SKAGIT TRANSIT

Skagit Transit
LRTP Feedback
Meeting Agenda

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **REVIEW LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Skagit Transit Board of Directors Officers

Commissioner Peter Browning .... Chair   Commissioner Lisa Janicki .... Vice Chair

Skagit Transit Board of Directors Membership and Votes

Mayor of Anacortes	1	**Non-Voting Members**
Mayor of Burlington	1	Community Advisory Committee Chair
Mayor of Mount Vernon	1	Skagit Transit Labor Union Representative
Mayor of Sedro – Wooley	1	
Skagit County Commissioner District 1 ..	1	
Skagit County Commissioner District 2 ..	1	
Skagit County Commissioner District 3 ..	1	
Anacortes Councilperson	1	
Sedro-Woolley Councilperson	1	

Quorum Requirement

A quorum consists of a simple majority (5) of the total votes (9).

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Skagit Transit LRTP

Skagit Transit Board Briefing

April 4, 2025

LRTP Overview and Timeline

- LRTP provides a guide for the next 5-10 years of investment

- Review current service and operations and align with Skagit Transit's Mission, Vision, and Values

- Identify short-, medium-, and long-term implementation steps

- Establish regular opportunities for evaluation and refinement

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Expect More. Experience Better.
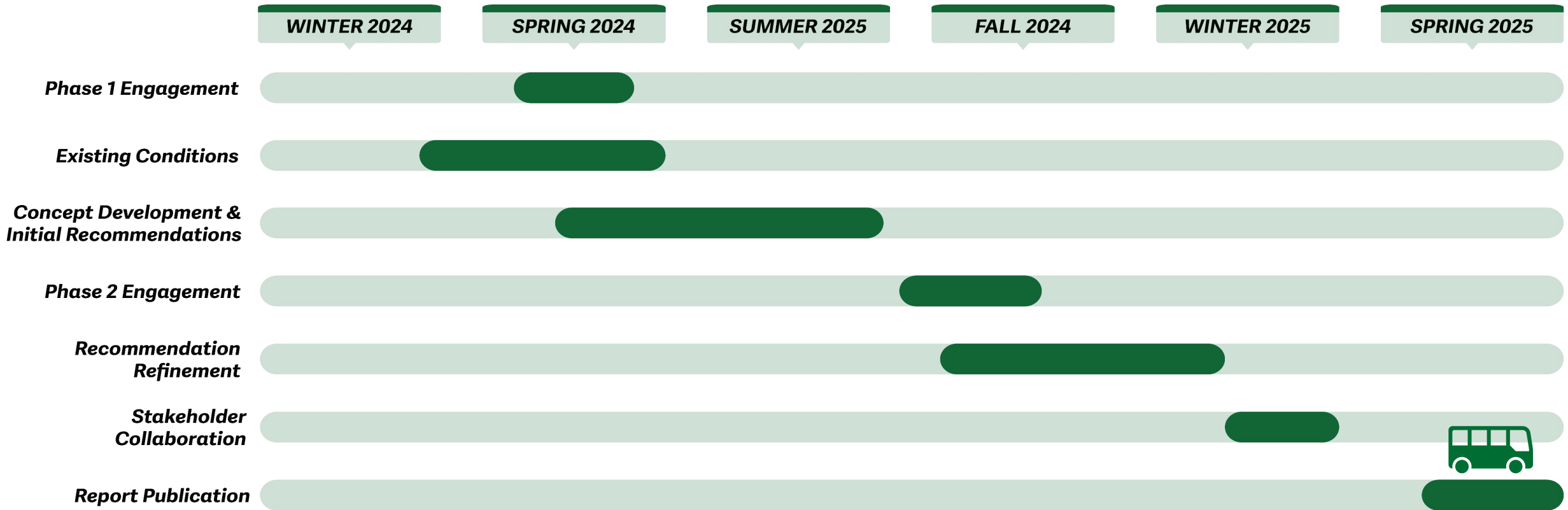
Agenda

Existing Conditions & Community Feedback

System-Wide Recommendations

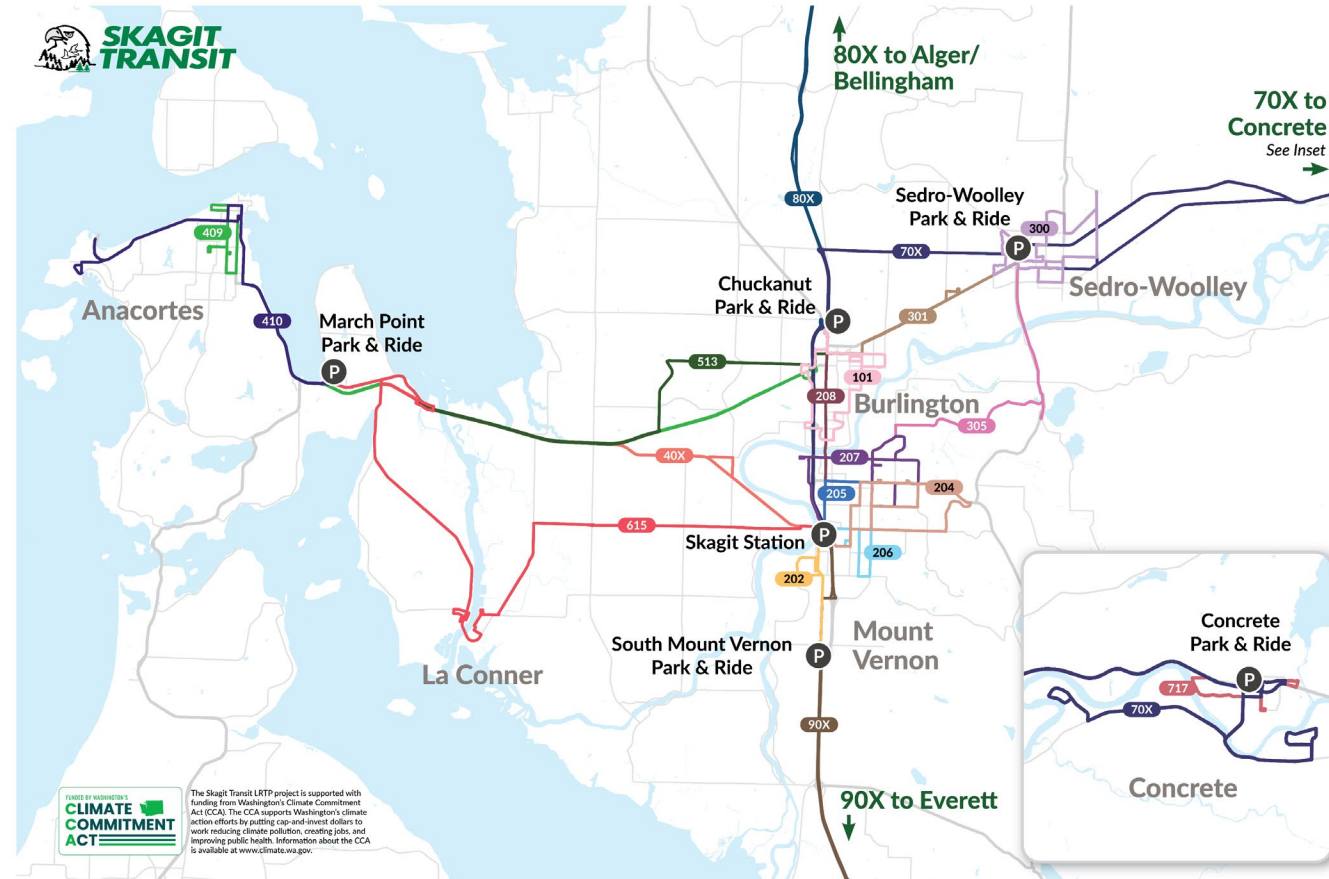Implementation Timeline

Route-by-Route Recommendations

Existing Conditions

- *Strengths*
  - Coverage
  - Serving priority populations
  - Providing access to jobs and services
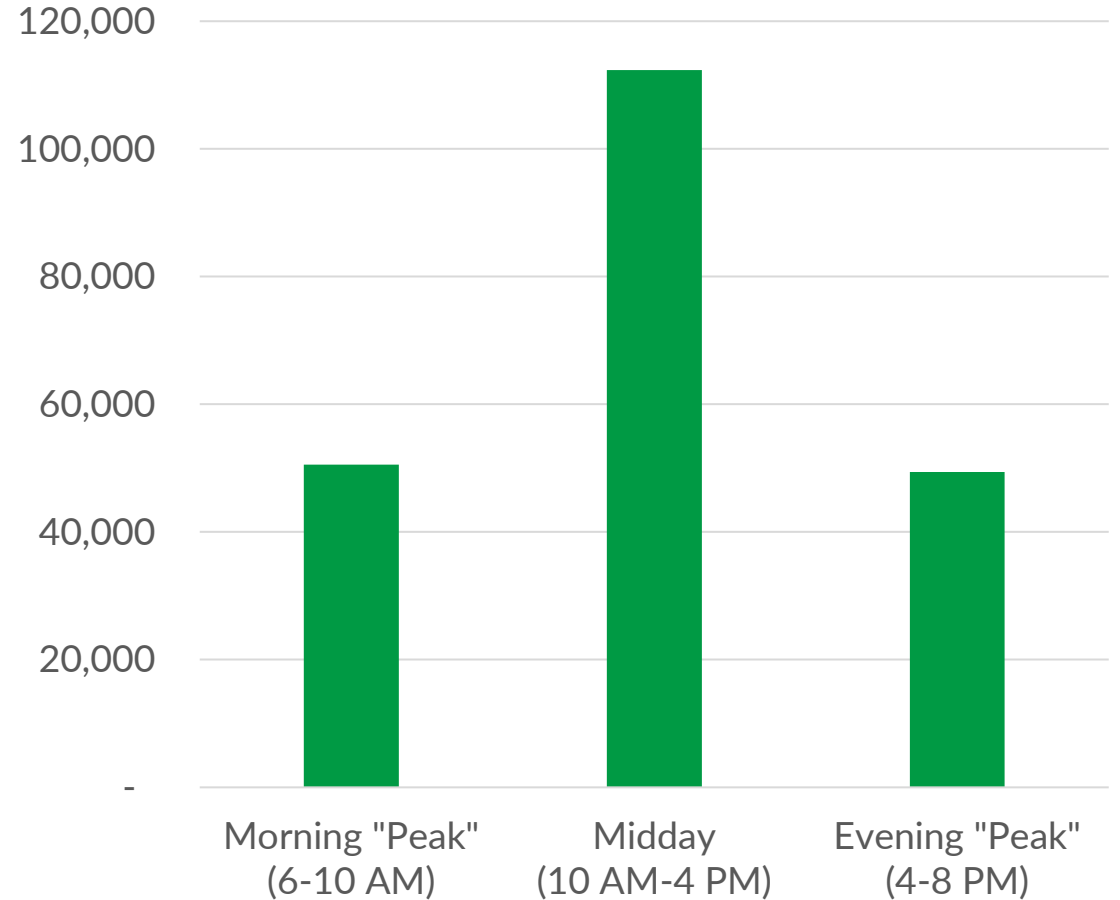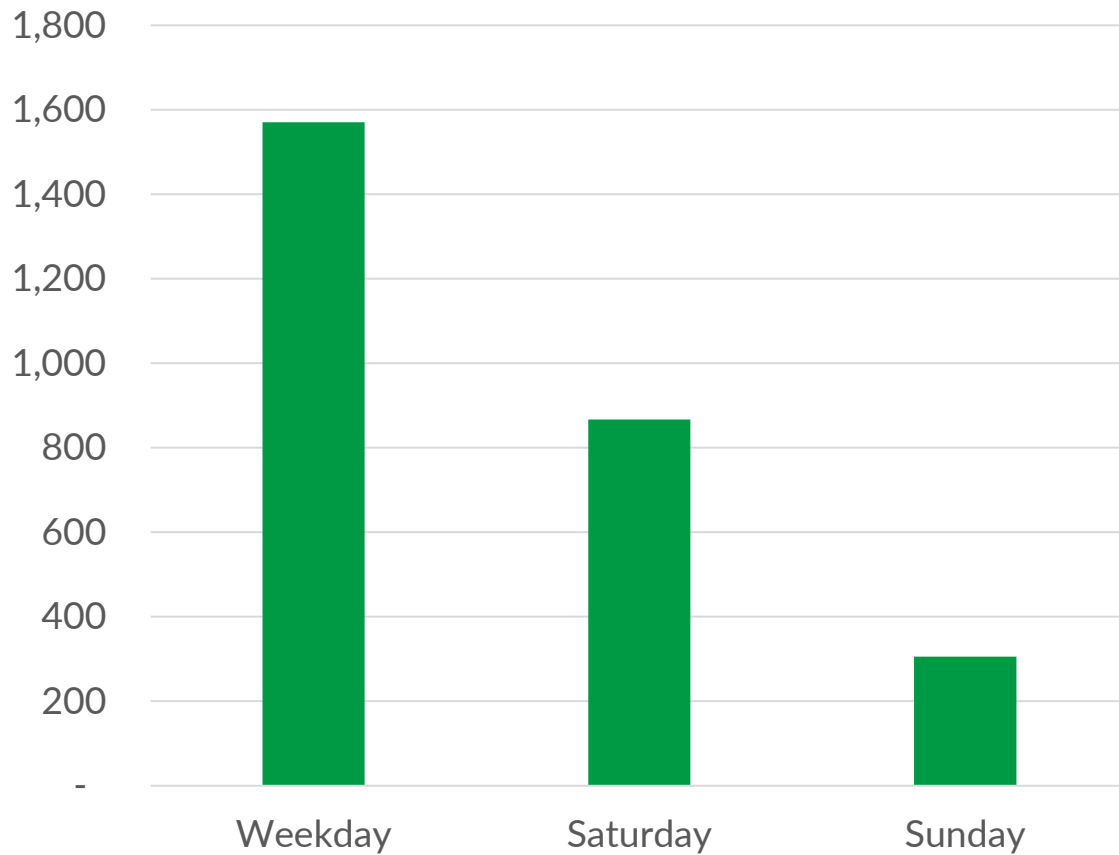 - Rider and Operator Facilities

- *Challenges*
  - Infrequent service
  - Circuitous service
 - Limited evening and weekend service

Existing Conditions

Source: Skagit Transit, 2023; Whatcom Transportation Authority, 2023

Community Feedback

- Nearly 600 themes recorded

- Outreach included online surveys including interactive map, in-person open houses, written responses

- *Most Common Themes:*
  1. Increased frequencies
  2. Increased span of service
  3. Regional connectivity

- *Other themes included:*
  - Interest in On-Demand service
  - Reliability
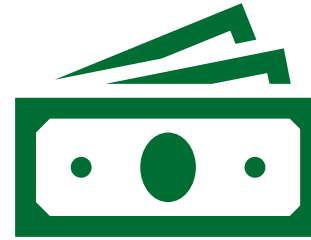 - Fare Integration
  - Route Directness
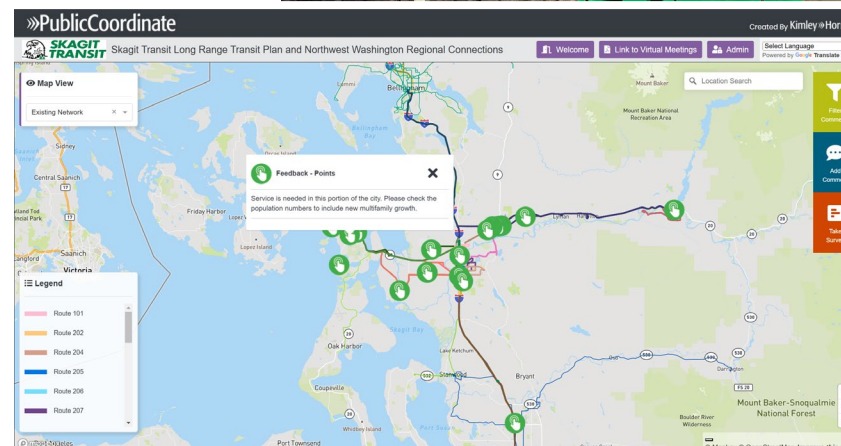
The Big Picture for the LRTP

LRTP is a **road map** for ongoing investments in a resource-constrained environment

Short-range refinements are possible with existing resources

Continued **capital investment** in fleet, facilities, and stops to layer in additional service and improve customer experience

Ongoing engagement and evaluation to determine future opportunities
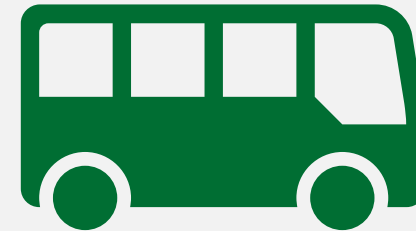
Long-Term Service Recommendations

Route Changes
- Streamlining
- Simplifying

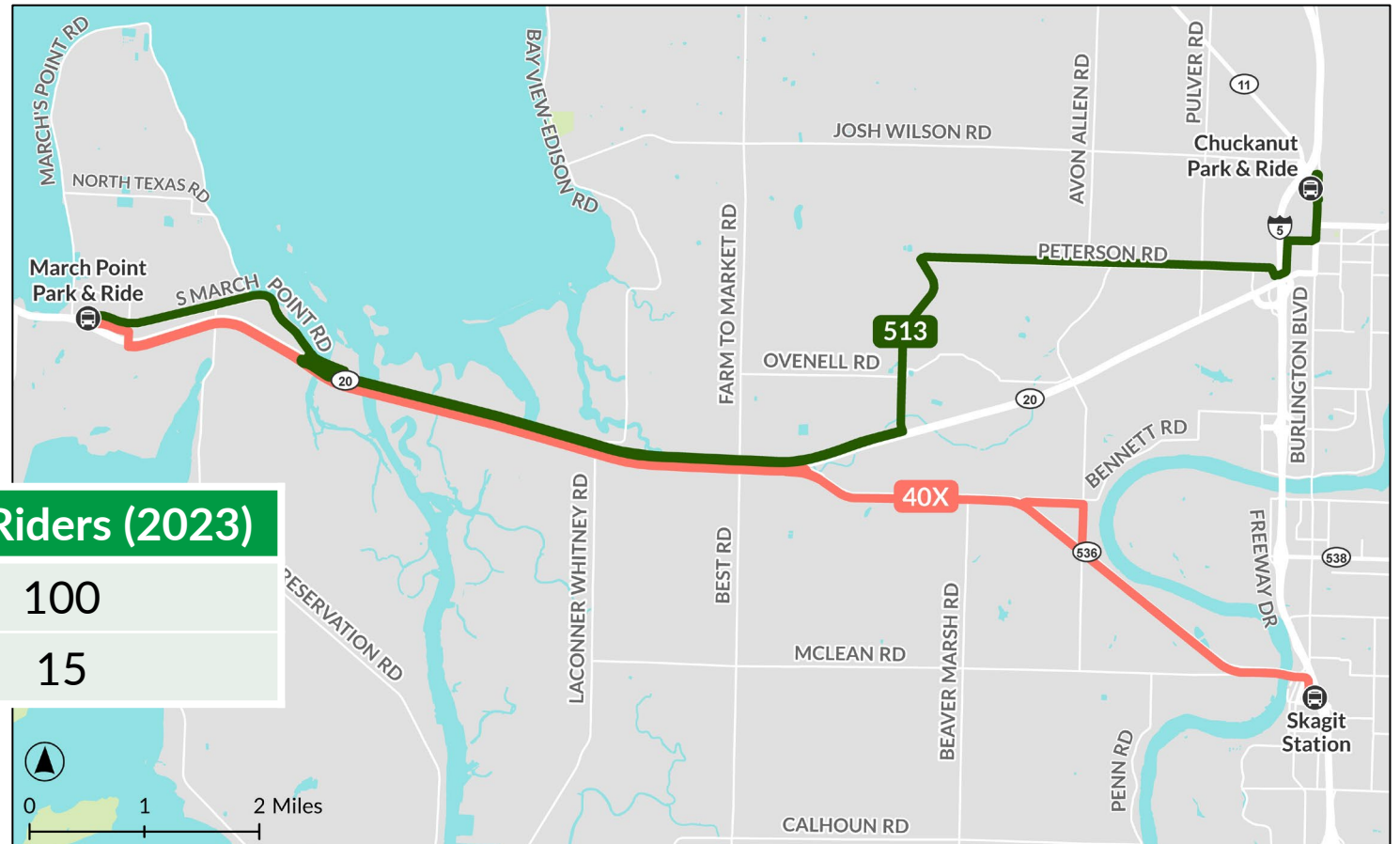## Frequency Upgrades
- Minimum standard
- Incremental upgrades

