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WSDOT 2027-2031 Consolidated Grant PSRC Presentation

Project: Spanaway North/South, Tideflats, Ruston, and Gig Harbor



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Grant Information

Project Type: Sustaining Project (Four-Year Eligibility)

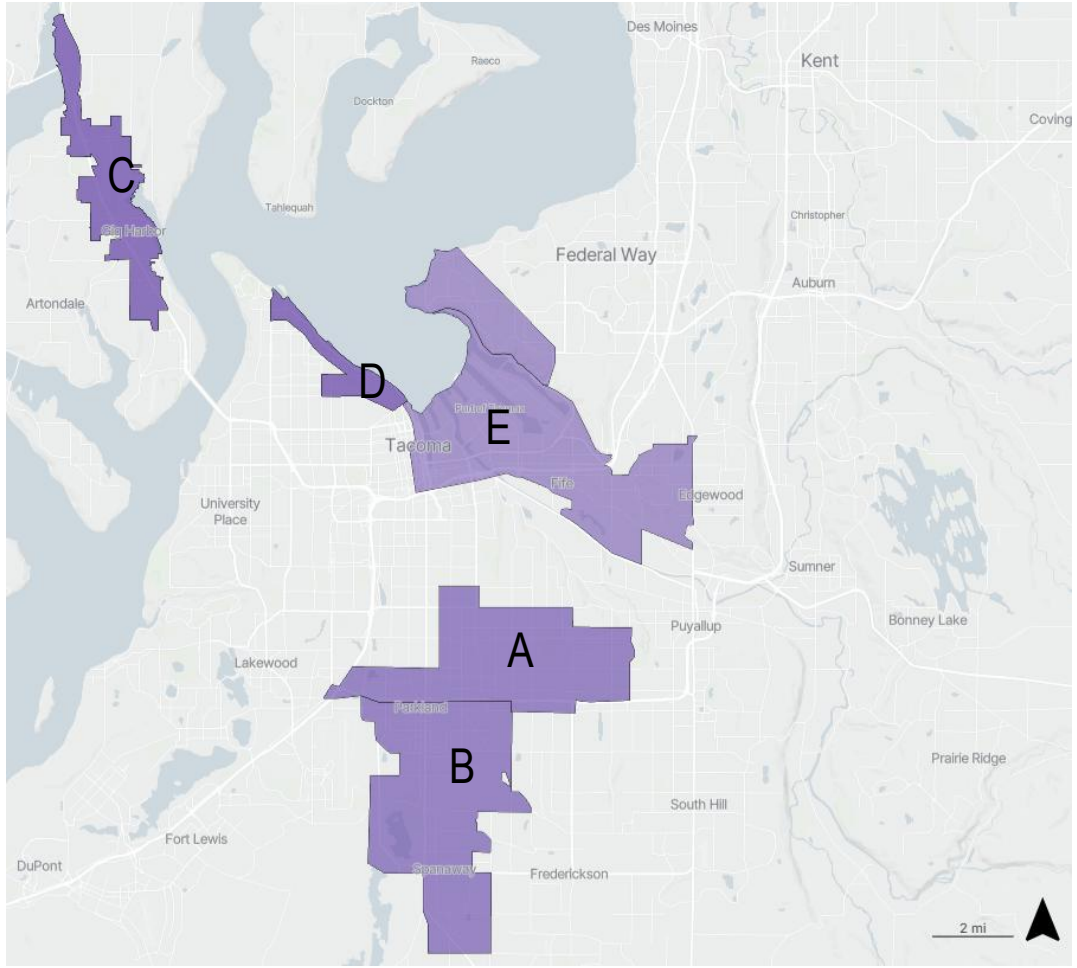
Performance Period: July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2031

Grant Requested Amount: $11,391,282
Local Match Amount: $1,265,698 *(10% for sustaining projects)*

Total Project Amount: $12,656,980



Project Description



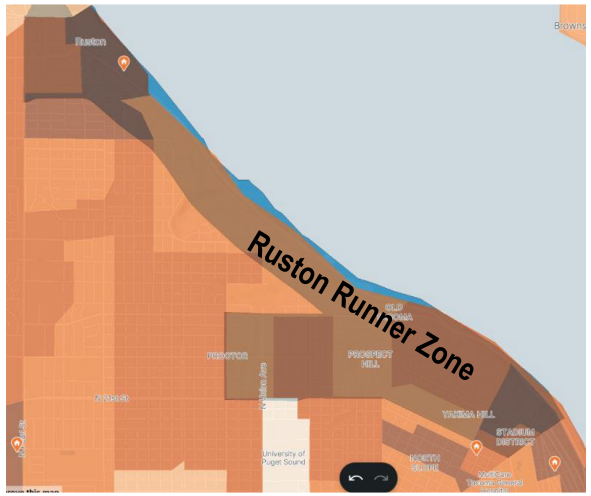
Runner is a flexible and affordable micro transit service that provides first-and –last mile connections in the Spanaway North/South, Gig Harbor, Ruston, and Tideflats areas.

Runner is a real time transportation solution that is available to everyone, with a focus on improving mobility and access to youth, seniors aged 65 and older, people with disabilities, and families with low incomes.

