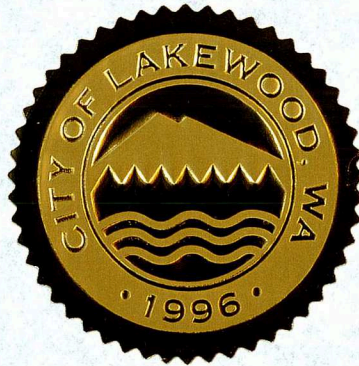


# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood is served by two transit agencies, Pierce Transit and Sound Transit, that provide public transportation via bus, commuter or light rail, SHUTTLE paratransit, Rideshare, and a Runner van; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, Pierce Transit provided 6.8 million passenger trips in Pierce County; and

**WHEREAS**, 52% of Pierce Transit riders do not own a personal vehicle, and 67% have an annual income under \$35,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Move Ahead Washington, the transformative legislative transportation package passed in 2022, invests more than \$3 billion in transit programs and projects, including the first-in-the-nation Youth Ride Free program, which provides zero cost fare to all individuals 18 years and younger; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Pierce Transit launched the Stream Community Line, providing enhanced peak bus service between Spanaway and Tacoma Dome Station, and established another Runner zone – an on-demand micro-transit service – for a total of six Runner zones in Pierce County; and

**WHEREAS**, transit in Washington today reduces 371,000 metric tons of CO2 emission per year. If all single vehicle drivers were to shift to transit, there would be a savings of 130,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year – almost equal to 28,272 passenger vehicles driven annually; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that 1 in 4 adults in the United States experiences transportation insecurity, suggesting that millions of Washingtonians may not be able to move from place to place in a safe or timely manner because they lack the resources necessary for transportation and nearly 25% of Washingtonians cannot or do not drive, resulting in a likely reliance on public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, transit provides essential trips and essential jobs for people of color and low-income individuals. Among urban residents, Black, Latino/a, and foreign-born residents are more likely to take public transit; and



**WHEREAS**, greater transit use is associated with higher levels of physical activity, which is associated with lower health risks and better health outcomes; and

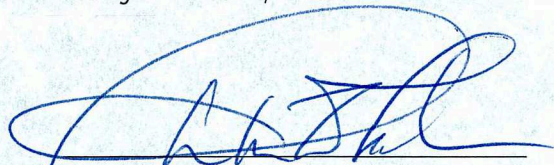
**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood appreciates Pierce Transit's close work with local jurisdictions, including with planners and staff, to incorporate local growth patterns into future transit planning to increase transit opportunities for residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby designate the month of June, 2024 as

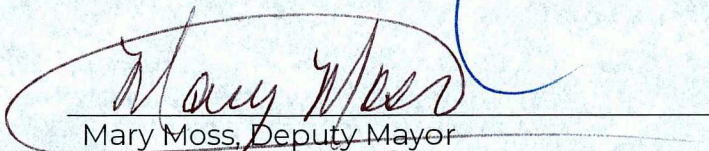
## **RIDE TRANSIT MONTH**

in the City of Lakewood and encourages residents to observe the month with appropriate events and activities to promote public transportation.

PROCLAIMED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024.

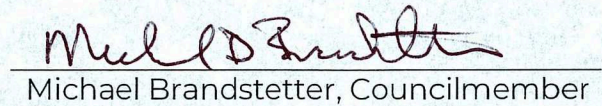


Jason Whalen, Mayor



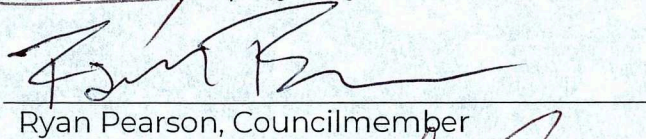
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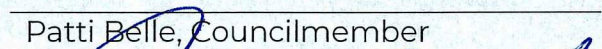
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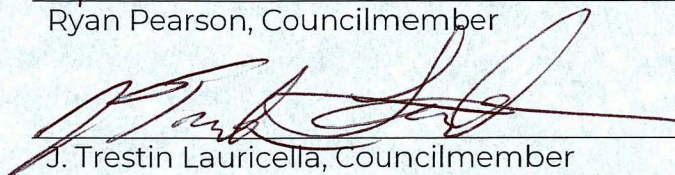
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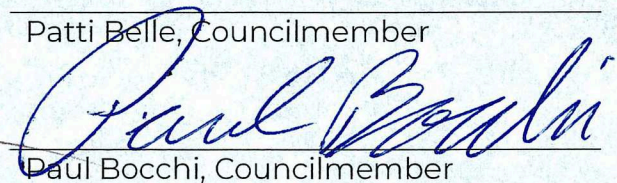
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