

AGENDA

ELLENSBURG TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2026

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ELLENSBURG TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**CouncilConference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

3:30 PM - Regular Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

1.A

Call the September 15, 2026, ETAC Meeting to Order.

1.B

Roll Call of ETAC Members.

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

2.A

Motion to approve the September 15, 2026, Meeting Agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A

Motion to Approve the August 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

4. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

- 5. Transportation Consent Agenda** Items listed below have been distributed to committee members in advance for study and will be enacted by one motion. If a separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a committee or at the request of a member of the public with concurrence of the committee. Requests to remove items should be made under section 2. Approval of Agenda.

6. Transit Updates

6.A

August 2026 Ridership Information

6.B

2027 - 2029 Consolidated Grant Application Update

6.C

Community and CWU Events

6.D
ADA Improvements

6.E
Transit Budget

7. Transportation Updates

7.A
Capital Improvement Update

7.B
Grant Application Update

7.C
Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Status.

7.D
Transportation Budget Updates.

8. Member Updates

8.A
Open for Member Updates.

9. Next ETAC Meeting

9.A
October 20, 2026.

10. Adjournment



For more information on the Ellensburg Transportation Advisory Committee, contact Transit Manager, Betsy Dunbar, at 509-925-8680.

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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG Minutes of Ellensburg Transportation Advisory Committee,
Regular Meeting**

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Date of Meeting

August 18, 2026

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

1.A

Call the August 18, 2026, ETAC Meeting to Order.

Chair Lillquist called the August 18, 2026, ETAC Meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

1.B

Roll Call of ETAC Members.

ETAC Committee members in attendance: Nancy Lillquist, Jim Hurson, Ann Miner, and Carol Chrisman.

Absences: Michael Montgomery and Alex Matheson.

Several staff members were in attendance. One member of the public attended.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.A

Motion to approve the August 18, 2026, Meeting Agenda.

A motion to approve the August 18, 2026, ETAC Agenda was made by committee member Miner.

The motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the August 18, 2026, meeting minutes was made by committee member Hurson.

The motion carried 4-0.

3.A

Motion to Approve the July 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

4. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

None.

5. Transportation Consent Agenda

None.

6. Transit Updates

6.A

2027-2026 Consolidated Grant Application.

Staff gave an update on the Consolidated Grant application. ETAC committee noted to correct the item name to the 2027-2029 Consolidated Grant Application.

6.B

July 2026 Ridership Information

The July 2026 ridership information was shared with the committee members. Committee members Miner and Hurson shared that they had both witnessed a significant number of riders.

6.C

Budget Updates

Staff reported that the Transit Budget draft is currently showing a deficit (reduction in savings) over the next two years, primarily due to increased fixed route costs. This provides justification for a higher grant value request. The draft budget and financial framework are still in development.

7. Transportation Updates

7.A

Capital Improvement Update.

Staff presented the following projects:

- The Canyon Rd Overlay is underway.

- Mtn View & Bull/Willow Signal is on hold for signal equipment.
- Ruby Street Pathways is performing street (off-site) improvements. CBD Pear St. is underway.
- WinCo off-site improvements are underway for street improvements and a new pedestrian bridge.
- There were discussions about the Umptanum and Anderson Roundabout design and the Vantage Hwy Shared Use Pathway project design.
- The 3rd Ave Paverstone Pathway is in design, and staff will bring a draft layout to the next meeting. An all-way stop is being recommended to the Council for the 5th Avenue and Chestnut St. intersection.
- University Way Bridge repairs over BNSF are underway.

7.B

Grant Application Update.

Staff briefly described the status of the following grant applications:

- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board grant for intersection improvements at University Way and Water Street.
- Federal Railroad Administration Planning Grant to study options for railroad grade separation at the Umptanum Rd crossing just west of Canyon Rd.
- The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Complete Streets application for a new sidewalk on the south side of Bender Rd between Ellington and Canal Streets.
- TIB Urban Arterial Program application in conjunction with Kittitas County to complete full street improvements between Airport Road and Alder Street.

7.C

Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Status.

Staff gave a brief report on the recent Comprehensive Plan Open House held on July 22. We are currently making final revisions and assembling each chapter into a preliminary complete plan.

7.D

Budget Updates.

Staff presented the draft transportation budget for 2027-2028.

8. Member Updates

Committee member Hurson invited all to participate in the annual car-less adventure—the Week Without Driving, from October 1st thru October 8th.

Committee member Hurson shared a request from a rider to make requested service changes prior to releasing further rider surveys.

9. Next ETAC Meeting

September 15, 2026.