ID	Zone	Service Area (Sq. Mi.)	Population	Service Hours for Four Years
A	Spanaway North	8.6	37,900	12,208
B	Spanaway South	16.6	57,300	35,180
C	Gig Harbor	6.9	9,100	47,388
D	Ruston	2.2	8,200	12,566
E	Tideflats	22	37,800	41,464

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Population Density-Seniors
Spanaway North/South, Ruston, Tideflats, Gig Harbor



Senior

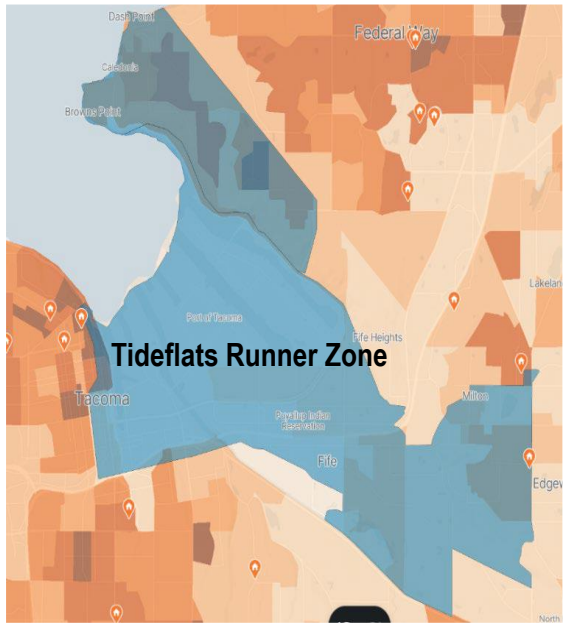
People per square mile who are 65 years or older, by block group.

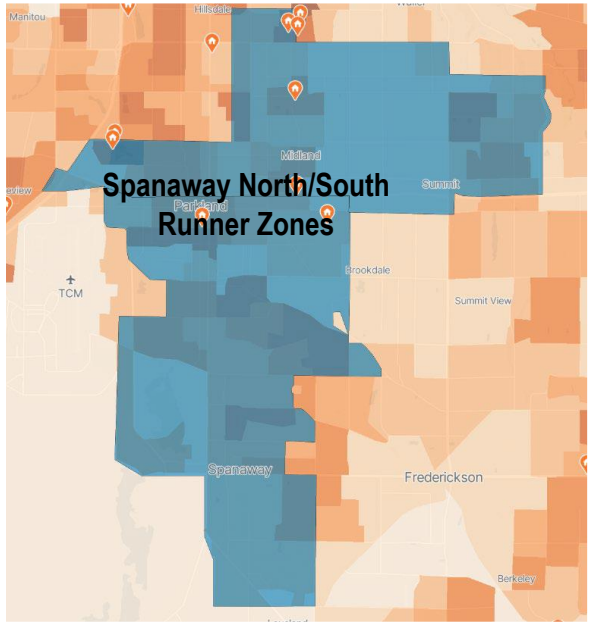
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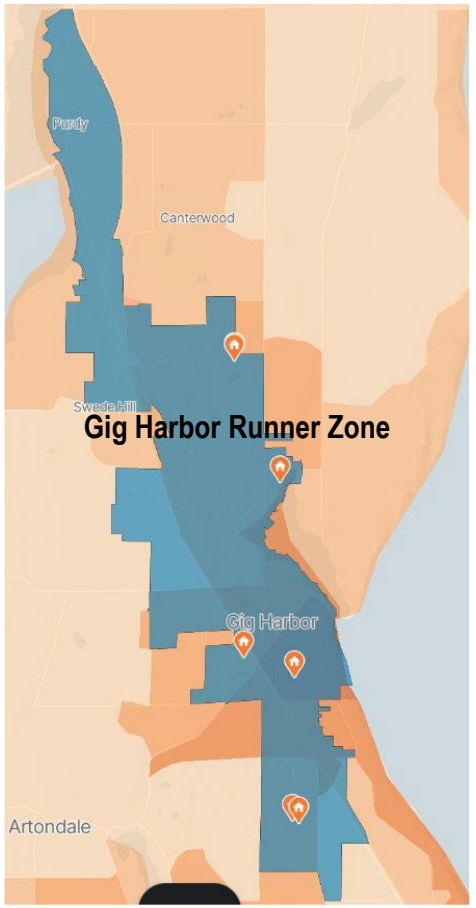
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Population Density-Youth
Spanaway North/South, Ruston, Tideflats, Gig Harbor



Youth

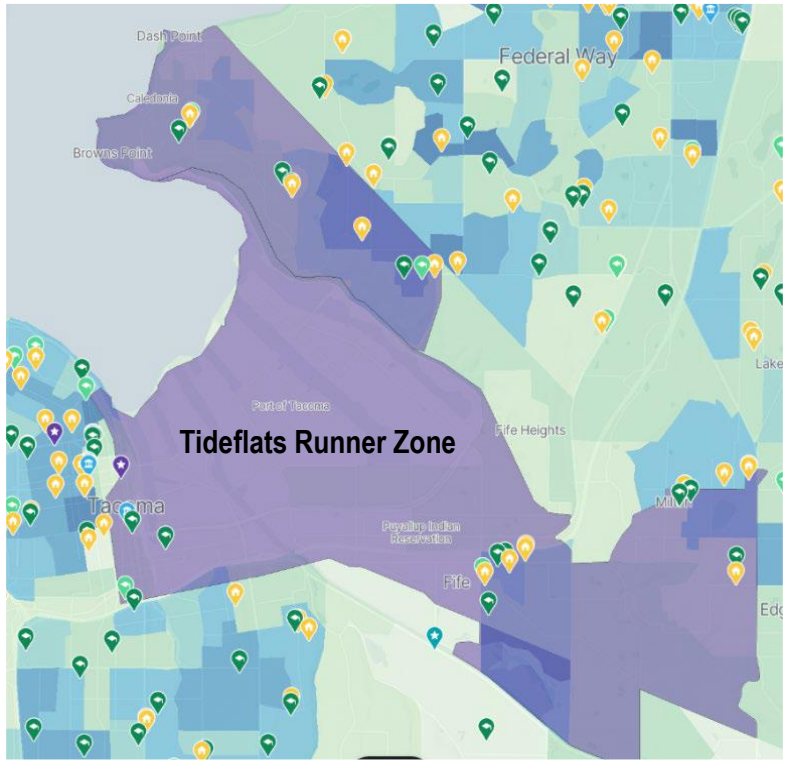
People per square mile who are under the age of 18, by block group.

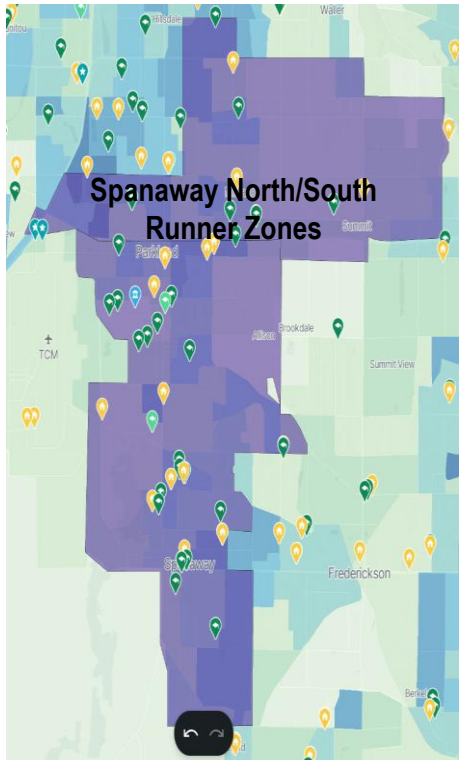
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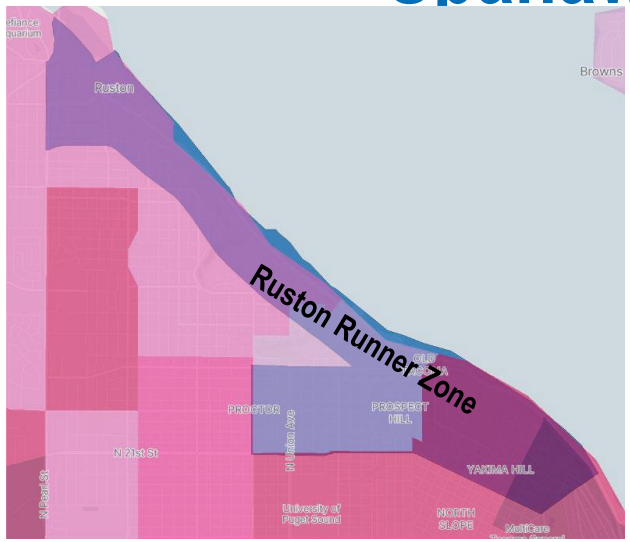






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Population Density-Living with Disabilities
Spanaway North/South, Ruston, Tideflats, Gig Harbor



People Living with Disabilities

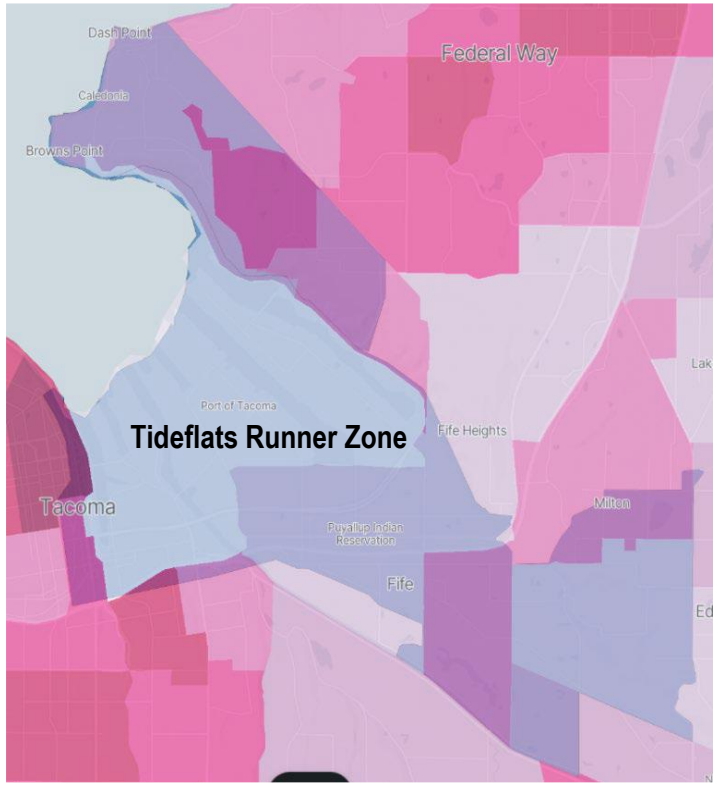
People per square mile who have a disability, by census tract.

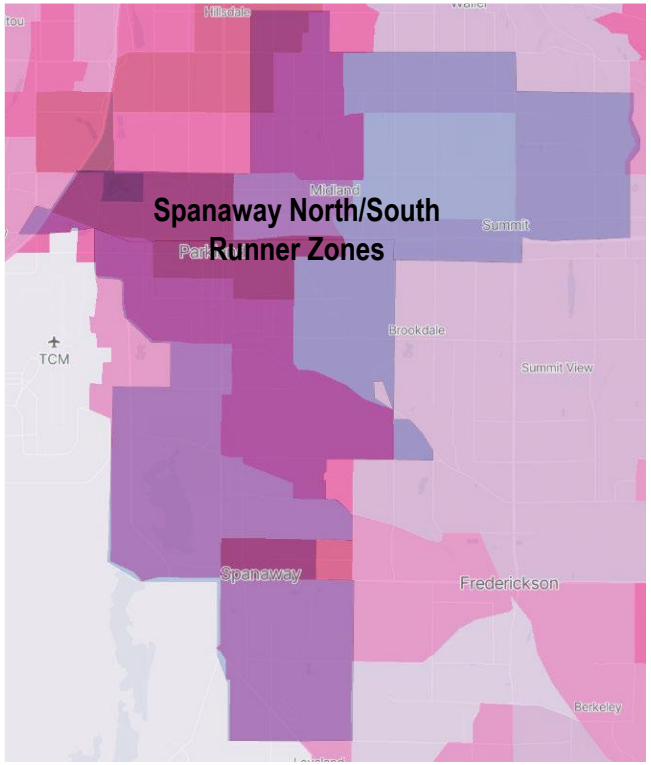
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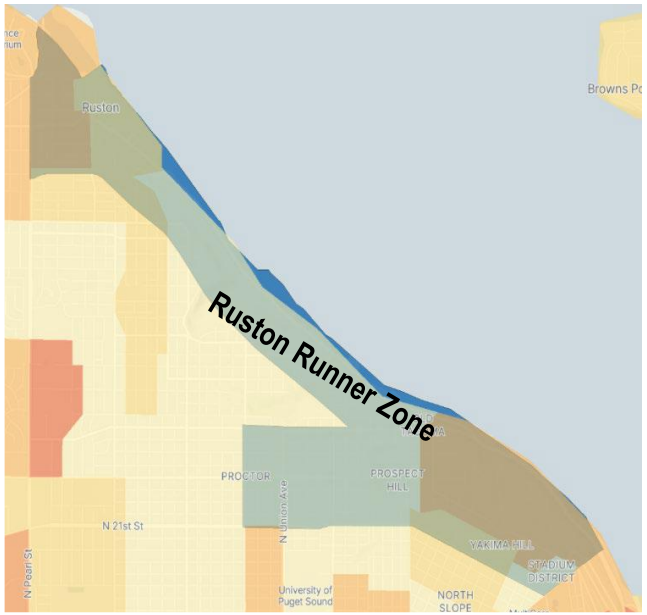


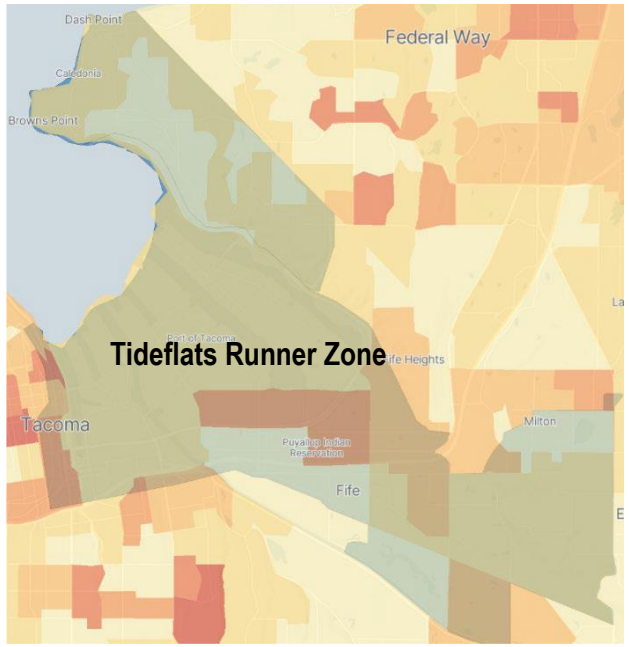


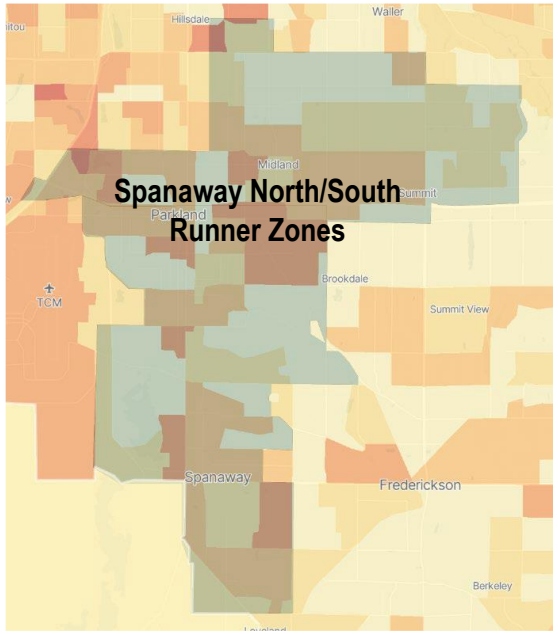


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Population Density-Below Poverty Level
Spanaway North/South, Ruston, Tideflats, Gig Harbor









Poverty

People per square mile falling below the poverty threshold, by block group.

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How To Ride Runner



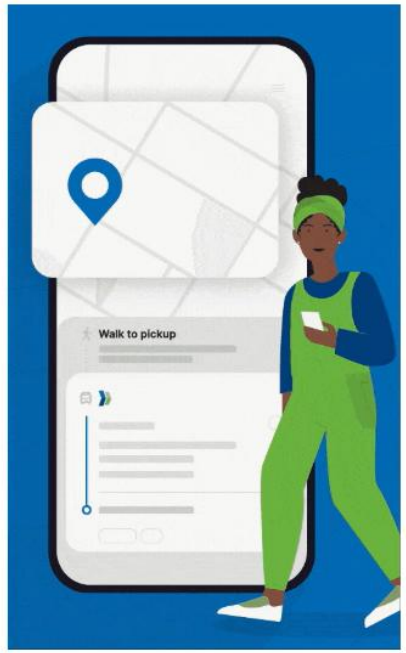
1. Create an account

Download the Pierce Transit On-Demand app from your preferred app store and follow the simple signup steps.



2. Book a ride

Enter your pick up and drop off addresses. Choose the ride that works for you by tapping Book This Ride.
**Tap the accessibility icon in your profile to enable wheelchair-accessible vehicle requests.*



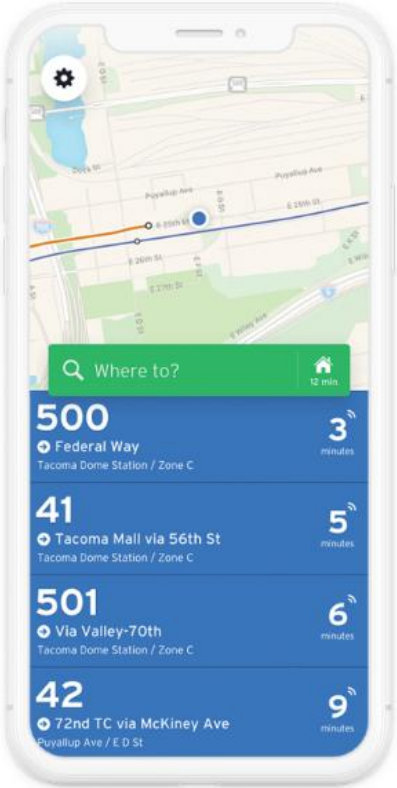
3. Meet your driver

Check the app to track your driver's location in realtime so you know exactly when to meet your ride.

No smartphone? No problem!
Book a ride by calling 253.581.8000, option 4.

Transit App Trip Planning

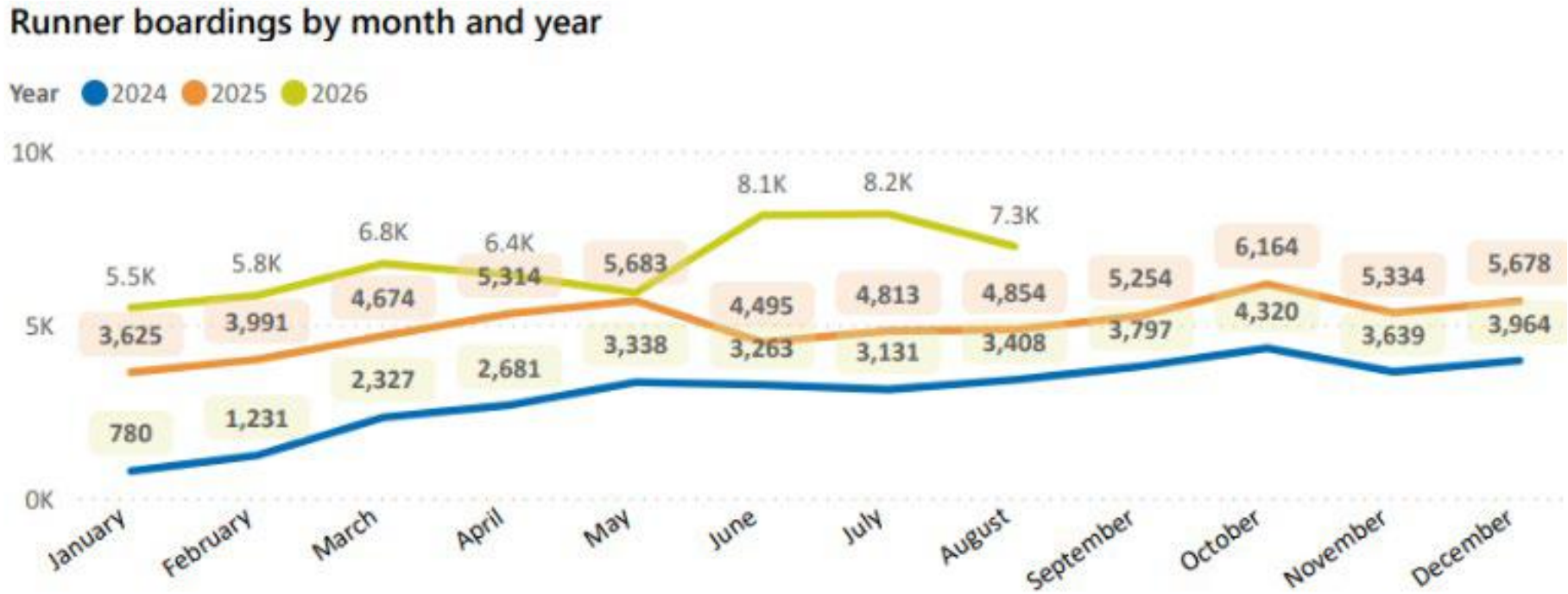
2026-11,033 Redirects to Runner App



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2024-2026 Runner Annual Boardings

