

# 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 2024 Pierce Transit provided almost 6.8 million passenger trips by bus, 308,021 SHUTTLE trips, 362,661 Rideshare trips, and 52,379 Runner trips in Pierce County; 1 million of those bus trips were free rides to youth 18 years and younger; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Sound Transit provided 920,000 T-Line passenger trips, 1.7 million Sounder S Line trips and 2.6 million Pierce Transit-operated Express bus trips in Pierce County; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 percent of Pierce Transit riders do not have access to a personal vehicle and 32 percent have an annual income under \$30,000. More than half ride transit to get to work or to look for work and nearly 40 percent ride transit to get to a healthcare appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce Transit has served as the South Sound's primary, locally-based public transportation system since 1980, serving the cities and towns in the Public Transportation Benefit Area for 45 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce Transit has provided more than 473 million bus trips since service began in 1980, connecting residents of our communities with important destinations such as work, school, medical appointments, everyday errands, and social and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, Sound Transit has been funding ST Express service between Pierce County and King County since 1999, removing thousands of single occupancy vehicles from our highways every day, reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce Transit provides an important lifeline to individuals who qualify for paratransit service under the Americans Disability Act, and since 1980 has provided approximately 16 million trips to community members who depend on this service; and

**WHEREAS**, Pierce Transit has provided more than 24 million Rideshare trips over the past 45 years, connecting thousands of employees from both large and small employers across the region with a time and cost savings alternative to driving alone; and

**WHEREAS**, transit in Washington today reduces 371,000 metric tons of CO2 emission per year. If all people driving alone were to shift to transit, we can save 130,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year – equal to about 28,272 passenger vehicles driven for one year; and

**WHEREAS**, public transportation investments generate 31 percent more jobs per dollar than new construction of roads and bridges, and investment in transit can yield 49,700 jobs per \$1 billion invested, and offer a 5-to-1 economic return; and

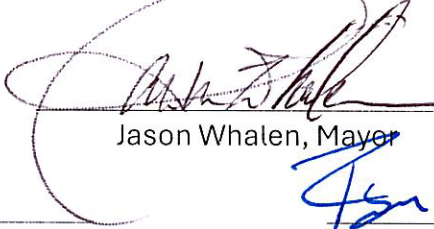
**WHEREAS**, greater transit use is associated with higher levels of physical activity, which is associated with lower health risks and better health outcomes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby designate the month of June, 2025 as

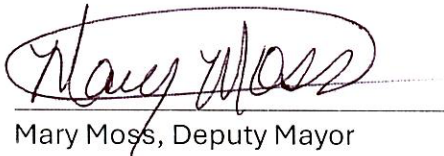
## RIDE TRANSIT MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and encourages residents, community organizations and decision makers to ride, promote and celebrate public transportation as a key aspect of mobility in the City of Lakewood.

PROCLAIMED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2025.



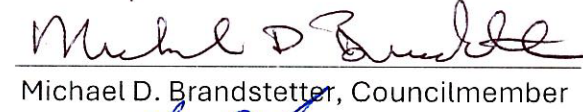
Jason Whalen, Mayor



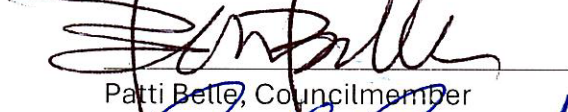
Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor



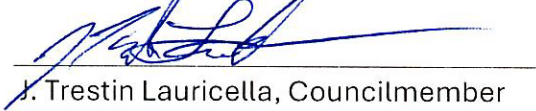
Ryan Pearson, Councilmember



Michael D. Brandstetter, Councilmember



Patti Belle, Councilmember



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Paul Bocchi, Councilmember