Service Availability
- Later hours
- Sunday Service

Duplicative Service

- **For Example:**
 Routes **40X and 513** perform a similar function

Route	Frequency	Riders/Hour	Daily Riders (2023)
40X	60	7	100
513	60	1	15

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Inconvenient Connections Between Cities

- Route **70X** provides a direct but infrequent connection to Skagit Station but bypasses Burlington/Chuckanut P&R

- Route **301** connects Sedro-Woolley and Chuckanut P&R

- Route **305** has few stops and only one major destination (Skagit Valley College)
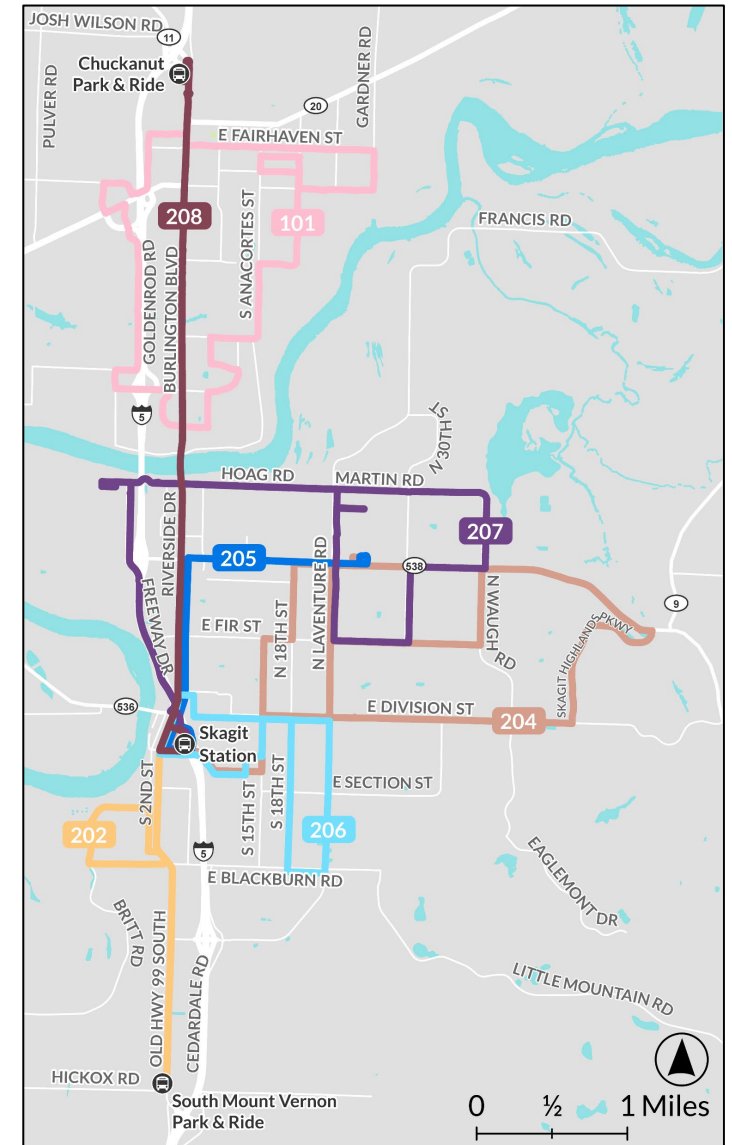
Route	Frequency
70X	180
301	60
305	60
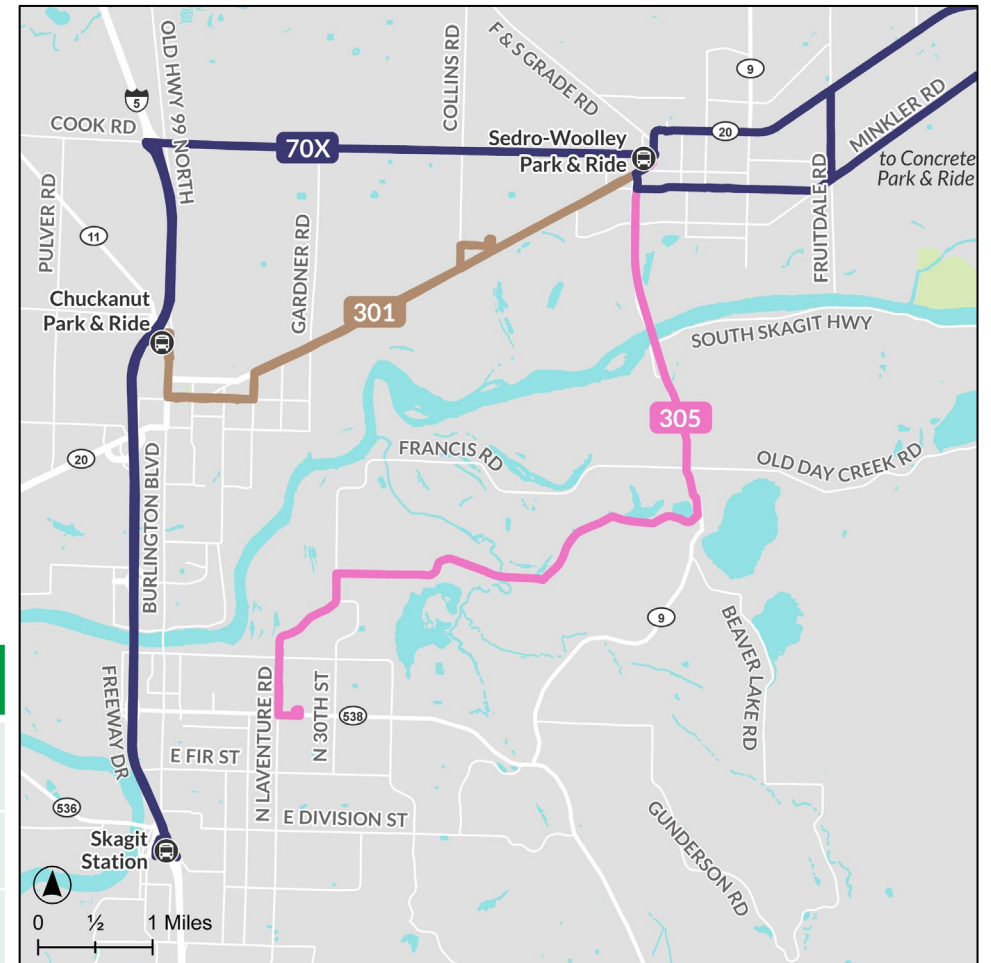
Indirect Local Service