Spanaway North/South, Tideflats, Ruston, Gig Harbor

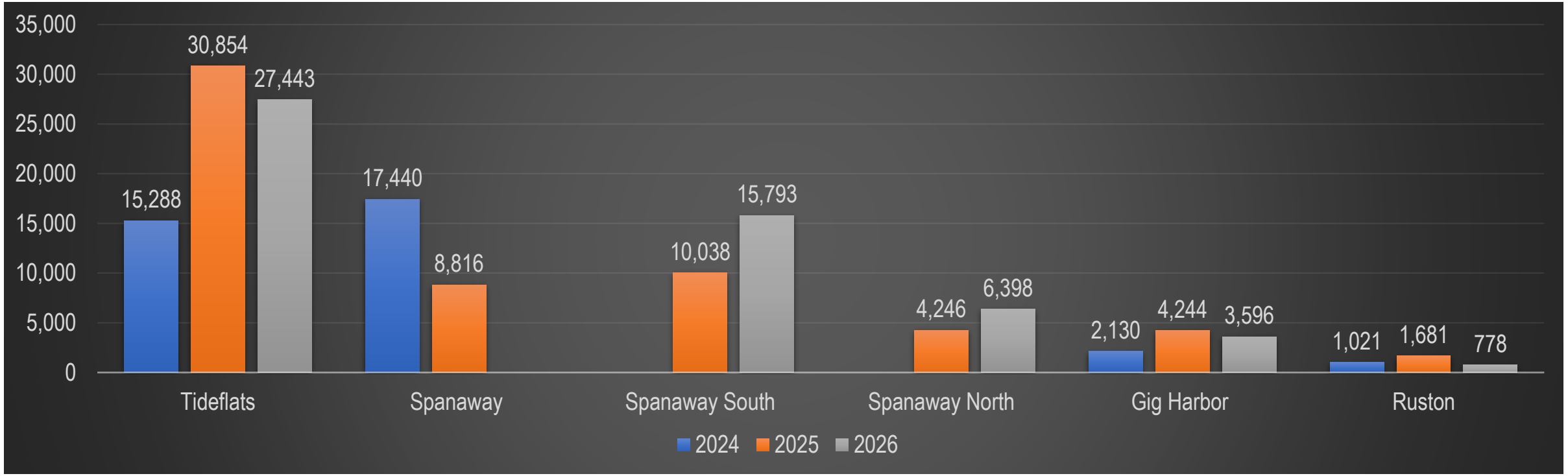


2027-2031 Estimated Runner Boardings

137,936

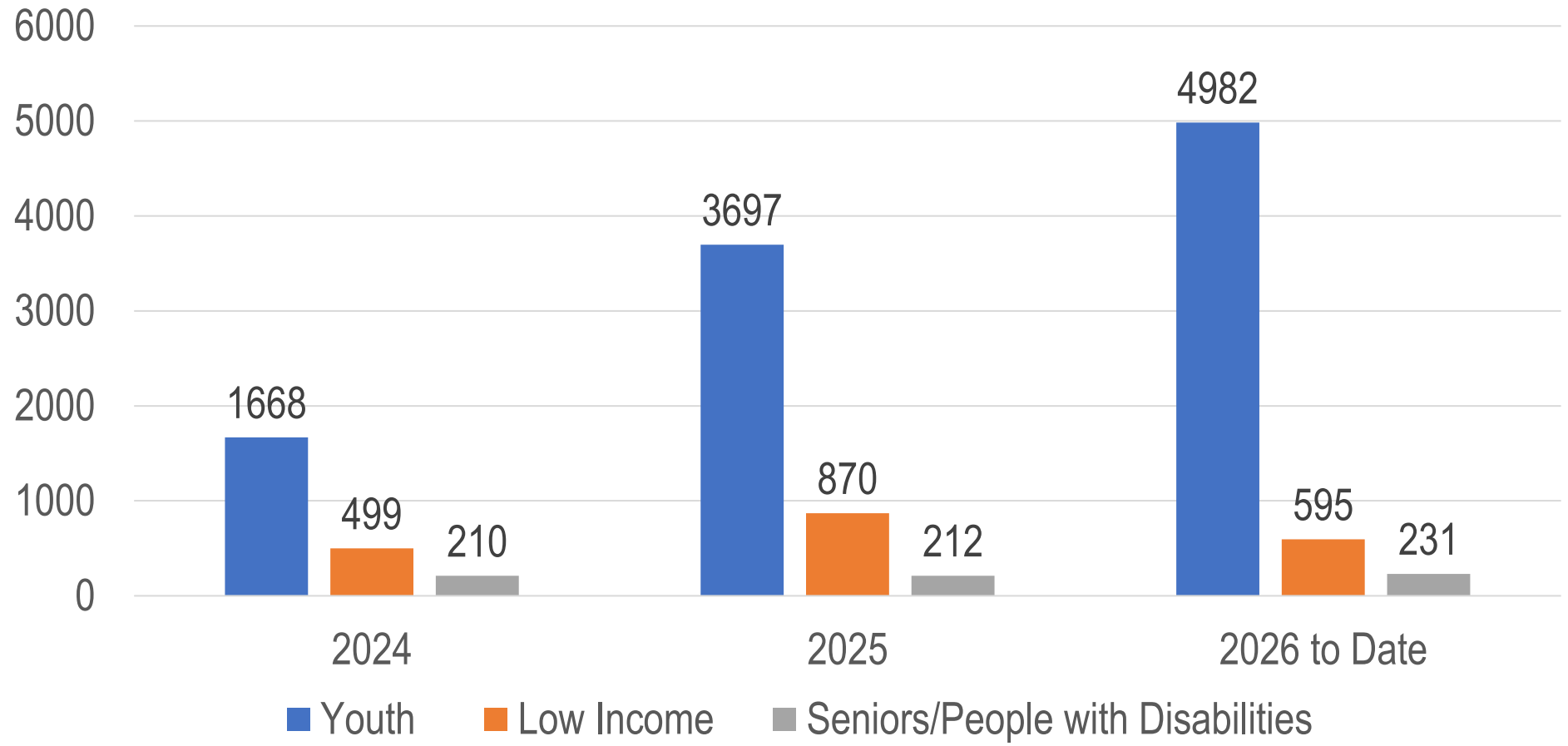
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2024-2026 Runner Boardings by Zone



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Runner Ridership by Demographic



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Pierce Transit Outreach Events

- Farmer's Markets
- Chambers
- Neighborhood Councils
- Senior Centers
- School Districts
- Civic Organizations
- Community Based Organizations

Total Outreach Events by Year
2024-626
2025-474
2026-603



How this project meets CPT-HSTP needs:

