MultiCare PNW PACE Partners

TRANSPORTATION IS ESSENTIAL TO HEALTHCARE

8 ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES TO KEEP CARE WITHIN REACH

2027–2029 • PSRC Grant Prioritization



Specialized Transportation for Mobility-Dependent Participants



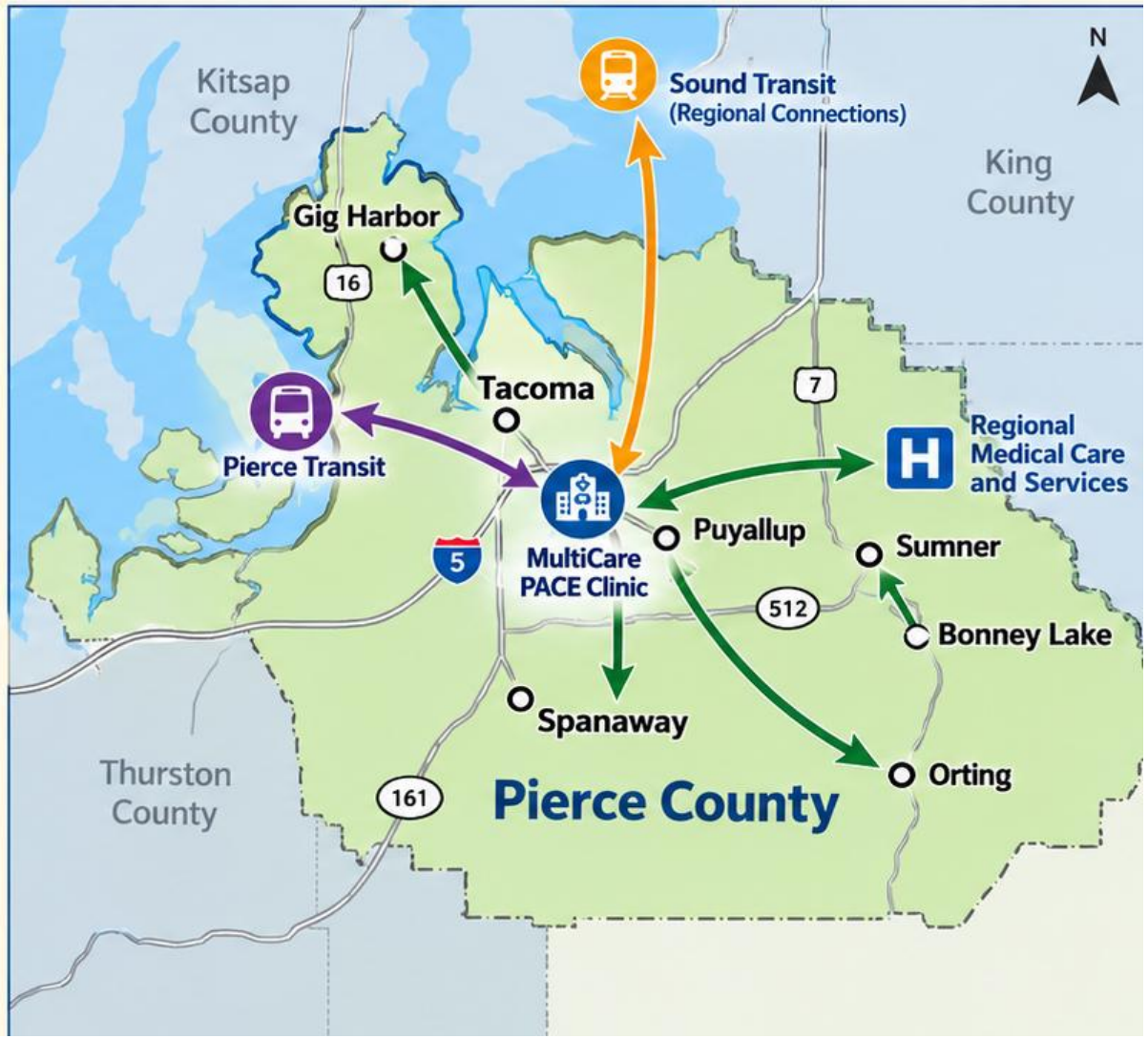
85% of PACE passenger trips require assistance

- Wheelchair lifts and securement systems support accessible transportation.

- Effective routing and scheduling allow time for boarding, securement, and passenger assistance.

- Safe, reliable transportation is designed around PACE participants' mobility needs.

Regional Coordination — A Proven Transportation Solution



PCCTC-Led Transportation Coordination

- **Continuing Transportation Need:**

PACE participants require specialized wheelchair-accessible transportation and significant passenger assistance.

- **Regional Coordination:**

The PCCTC-led partnership with MultiCare Medical, Pierce County Adult and Aging Services, Pierce Transit, and WSDOT established the solution that continues to serve this need.

- **Ongoing Benefits:**

Specialized PACE transportation helps preserve Pierce Transit SHUTTLE capacity for other ADA riders.

- **Sustaining the Solution:**

Replacing eight aging, high-mileage vehicles maintains reliable transportation and protects the original investment.

Sustaining the original solution through timely replacement of aging vehicles.