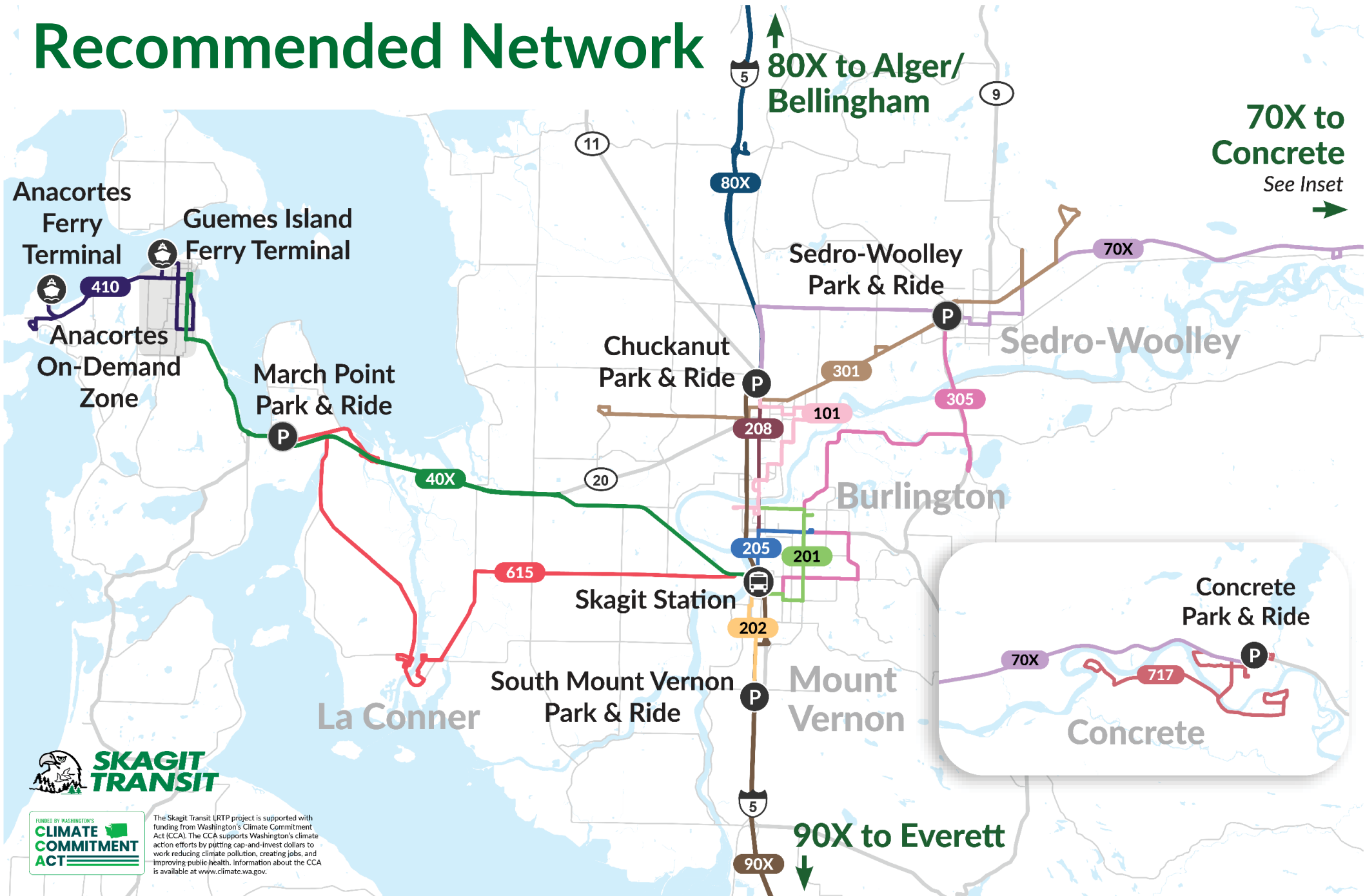- Routes **202, 205, and 208** provide frequent and direct service along major streets

- Other local routes are indirect and/or infrequent

Route	Frequency
101	60
202	30
204	60
205	30
206	30
207	60
208	30

Recommended Network

80X to Alger/ Bellingham

70X to Concrete
See Inset

Anacortes Ferry Terminal

Guemes Island Ferry Terminal

Sedro-Woolley Park & Ride

Sedro-Woolley

Anacortes On-Demand Zone

March Point Park & Ride

Chuckanut Park & Ride

Burlington

Skagit Station

South Mount Vernon Park & Ride

Mount Vernon

La Conner

Concrete Park & Ride

Concrete

90X to Everett

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CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

The Skagit Transit LRTP project is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov.

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Improvements and Consolidated/ Discontinued Routes

| New Service	Significant Change	Minor Change	No Change	Discontinued Route
201 Mount Vernon	40X Mount Vernon / Anacortes	70X Sedro-Wooley / Concrete	205 Mount Vernon	204 Mount Vernon
Anacortes On-Demand Zone	101 Burlington	80X Bellingham Connect	208 Mount Vernon	206 Mount Vernon
	301 Sedro-Wooley	90X Everett Connect	615 La Conner	207 Mount Vernon
	305 Clear Lake	202 South Mount Vernon	717 Concrete	300 Sedro-Wooley
	410 Anacortes			409 Anacortes
				513 Burlington / Anacortes

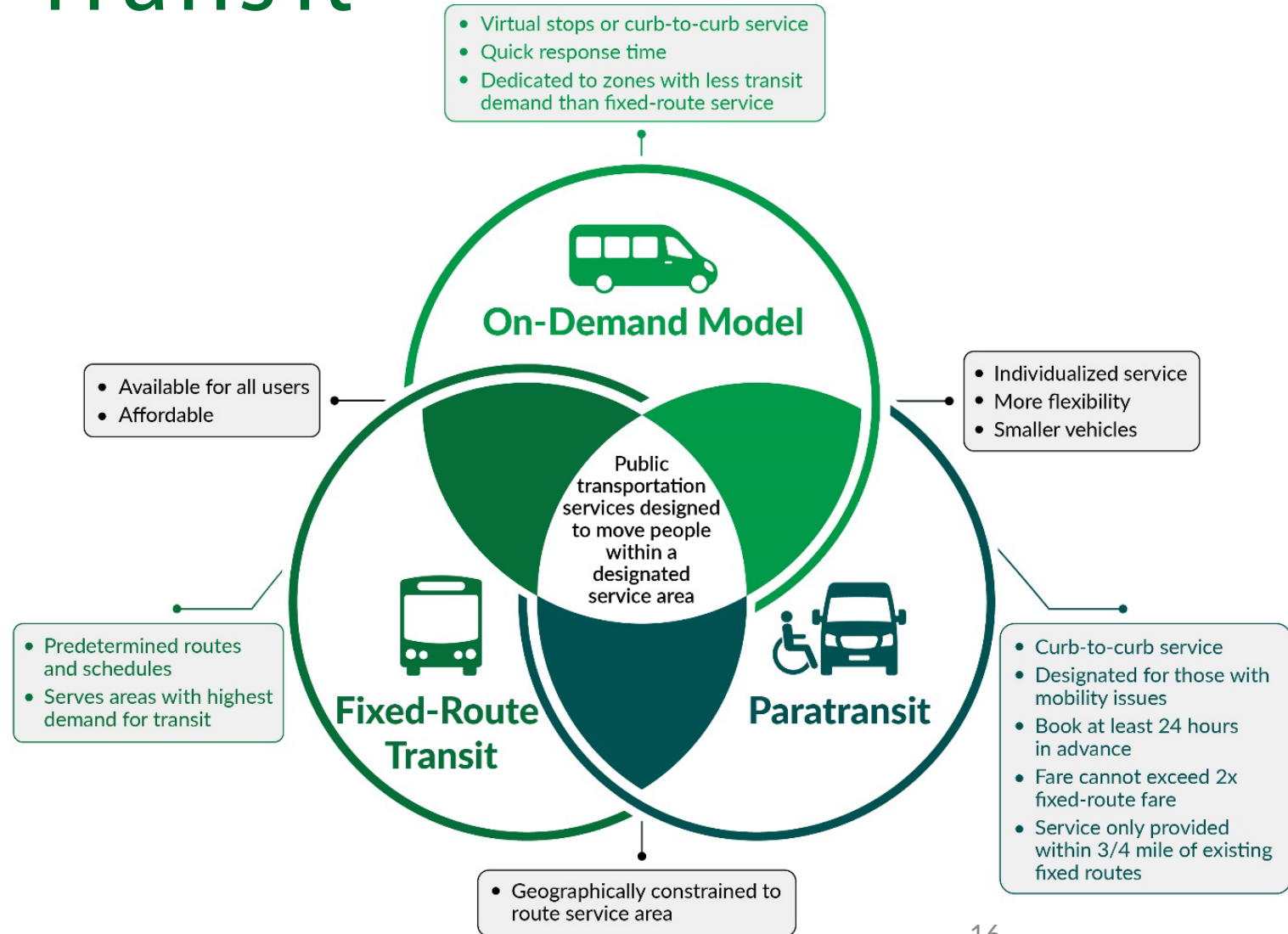**Several segments of discontinued routes integrated into other routes**

Short-Range Route Recommendations

- Comparable levels of service across all areas of the County and regional connections

- Route adjustments continue to serve the same communities

Service Hours by Area


Legend: ■ Existing ■ Short-Range
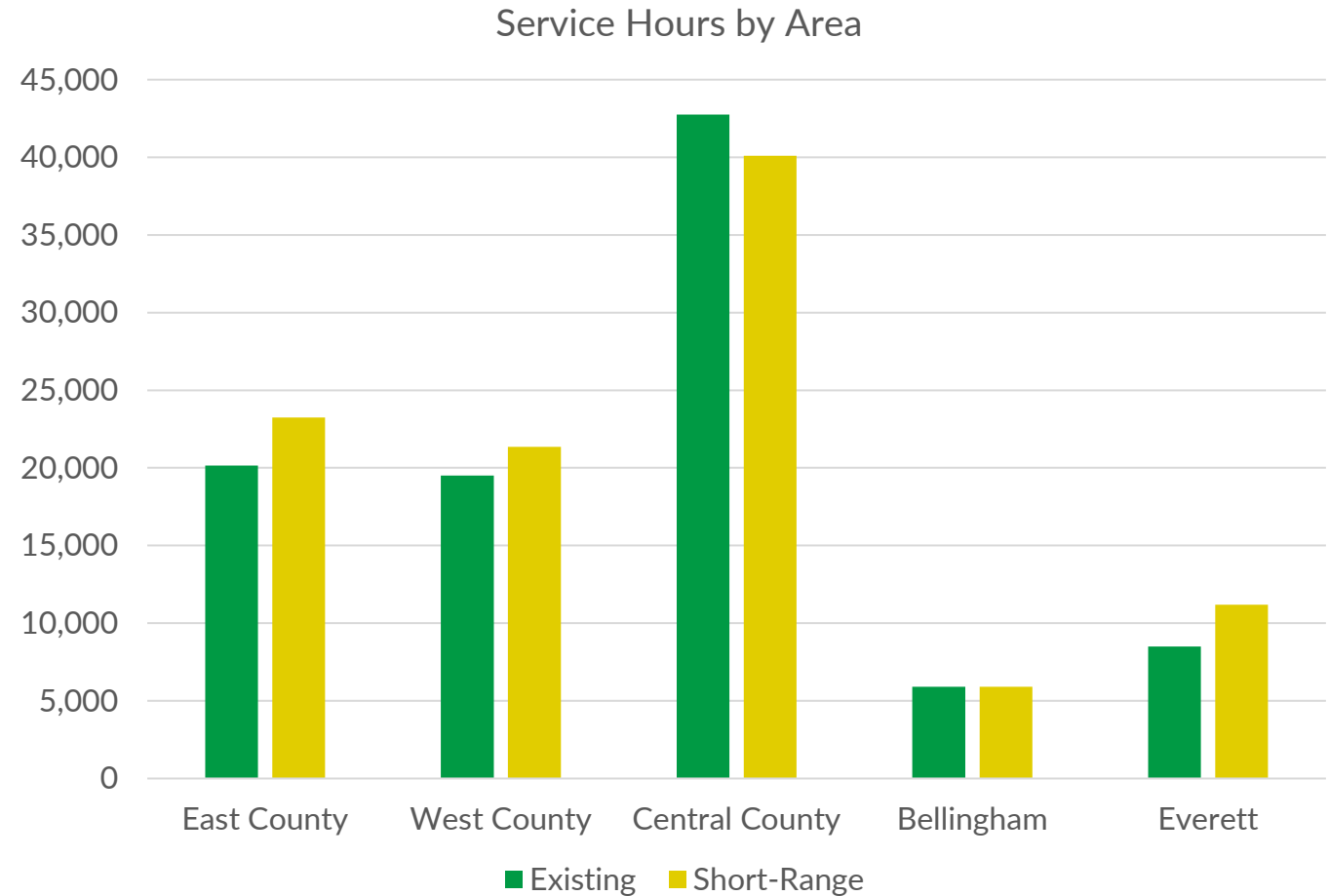
On-Demand Transit