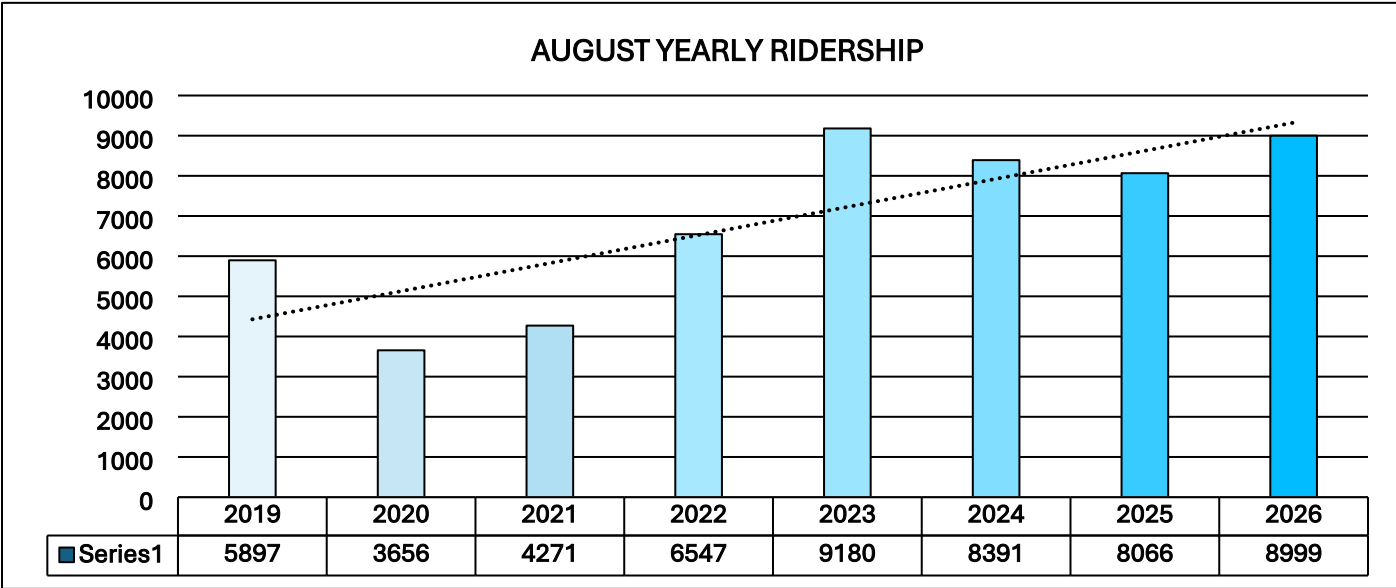
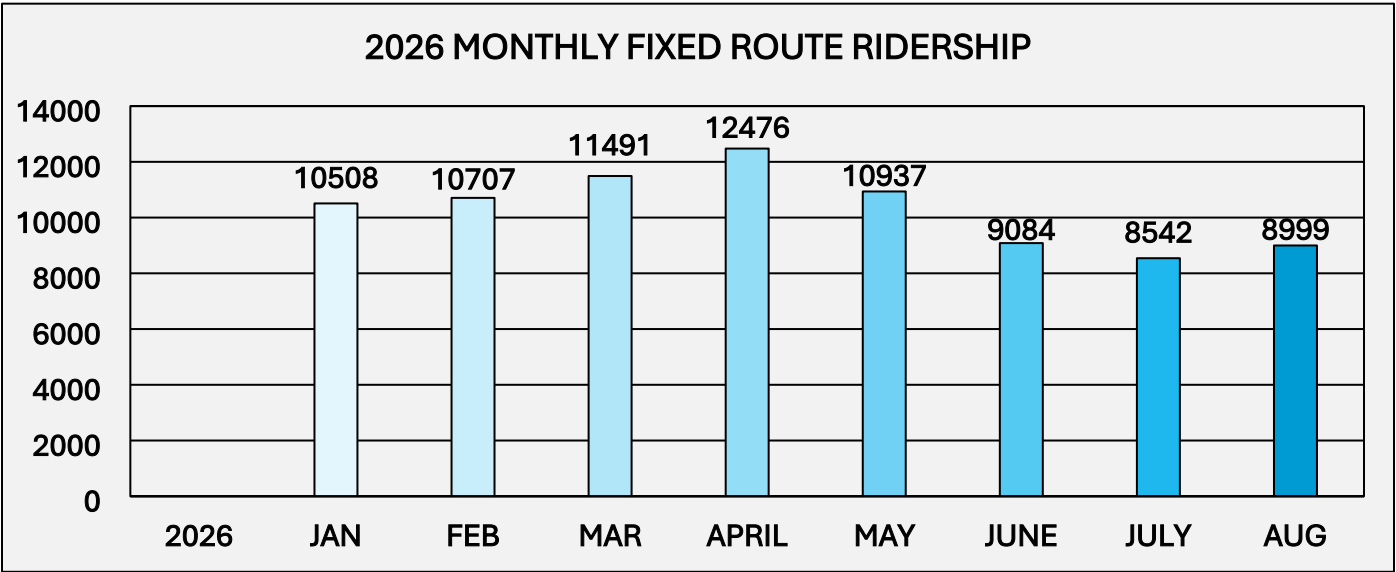
9.A

September 15, 2026.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

AUGUST 2026 RIDERSHIP INFORMATION



2026 FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP -  11.5%

DAR		KCC WEST		KCC EAST	
JAN	1548	JAN	615	JAN	40
FEB	1334	FEB	580	FEB	73
MAR	1761	MAR	842	MAR	73
APR	1809	APR	834	APR	71
MAY	1465	MAY	718	MAY	110
JUN	1518	JUN	725	JUN	62
JUL	1588	JUL	721	JUL	60
AUG	1460	AUG	696	AUG	53
SEP		SEP		SEP	
OCT		OCT		OCT	
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