

# IMPORTANT

## NEWS

January 2011

### **Service Changes Delayed Until Mid-March**

Community Transit will not be making service changes in February this year. The next service change is being coordinated with the completion of the Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station, expected in mid-March. Until that time, current schedules and routing remain in effect. Service changes on Sound Transit Routes 510, 511, 513, 532 and 535 will also wait until the freeway station opens.

### **Seattle Second Avenue Stop Change**

Starting on Monday, Feb. 7, the bus stops on Second Avenue are being consolidated by King County Metro to improve efficiency and keep all buses on time. Community Transit commuter routes will no longer serve stops at University or Madison. Buses will serve a new stop location on Second past the intersection with Seneca Street.

### **Work on 15th to Impact UW Service**

The City of Seattle begins a major project to reconstruct 15th Avenue in the University District this month. Community Transit buses will remain on regular route during the work, but service to stops on 15th will be disrupted at times, and buses may be delayed. If a stop is closed by work nearby, customers will be advised to go to the next regular stop. The project extends from NE Pacific Street to NE 55th Street, and is expected to last from January to September 2011. Watch for rider alerts as work progresses.

### **Martin Luther King Holiday**

On Monday, Jan. 17, Community Transit local and *Swift* buses will be on regular weekday schedules. Service to Seattle will be reduced on Routes 401, 402, 413, 415 and 421; trips marked with an "H" in the route schedule online and in Bus Plus will not operate that day.

Service to the University District will be provided only by Route 855 from Lynnwood Transit Center; Routes 810, 821, 860, 871, 880 and 885 are canceled for the day.

### **New *Swift* Stations in Everett**

Four new *Swift* stations will be open in Everett by the end of the month. A new northbound station at Evergreen

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Way & Madison opened in December. A southbound station at Pecks Drive and a pair of stations at 112th Street will open soon. No additional stations are planned.

### **Swift in Snow**

In case of snowy or icy conditions, Community Transit often removes articulated buses from service for safety reasons. As a result, *Swift* may be operated by regular Community Transit buses at reduced frequency. Buses will have a *Swift* sign in the window and the usual “Southbound” or “Northbound” messages on the front. Passengers should continue to pay in advance at the *Swift* station.

### **Saving with ORCA Is Easy**

To start saving money with your first ORCA card, visit [www.orcacard.com](http://www.orcacard.com). Cards cost \$5, but last for many years and save money over cash fare whenever you take more than one bus to complete your trip. ORCA is also the fastest way to ride *Swift*.

You can also purchase a youth or adult card or apply for a reduced fare card in-person at customer service centers at Lynnwood Transit Center or Everett Station. Almost every Safeway store in Snohomish County has joined the network of places where you can revalue your existing ORCA card. See our website or call 1-888-988-6722 for location information.

Adult ORCA cards can also be purchased or revalued at fare vending machines at Sounder train stations in Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds.

### **Board Meeting Jan. 6**

Thursday, Jan. 6 – 3 p.m. at Community Transit, 7100 Hardeson Rd, Everett (accessed by Everett Transit Route 8). A public comment period begins each meeting. For information on the agenda, visit our website or call (425) 348-7100.

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee Jan. 19**

Wednesday, Jan. 19 – 7:30 p.m. The next Community Transit Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held in Snohomish. The Citizens' Advisory Committee provides a forum for Community Transit riders and the public to share their concerns and get information.



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