- Fills gaps between fixed-route and paratransit services
- Ability to get point-to-point rides within a service zone
- Accessible vehicles dispatched by app or phone

- Virtual stops or curb-to-curb service
- Quick response time
- Dedicated to zones with less transit demand than fixed-route service

On-Demand Model

- Available for all users
- Affordable

- Individualized service
- More flexibility
- Smaller vehicles

Public transportation services designed to move people within a designated service area

- Predetermined routes and schedules
- Serves areas with highest demand for transit

Fixed-Route Transit

Paratransit

- Curb-to-curb service
- Designated for those with mobility issues
- Book at least 24 hours in advance
- Fare cannot exceed 2x fixed-route fare
- Service only provided within 3/4 mile of existing fixed routes

- Geographically constrained to route service area

On-Demand Transit

- Evaluated 5 potential areas
  - Anacortes
  - Bow/Edison
  - Burlington
  - Mount Vernon
  - Sedro-Woolley

- Anacortes emerged as the top candidate based on demographics, density, and pedestrian constraints

- With pilot funding, could start service relatively quickly

Initial On-Demand Zone
Potential Zone Expansion
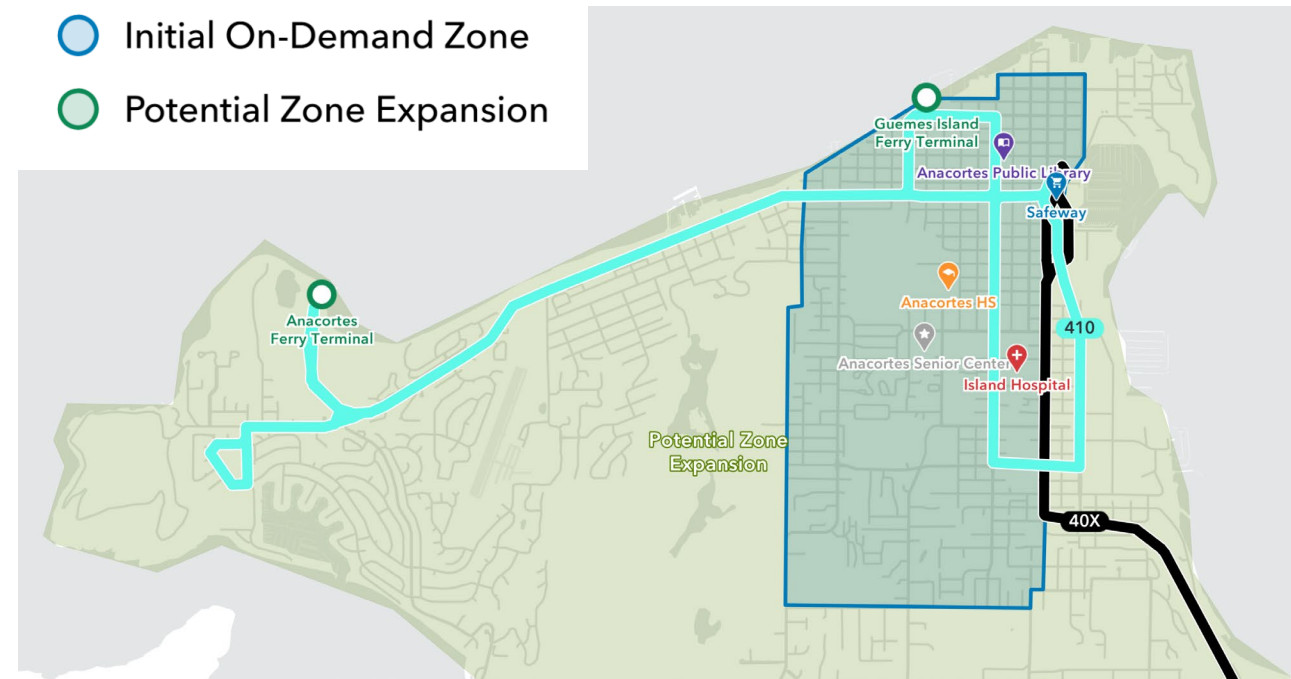
Other Investments

- Passenger and Operator Facilities

- Bus Stops

- Fleet Replacement and Expansion

- Transit Access and Integration

Implementation Timeline

Short-Range
- Update routes and schedules
- Pilot on-demand in Anacortes*

Mid-Range
- Upgrade capital facilities*
- Expand service (frequency/span)*
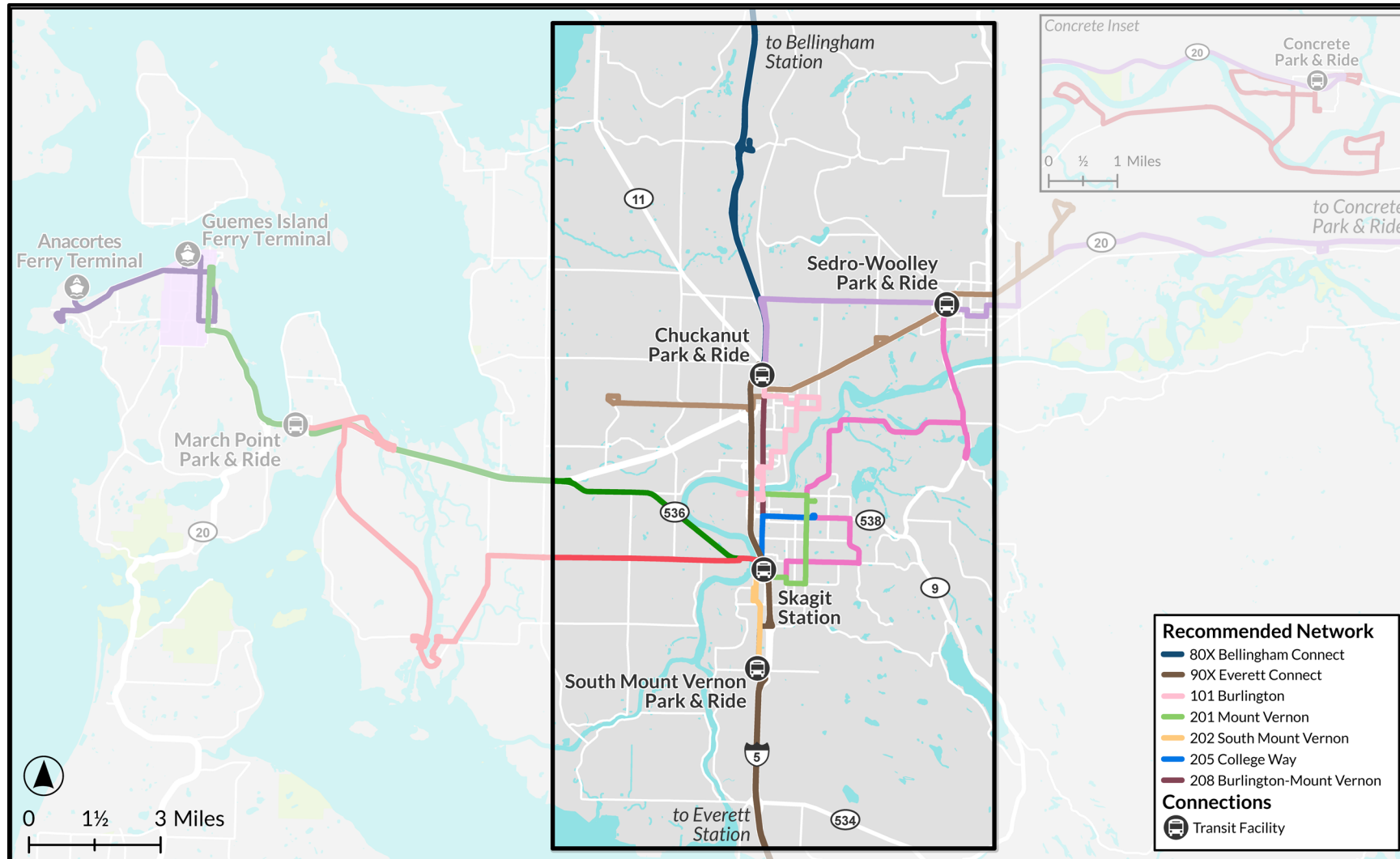- Refine on-demand service

