

**Resolution of the Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee in Support of Adding Two Voting, Transit-Reliant Representatives to the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners**

- Whereas, HB 1418 passed with bipartisan support in May 2025 (effective January 2026) to let Washington's 21 Public Transportation Benefit Areas add two voting, transit-reliant members to their boards; and
- Whereas, Interstate Transit in Thurston County has successfully included transit users on its board since 1981 under a state grandfather clause, proving the value of this model; and
- Whereas, the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners currently consists primarily of elected officials who may not rely on public transportation or active transportation for their daily mobility; and
- Whereas, research shows that decisions made by transit boards disproportionately impact low-income individuals, disabled persons, and transit-reliant people; and
- Whereas, cyclist and pedestrian advocates share an aligned mission with transit riders, requiring safe, multimodal, low-stress connections to transit hubs and multimodal corridors;
- Therefore, be it resolved, that the Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee supports the addition of two voting, transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners by the 2026 Kitsap Transit Board Composition Review Committee; and
- Be it further resolved, that the Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facilities Community Advisory Committee calls upon the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners to implement an equitable, transparent appointment process that ensures the applicants who will receive consideration actively use Kitsap Transit services for their daily commutes, work, community and public life, and essential travel; and
- Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Kitsap Transit Board Composition Review Committee, the Kitsap Transit Executive Director and the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners.