

Rider Alert

ORCA & Fare Related Changes

November 1, 2009

Pick up your ORCA Smart Card now!

Avoid the last-minute rush!

December is the last month you can buy a PugetPass, the regional monthly pass that has been used for the past ten years. To purchase a monthly pass for January 2010, you will need to have it "loaded" on an ORCA smart card. ORCA is a reloadable card you can use for years. Functioning much like a debit card, ORCA can perform like a monthly pass, act like a money purse, or both.

ORCA cards are available in Adult, Youth and RRP cards at all Pierce Transit Bus Shops. It is currently offered at no charge. On February 1, 2010 the ORCA card will cost \$5, so now is the perfect time to make the switch. Find out where else to pick up your card at www.orcard.com.

You can load transportation value on your ORCA card at Pierce Transit Bus Shops, or online at orcard.com, over the phone, by mail, at ticket vending machines or at Saar's MarketPlace stores in Pierce County (Saar's no longer sells PugetPasses). **Pierce County Fred Meyer stores and Key Banks will no longer sell PugetPasses after December 10, 2009. Pierce Transit Bus Shops will sell passes until December 14th.**

ORCA can't be used to pay SHUTTLE fares. SHUTTLE passengers will continue to pay fares with cash or a monthly pass. SHUTTLE customers will purchase a new monthly pass for January 2010 that is valid only on SHUTTLE and Pierce Transit local buses.

Other fare changes, effective January 1, 2010, include:

Pierce Transit

- Pierce Transit ticketbooks will no longer be available to the general public. ORCA will be able to perform the same function as tickets. Only certain, qualified groups will be eligible to purchase tickets. These groups include human/social service providers, schools, and the Pierce County Superior Court. (pending Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners adoption on December 14, 2009).
- Paper transfers issued by one transit agency may not be used on other systems. Pierce Transit will continue to issue paper transfers for cash or ticket transactions, with the same rules of use. Pierce Transit will continue to offer Weekend All-Day Passes, valid on Pierce Transit only.



Sound Transit

- Sound Transit Express buses will no longer issue paper transfers. ORCA provides this function.
- Non-ORCA tickets and passes issued at Sound Transit Ticket Vending Machines will only be valid on Sounder Commuter Rail and Link Light Rail service. They will no longer be honored on buses.

King County Metro

- King County Metro's All-Day Pass and paper transfers will only be valid on Metro buses.

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