Long-Range
- Expand service (frequency/span)*
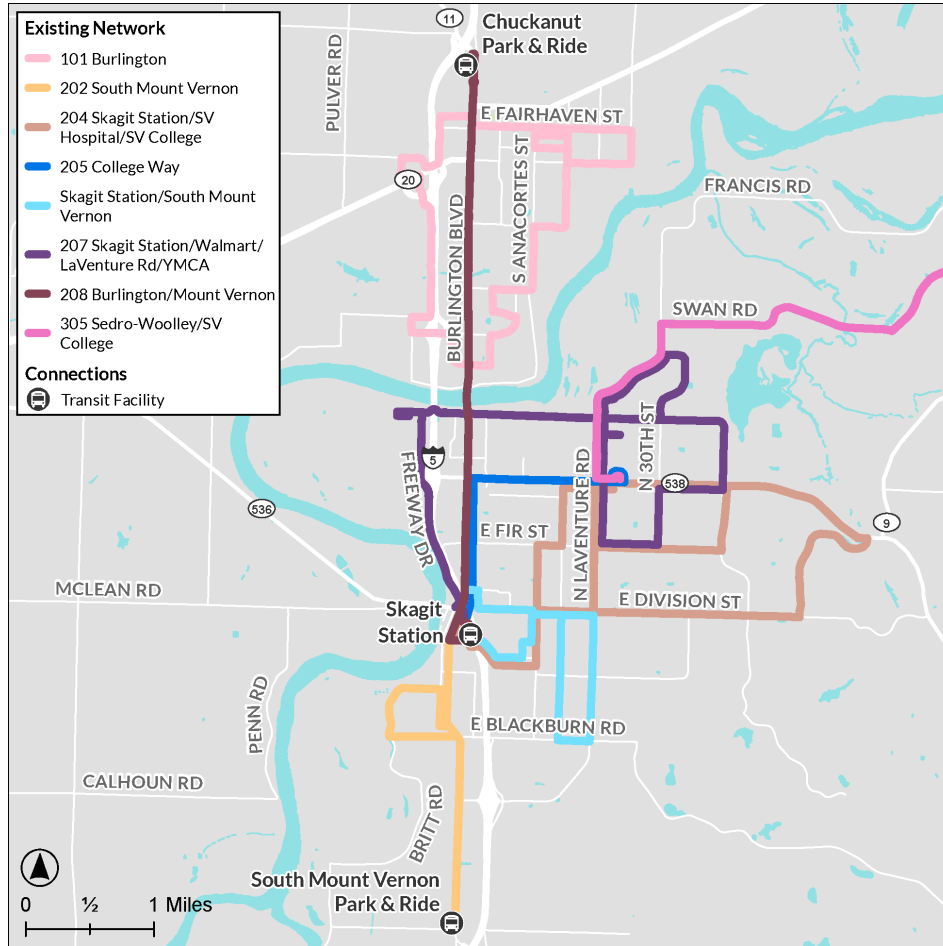- Improve access to transit
- Explore new service opportunities
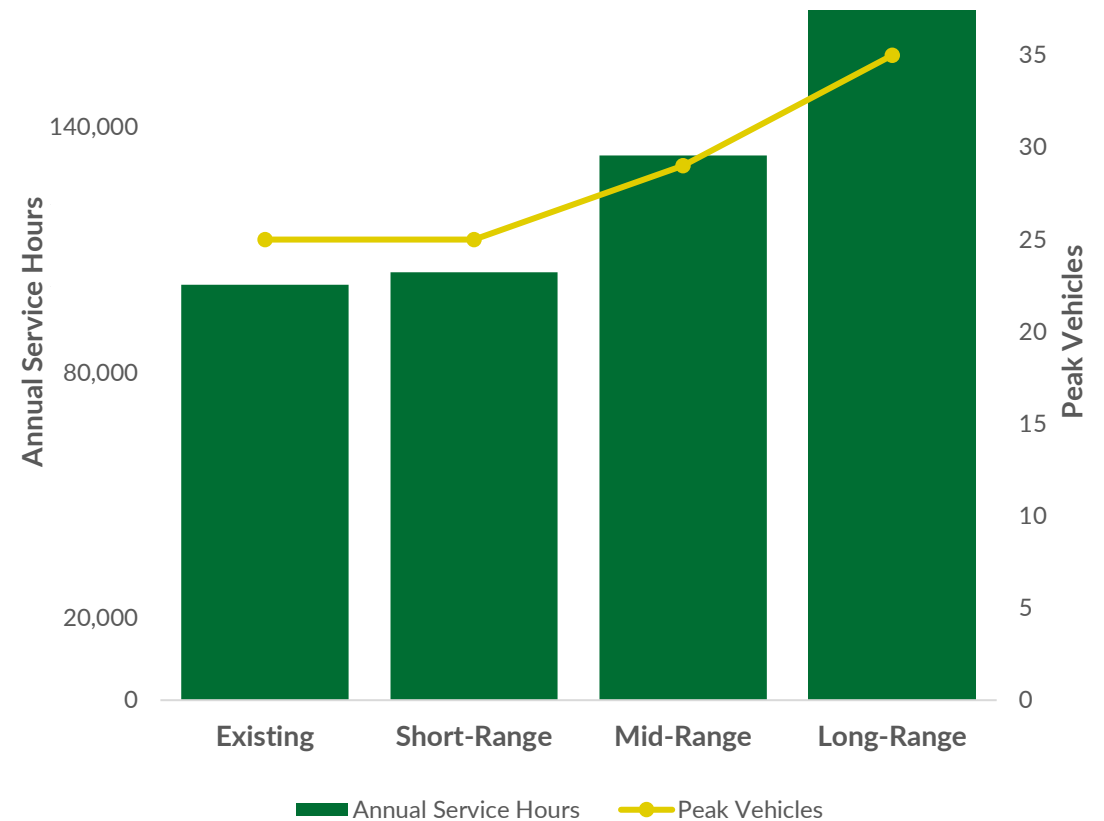
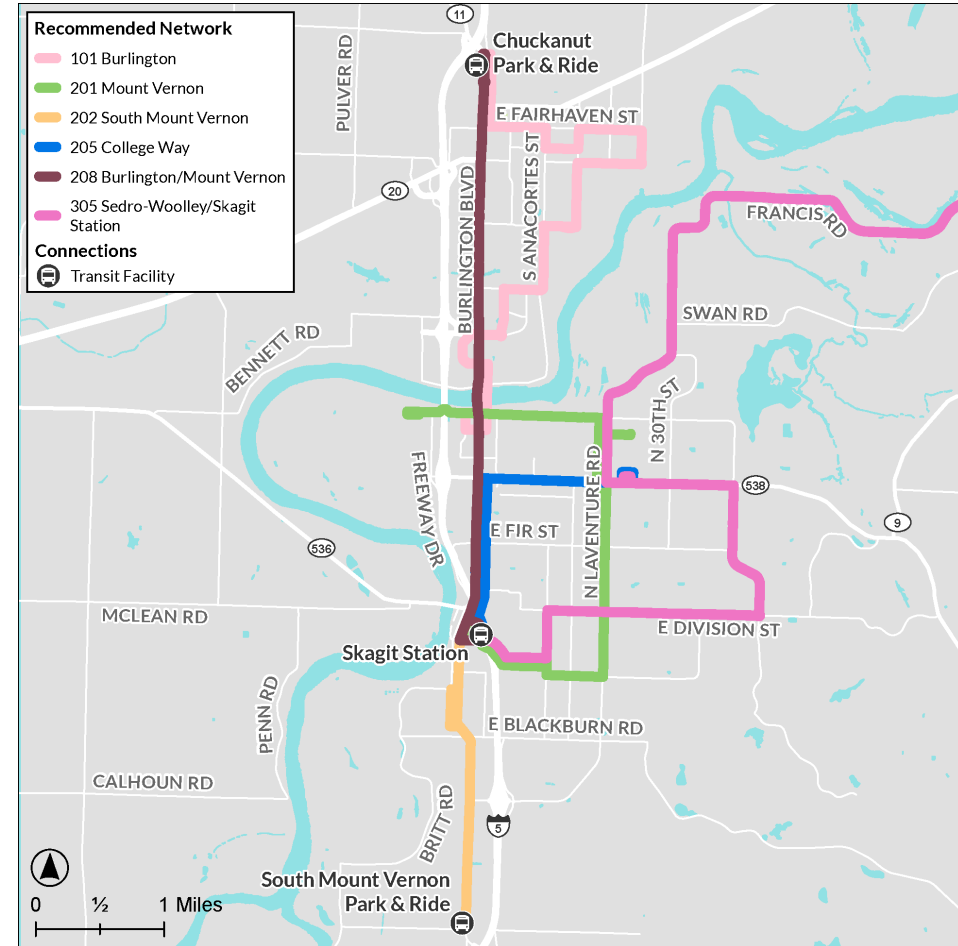* = Additional resources needed for implementation
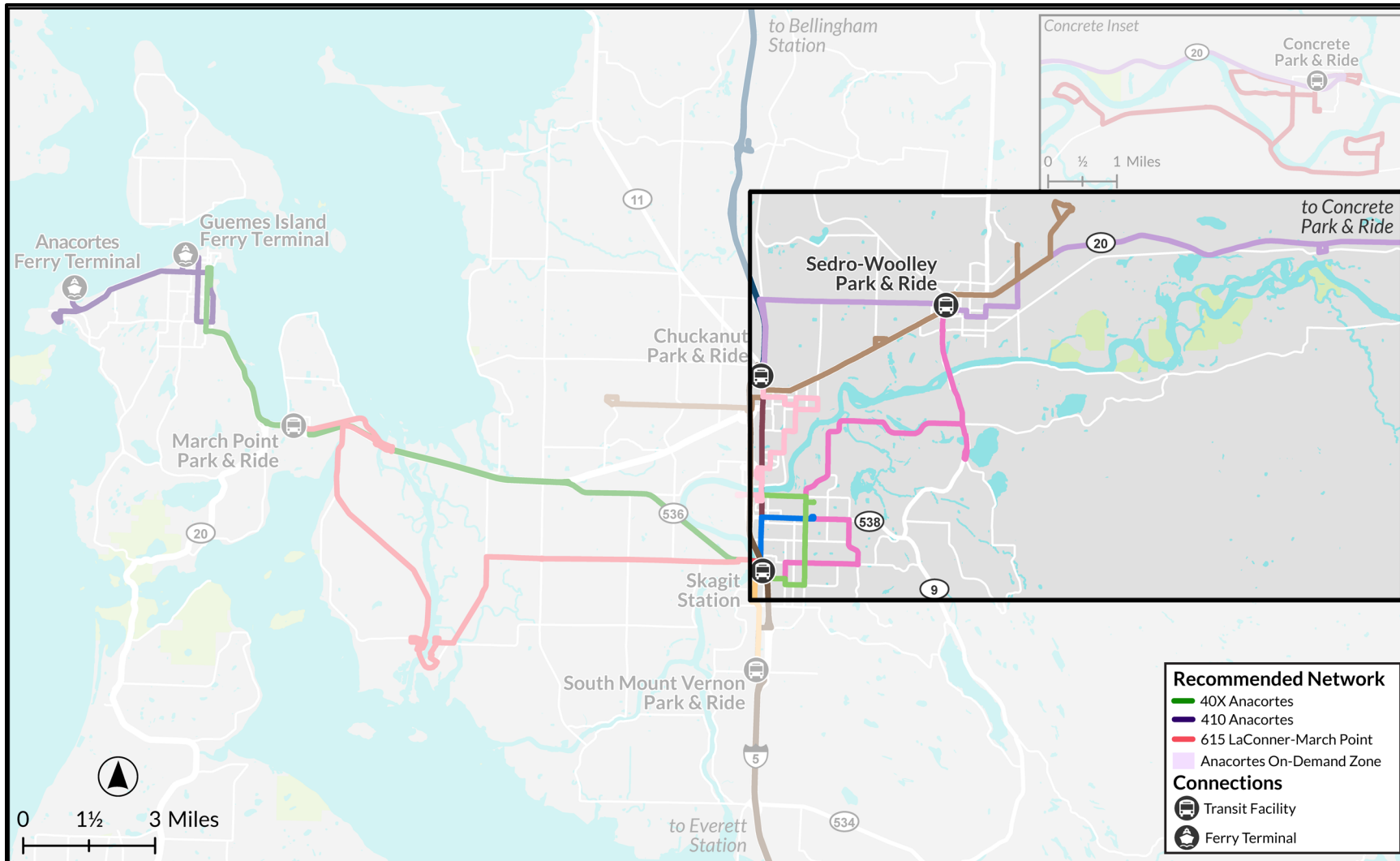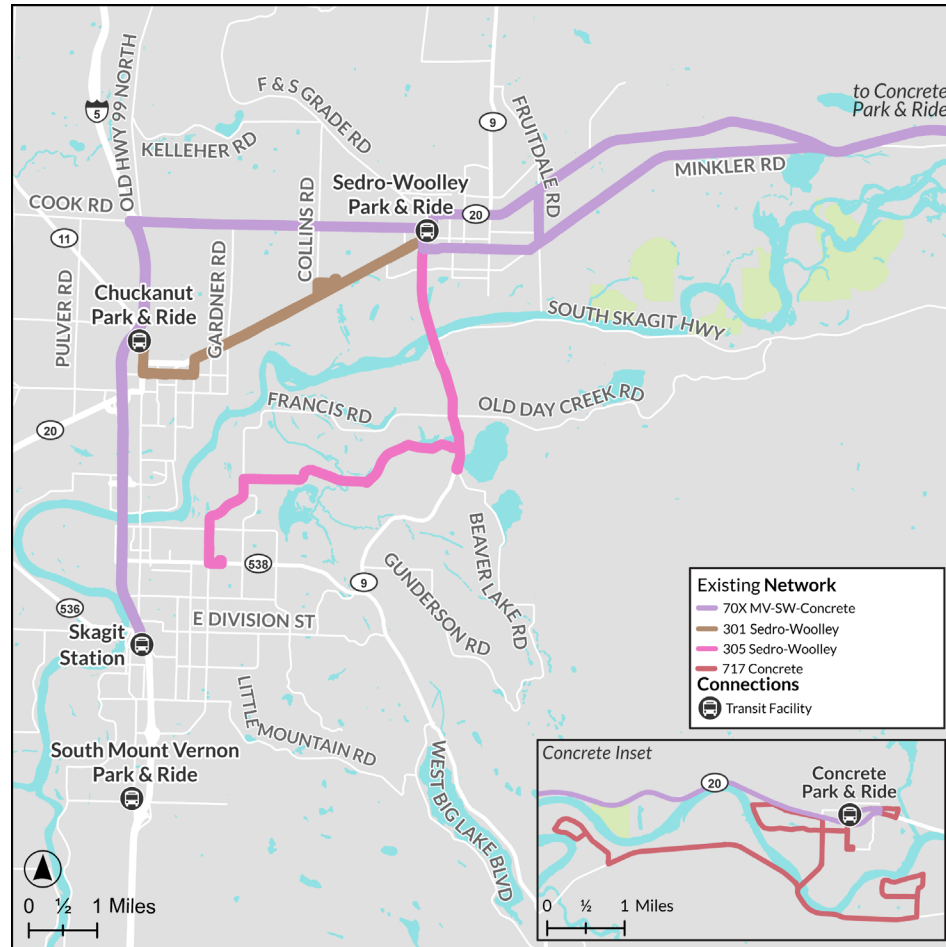
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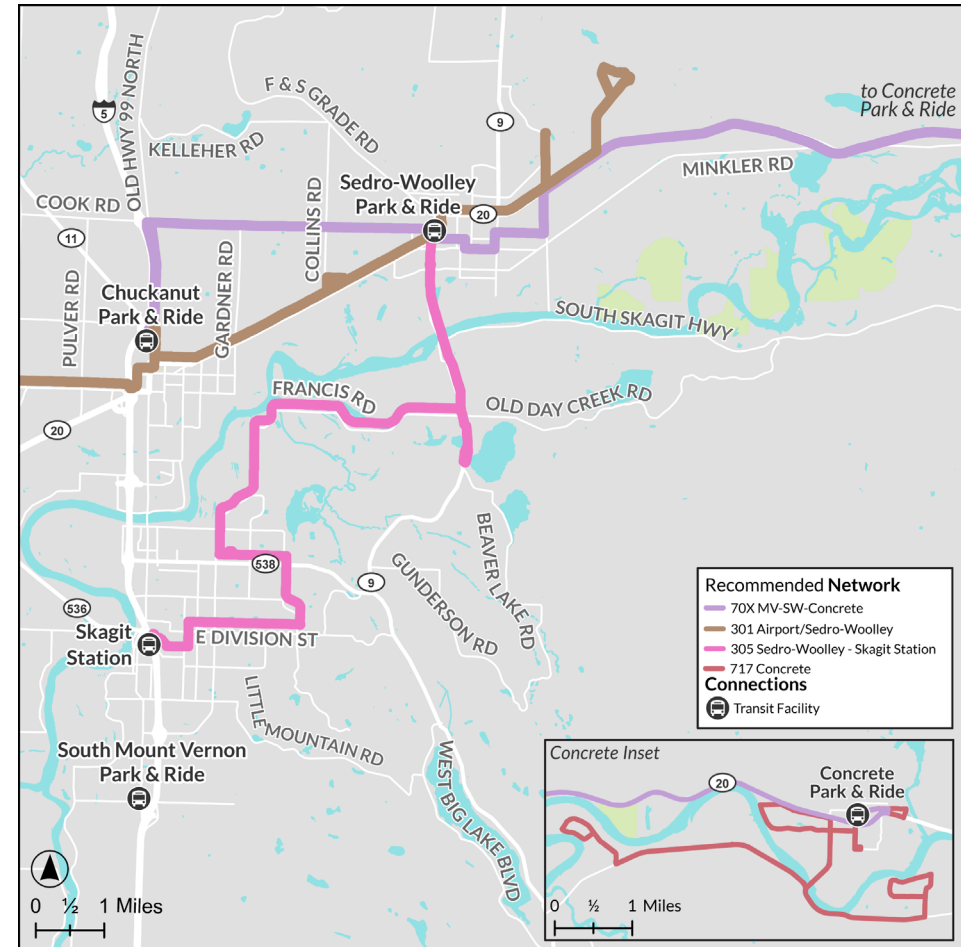
