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### Kitsap Transit earns WellCity award

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Kitsap Transit has been named one of 105 local governments to earn the distinguished WellCity designation for 2022 from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This recognition is bestowed on entities that demonstrate a commitment to employee health and meet the stringent WellCity standards.



“The health and wellness of our workforce is essential to our ability to deliver services,” said John Clauson, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit. “Chronic disease accounts for the majority of the top 10 causes of death in the United States and takes an incredible toll on individuals, families and communities. We’ll continue to provide resources to our employees that empower them to make healthy choices. Thank you to AWC for this WellCity Award.”

Employers that meet the WellCity standards earn a 2% discount on their medical premiums.

“The WellCity program benefits all Trust members. WellCity members as a group have a 50% lower medical and pharmacy trend than others, which helps to moderate the rate of premium increase for everyone,” said Alicia Seegers Martinelli, AWC Interim Chief Executive Officer.

WellCity recipients are all part of the AWC Employee Benefit Trust (Trust), Washington State’s largest local government employee health benefit pool for cities, towns, and other local governments. The Trust provides health benefits to more than 262 public entities and more than 36,000 employees and family members across the state.

A complete list of the cities and public entities that earned this year’s award can be found at [wacities.org/wellcity](http://wacities.org/wellcity).

#### **About Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.8 million riders in 2018 across a multi-modal system of routed buses,

passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

**Hablar español?**

Por favor llame al 1-800-501-7433 durante las horas normales de oficina. El personal de servicios al cliente se conectará con un intérprete para ayudarle a responder sus preguntas.

**Nagsasalita ka ba ng Tagalog?**

Paki-tawagan ang numero 1-800-501-7433 normal na oras ng trabaho. Customer Service kawani ay kumonekta sa isang taga interpretor upang tulungan sagutin ang iyong katanungan.

**About AWC**

AWC serves its members through advocacy, education, and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that advocates on behalf of cities and towns, provides training, and pooling programs such as the AWC Employee Benefit Trust. AWC created the AWC Employee Benefit Trust in 1969 to assist cities in meeting state-imposed medical coverage mandates for local law enforcement officers and firefighters.

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