

SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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Skagit County Transportation Options

Skagit Transit Fixed Route

Predetermined routes are available for individuals to access at various stops in Skagit County. All buses are ADA-accessible and equipped with wheelchair lifts that automatically lower to the level of the curb at each stop to make it easier for individuals to climb the stairs. If you are not able to use the stairs, ask the driver to deploy the lift for easier access. People age 65 and older, people with a Medicare card and persons with disabilities are eligible for a free Skagit Transit Reduced Fare permit. You may obtain the permit by applying at the Customer Service Office at Skagit Station, 105 E. Kincaid Street, Mount Vernon. For questions, call Skagit Transit at (360) 757-4433 or TTY (360) 757-1938.

Regional Reduced Fare Permit

Persons' age 65 and older, people with a Medicare card and persons with disabilities may also purchase a Regional Reduced Fare Permit which entitles the rider to ride the regular buses throughout the Puget Sound Region at a discounted fare. The permit is also valid on Washington State Ferries. The permit is **required on most transit systems in order to pay a reduced fare**. The laminated card may be purchased for \$3.00 from any Puget Sound Transit agency and has no expiration date unless issued to a person with a temporary disability. In Skagit County, you may obtain the permit application at the Customer Service Office at Skagit Station, 105 E. Kincaid Street, Mount Vernon or download the application from www.skagittransit.org.

Skagit Transit Dial-a-Ride

This is a curb-to-curb service operating three-quarters of a mile on either side of the fixed routes. Dial-a-Ride utilizes wheelchair lift equipped mini-buses. To receive an application and an information booklet about Dial-a-Ride, call (360) 757-4433 or TTY (360) 757-1938.

To request a ride, individuals call (360) 757-4433 or TTY (360) 757-1938 at least 24 hours in advance with their name, date of trip, pick-up address, destination address, time of appointment, and return time.

Low-Income Bus Pass

Individuals with low incomes may apply for a bus pass voucher at Skagit County Community Action Agency, 330 Pacific Place in Mount Vernon. The bus vouchers are good for \$20-worth of rides and individuals must not have received any assistance from Community Action in the last six months. Call (360) 416-7585 for more information.

Volunteer Chore Program

Volunteers are available to drive low-income seniors and disabled adults to essential appointments on a case-by-case basis. Donations help fund this program. Contact Skagit County Community Action and ask for the Volunteer Chore Coordinator: (360) 416-7585.

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Medicaid Transportation

Individuals can get transportation to covered medical services if they have a Medicaid coupon from DSHS. This service is provided at no charge and is easy to use. Types of transportation help available are:

- Gas vouchers/mileage
- Intercity bus (such as Greyhound)
- Ferry fares
- Taxi
- Paratransit service
- Cabulance

Call for an appointment at least 24-hours before your scheduled medical visit. Call (360) 738-4554, 1-800-860-6812, (360) 676-6749 TDD, or 1-800-585-6749 TDD.

DAV Transportation

A van picks up elderly, indigent vets in Bellingham, Burlington (VFW), Arlington, Marysville and Everett who need rides to the VA Medical Center in Seattle. Arrangements may be made for pick up in Anacortes by calling (360) 855-2225. The van is not equipped with aids for the disabled, so riders must need minimal assistance to enter or leave the vehicle – no wheelchairs or walkers. The van leaves Bellingham at 7am.