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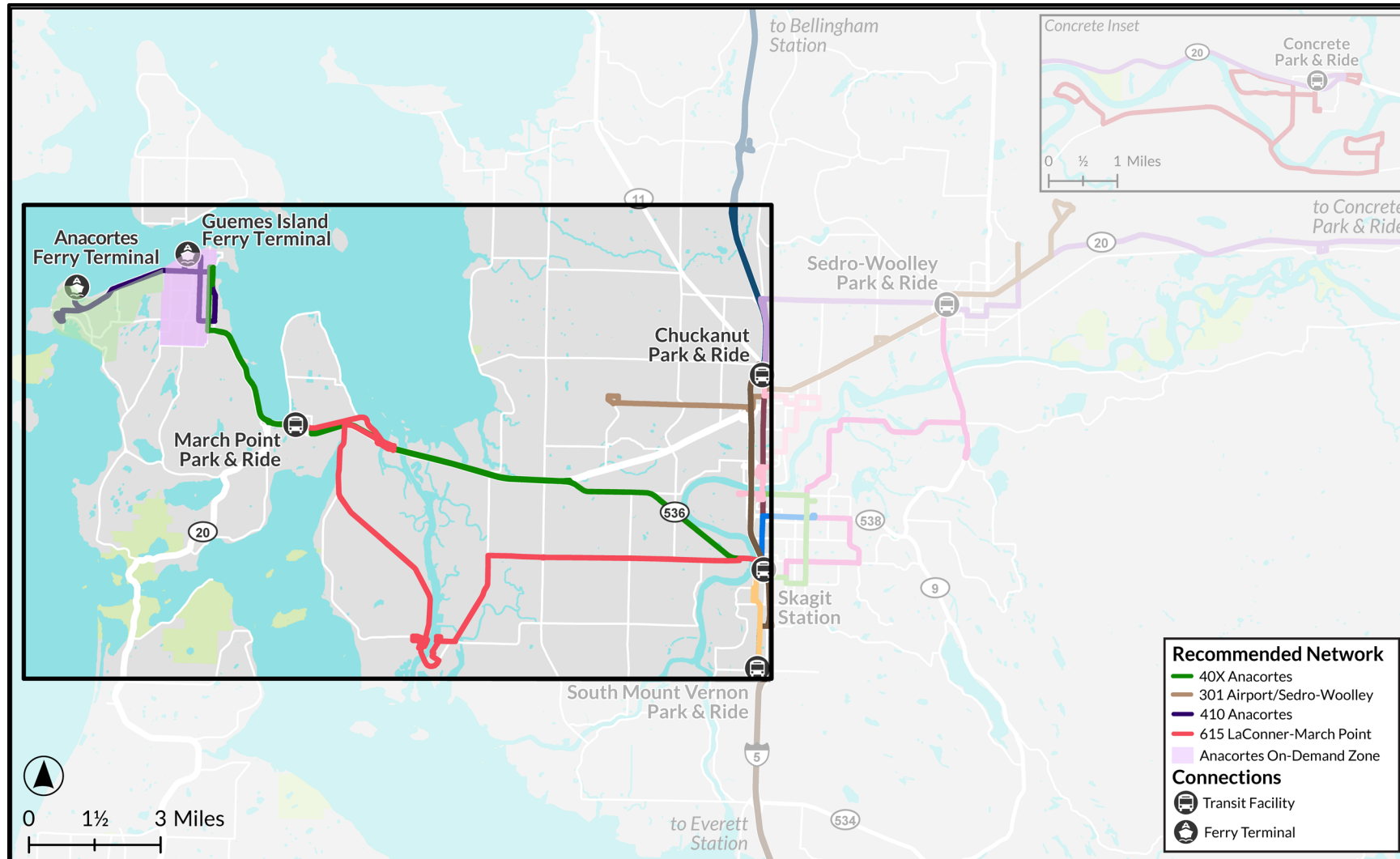# Route Recommendations: East County
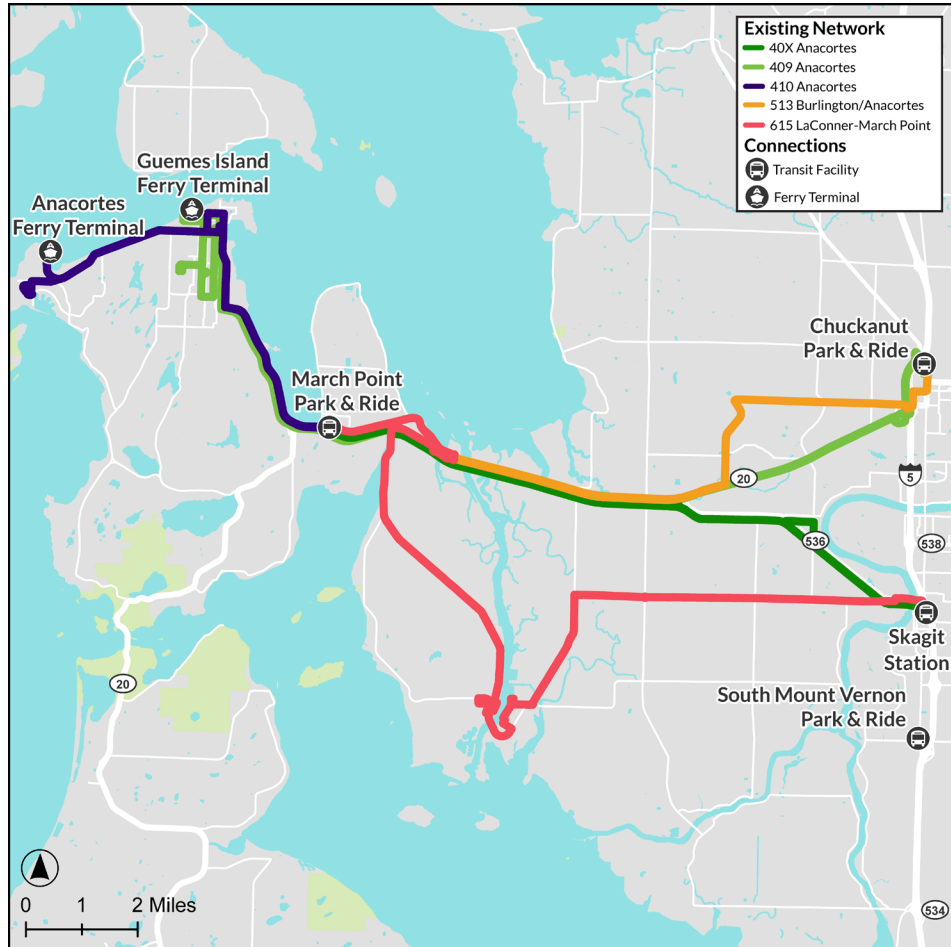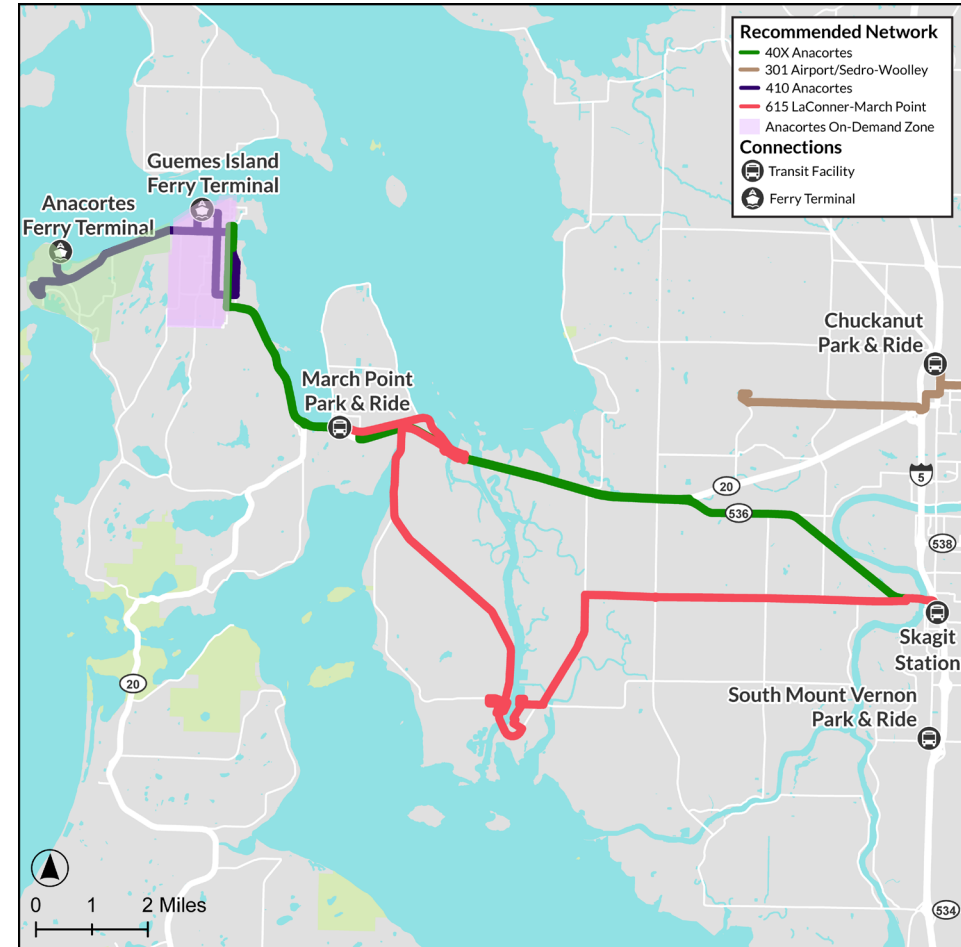
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Route Recommendations: West County

Existing

Recommended

Next Steps

Skagit Transit Community Outreach
- Outreach Events
- Public Meetings

We are here

LRTP Approval
- 30-day public comment period
- Board of Directors Approval

Phase 1 Implementation

LRTP Service Recommendations
- Performance Evaluation
- Market and Land Use Assessment Community Engagement
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Staff Feedback

Service Change Preparation
- Finalize schedules
- Operator Assignments
- Technology Information Updates
- Prepare rider communication

Rider Information
- Additional Rider Outreach
- Online Information
- Bus Announcements
- Bus Stop Notices
- Add/Remove/Update Bus Stop Signage