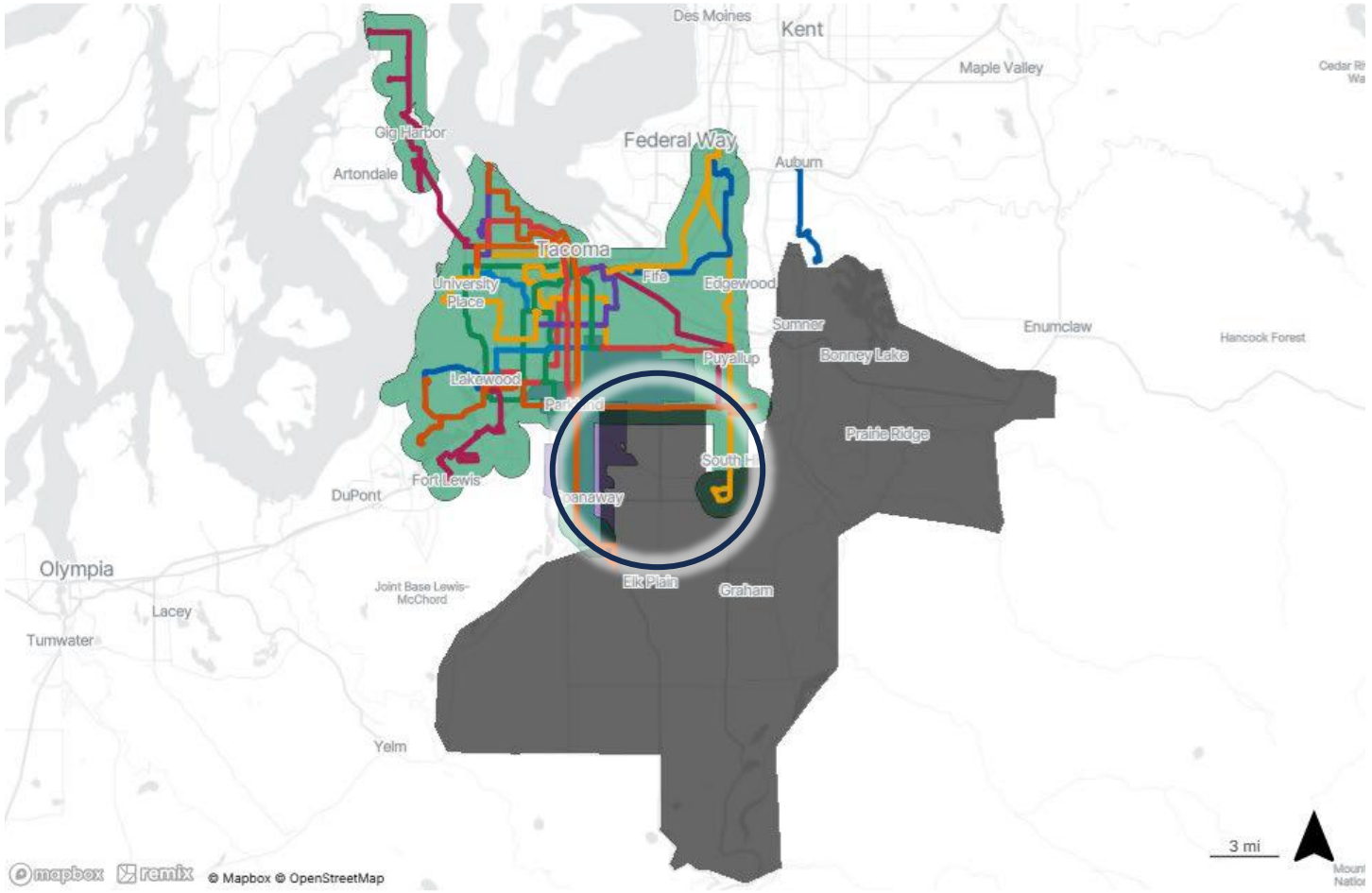
- **Shorter travel times**: Runner's on-demand, door-to-door service reduces wait times and improves access for riders with mobility and accessibility needs.

- **Expanded service hours**: Runner operates daily from 7am–10pm, covering peak and off-peak periods. Offers flexible, same-day service compared to ADA paratransit's advance reservation requirement.

- **Affordable options**: Runner accepts ORCA LIFT for low-income riders and RRFP for seniors and ADA-eligible riders. $2.00 for ages 19-64, $1 for ORCA Lift or RRFP card, FREE for youth ages 18 and younger

- **Language and training support**: Runner mobile application and call center offer multilingual assistance; travel training available for riders with mobility or accessibility needs.

Pierce Transit and Pierce County Beyond the Borders Coordination



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Coordination Between Pierce Transit Services: SHUTTLE (ADA Paratransit) and Runner

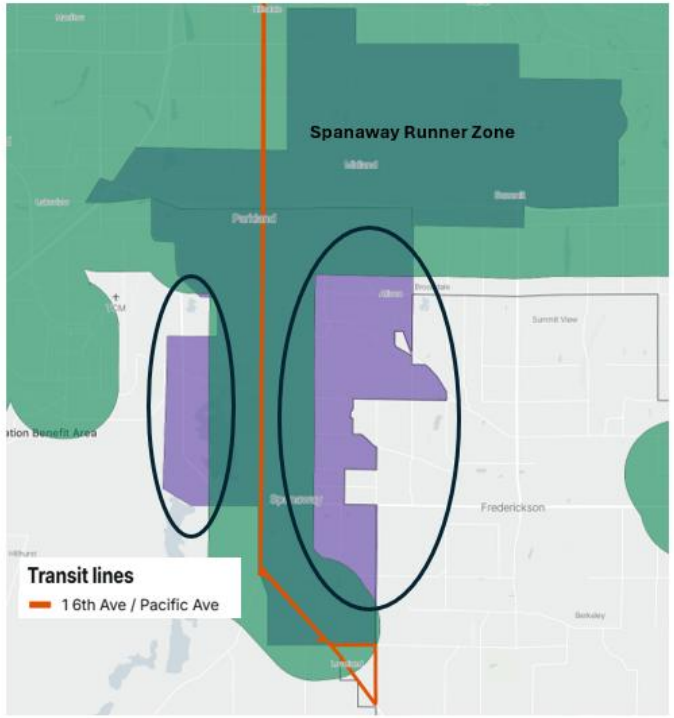


Figure 1: The circled areas within the Spanaway Zone represent locations where the Spanaway Runner addresses transportation gaps by extending on-demand service to areas beyond the ADA-required ¾-mile complementary paratransit service area for people with accessibility and mobility needs.