PACE Replacement Vehicle – Accessible, Flexible Interior

Designed to Serve Frail Older Adults and Adults with Significant Mobility Needs

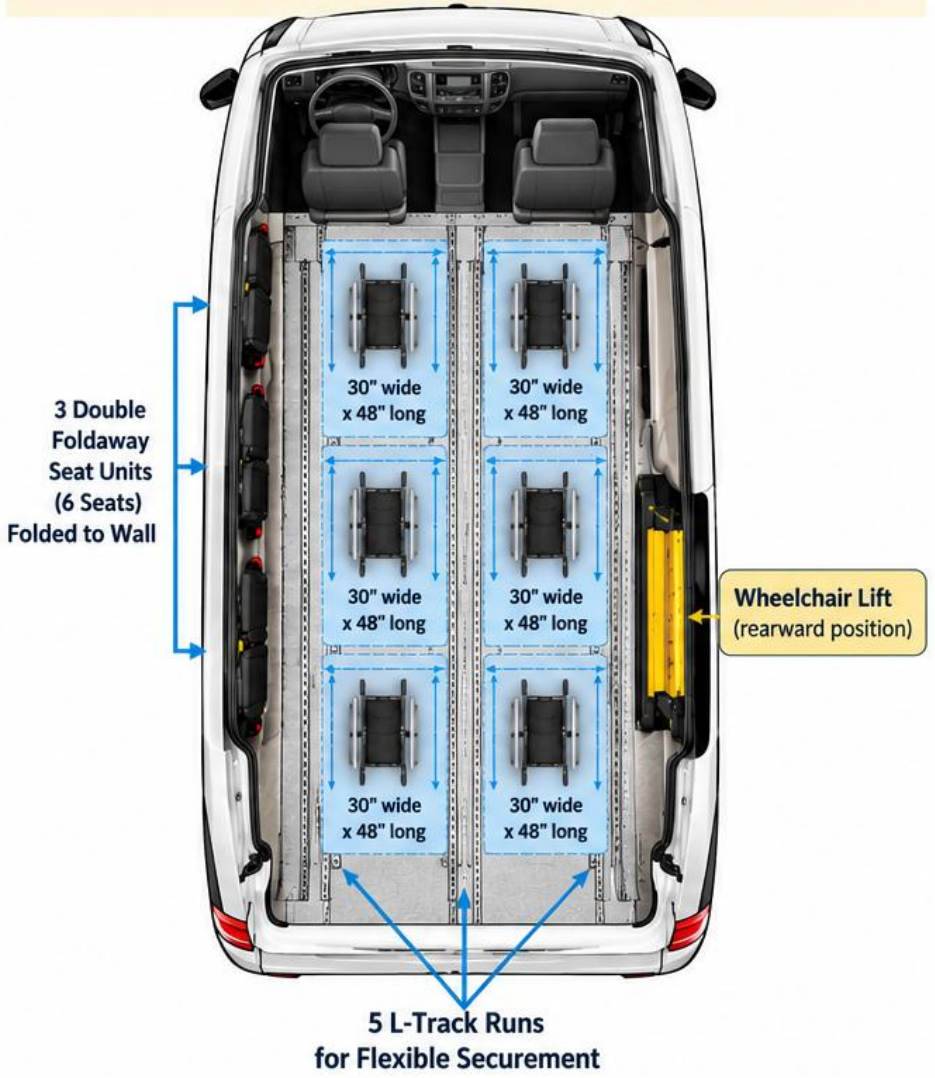
Flexible Seating with Foldaway Seats

Seats Folded and Fastened to Wall Create Open Floor Space
for up to Six Wheelchairs



Maximum Wheelchair Configuration

Seats Folded to Wall + 6 Wheelchair Positions



Conceptual layout only — up to six wheelchair positions with flexible foldaway seating.
Final design, lift placement and securement subject to manufacturer review and accessibility/safety requirements.

Supporting PSRC Transportation Goals

Transportation Priority	Vehicle Replacement
Equitable Access and Mobility	Maintain wheelchair-accessible transportation for older adults and adults with disabilities.
Reliable Transportation	Replace eight aging vehicles; seven approaching 300,000 miles.
Passenger Safety and Accessibility	Modern lifts, securement systems, and trained passenger assistance.
Continuity of Healthcare Access	Reduce vehicle failures and interruptions to essential healthcare trips.
Responsible Public Investment	Sustain the original transportation solution and protect public investment.

Eight replacement vehicles sustain a proven solution, preserve healthcare access, and protect public investment.

Investment in Eight Accessible Replacement Vehicles

Total project cost	**$1,137,176**
ATS Trans local cash match	**$113,720**
WSDOT funding request	**$1,023,456**
Tax-exempt cost per vehicle (8)	**$142,147**

Submitted WSDOT application amounts

* $123,952 in sales-tax savings already reflected in vehicle costs



Eight Accessible Replacement Vehicles — Benefits of Investment



Safe • Reliable • Comfortable • Respectful

Benefits of New Replacement Vehicles

1. Service Reliability

Maintain dependable transportation and reduce the risk of service interruptions.

2. Passenger and Agency Needs

Vehicles designed for specialized passenger assistance and agency requirements.

3. Coordinated Service

Effective routing and dispatching to maximize vehicle utilization.

4. Flexible Seating

Adaptable seating with a proposed configuration of up to six wheelchair positions.

5. Cost-Effective Operations

Propane/gasoline dual-fuel capability offers potential fuel cost savings versus gasoline or diesel.

We respectfully request PSRC support for full funding of all eight replacement vehicles.