snohomish County: from Everett take Route 271 Gold Bar at 6:51 PM

- Depart 5:07 AM from Highway 2 & 1st Street in Gold Bar on Route 270 Everett
- *Shoreline*: follow schedule to Seattle but exit/board bus at NE 145th Street & I-5
- *Bellevue*: from Seattle at 2nd and University take Route 550 Bellevue at 8:43 PM
 - Depart 4:57 AM from Bellevue Transit Center on Route 550 Seattle
- *Lakewood*: follow schedule to Tacoma but exit/board bus at SR 512 P&R
- *Kitsap County*: follow schedule to Seattle but then walk westwards towards the Bremerton/Bainbridge Ferry terminal in Seattle on Alaskan Way
- *Jefferson County*: From Oak Harbor, take Route 6 to Keystone Ferry Terminal
 - Depart 6:30 AM Port Townsend Ferry, connect to Route 6 and at Oak Harbor transfer to Route 411W the Skagit Station, and then take Route 80X to Bellingham
 - Return trips on Monday morning are extremely difficult and waiting times can be excessive and arrival at Western not until 11:30 AM; the best method of return is directly from Oak Harbor on Route 411W at 5:40 AM, 6:40 AM, or 7:40 AM

Local Transit Agencies (continued)

- Some other important information for those traveling by local transit agencies:
 - If you are not sure about a route or schedule, always ask a driver
 - Always check online schedules at transit agency websites to get the most current schedule information and do not hesitate to tell the driver you are making a timed connection
 - The times listed above all enable a student to arrive at Western Monday morning before their 9:00 AM classes
 - From some locations, including Lynnwood, Everett, and Oak Harbor, earlier connections are available that enable a student to arrive before their 8:00 AM classes, though connections can be tight and the driver should be notified
 - A special 80X Shuttle is provided at select times to shuttle students directly to and from the 80X at Lincoln Creek P&R and Western's main campus, and using this shuttle may prove convenient for students traveling to and from class
 - The agencies which provide the routes listed above are WTA (www.ridewta.com), SKAT (www.skat.org), Island Transit (www.islandtransit.org), Community Transit (www.communitytransit.org), Sound Transit (www.soundtransit.org), and Washington State Ferries (www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/)
 - Go online to www.wvu.edu/sustain for updated schedule, route, and fare information, or contact the Western's Student Alternative Transportation Coordinator

Greyhound Bus Service

- Several Greyhound busses leave Bellingham each day, heading for various destinations, including Vancouver B.C., Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Kelso-Longview, and Vancouver, as well as locations in Eastern Washington
 - The Bellingham Greyhound terminal is located at the Fairhaven Transportation Center, and is served by WTA Route 401

- The current cost of a round trip ticket to Seattle is \$34.50, to Tacoma for \$45.50, to Olympia for \$45.50, to Kelso-Longview for \$74.50, and to Vancouver for \$74.50, to Vancouver B.C. for \$33.50, to Ellensburg for \$87.00, and to Spokane for \$92.50
- Go online to www.greyhound.com for more information and updated schedules and fares

Amtrak Service

- The Amtrak Cascades also serves Bellingham at the Fairhaven Transportation Center, served by WTA Route 401, with several trains arriving and departing each day
 - The current cost of a round trip ticket to Edmonds is \$40.00, to Seattle for \$40.00, to Tacoma for \$40.00, to Olympia for \$42.00, Kelso for \$58.00, and Vancouver for \$58.00
 - Go online to www.amtrak.com for more information and updated schedules and fares

Bellair Airporter Shuttle

- The Bellair Airporter Shuttle provides multiple daily trips between Bellingham and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
 - The Airporter leaves from the Val-U Inn Motel near Lakeway Center, and both WTA Route 11 and the WWU Late Night Shuttle serve this area
 - The Airporter departs approximately every two hours, and a round-trip fare is \$60.00
 - Go online to www.airporter.com for more information and updated schedules and fares

Yellow Cab Taxi Information

- Yellow Cab of Whatcom Skagit provides taxi service throughout Whatcom County
 - Due to the late or weekend arrival times, it may be necessary for a student to utilize this service to get from the Fairhaven Transportation Center and Western's Campus
 - The fare for a trip from the Fairhaven Transportation Center to Western's main campus is about \$8.00, depending on the exact destination
 - Students are encouraged to share taxis with other students also traveling to Western to minimize their costs
 - Go online to <http://www.yellowcabinc.com/> or call 360-734-8294 for more information, updated schedules and fares, or to request a ride