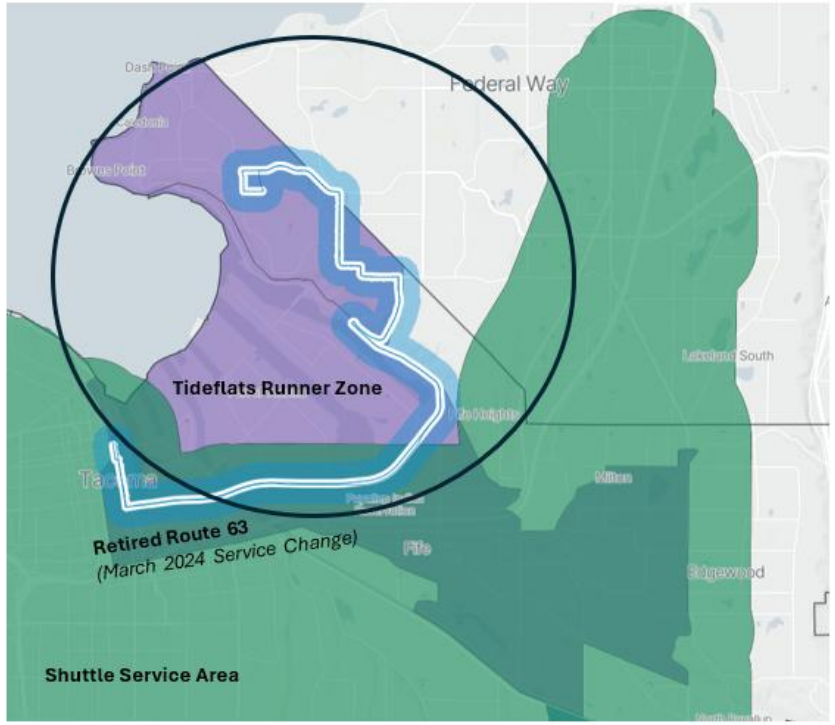


Figure 2: The circled area highlights the service area where the Tideflats Runner replaced the retired Route 63 as part of Pierce Transit's March 2024 service change.

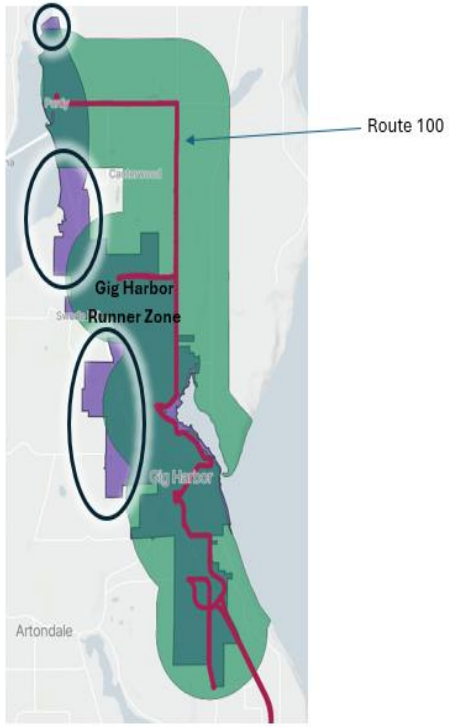
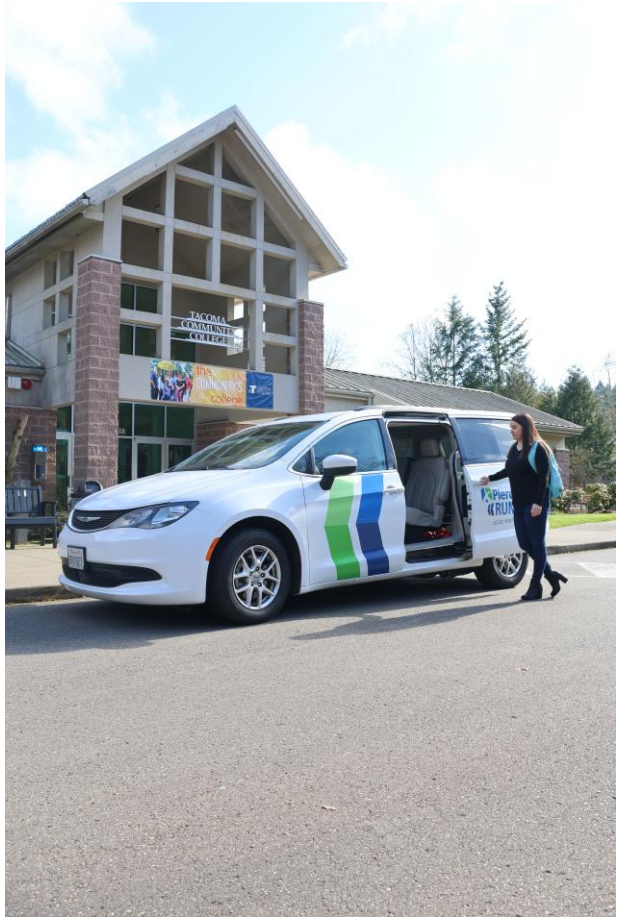


Figure 3: The Gig Harbor Runner increases mobility by connecting geographically dispersed residents that are outside Route 100, its complementary ADA paratransit coverage, and the rest of Pierce Transit's transit system within and outside the Gig Harbor city limits.

Connections to Schools/Colleges and Hospitals





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Testimonials

“He told me today is his first day, and he drove so well, I look forward to seeing him again.”

“Wonderful person, always friendly and goes the extra mile for customers.”

“He’s a wonderful person and driver. Thank you Runner for all you do to help those with disabilities.”

“Got me there on time and efficiently. Requested everyone’s ORCA cards and always consistently friendly.”