RESOLUTION NO. 24-71

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO OFFER FREE FARES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, in September, 2023, Kitsap Transit began the phased reinstatement of Sunday service after a lengthy absence since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2, involving Port Orchard, Silverdale, and Poulsbo, was paused from March to June of 2024 to give the agency time to evaluate the potential financial impact of Initiative 2117, proposed for the November ballot; and

WHEREAS, after the resumption of Phase 2 in June, driver shortages, product development issues, and challenges with vehicle availability caused a delay in implementation of Phase 3, Bainbridge Island, pushing it to 2025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 23-52, the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit authorized staff to offer free fares on Sundays from the start of the phasing in September 2023 through December 2024; and

WHEREAS, with the extension of the final phase involving Bainbridge Island into 2025, staff feels it's appropriate to continue with the current plan and extend the provision of free fares on Sunday services county-wide through the end of 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize staff to offer free fares for Sunday services county-wide from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2024.

Signed by:

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Greg Wheeler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board