Region Leads Nation in Transit Boarding Growth

Central Puget Sound experienced the highest total increase in transit boardings of any region in the country in 2017 and ranked second for rate of change. For total transit boardings, the region is 8th highest out of the 52 metropolitan areas across the nation.

Since 2010, the 19% increase in transit boardings in our region has exceeded any other similarly sized region in the country. By comparison, Portland, Denver, and Minneapolis-St. Paul have had growth rates between 0% and 4% since 2010.

In terms of transit boardings per capita, our region places 6th out of the 52 metropolitan areas in the country. It is important to point out that the top five performers in this category all belong to metropolitan areas with legacy transit systems such as Chicago, Washington DC, Boston and San Francisco. In 2017, the central Puget Sound region had more than 55 boardings per person in the region, with some of the highest rates on routes with the most frequent service.
Transit Boardings per Capita, 2017