

Pierce Transit Reductions Notification Proposed Service Changes Effective by October 2, 2011



Public hearings will be held to gather public comment on the proposed service reductions that will be effective by October 2, 2011. The public hearings will take place at:

Public Hearings

Lakewood / University Place

Monday, April 11th 4-6PM
Pierce Transit Training Center
3720 96th St SW, Lakewood
Served by Routes 48, 300

Gig Harbor / Key Peninsula

Monday, April 18th 4-6PM
Gig Harbor Civic Center
3510 Grandview St, Gig Harbor
Served by Routes 100, 102

Tacoma

Thursday, April 21st 5-7PM
Municipal Building
(Council Chambers, 1st Floor)
747 Market St, Tacoma
Served by 30 Routes

Puyallup / South Hill

Monday, April 25th 4-6PM
Puyallup City Hall
333 S Meridian, Puyallup
Served by Route 402

East Pierce County

Thursday, April 28th
5:30PM-7:30PM
Interim Justice Center
9002 Main St E, Bonney Lake
Served by Route 407



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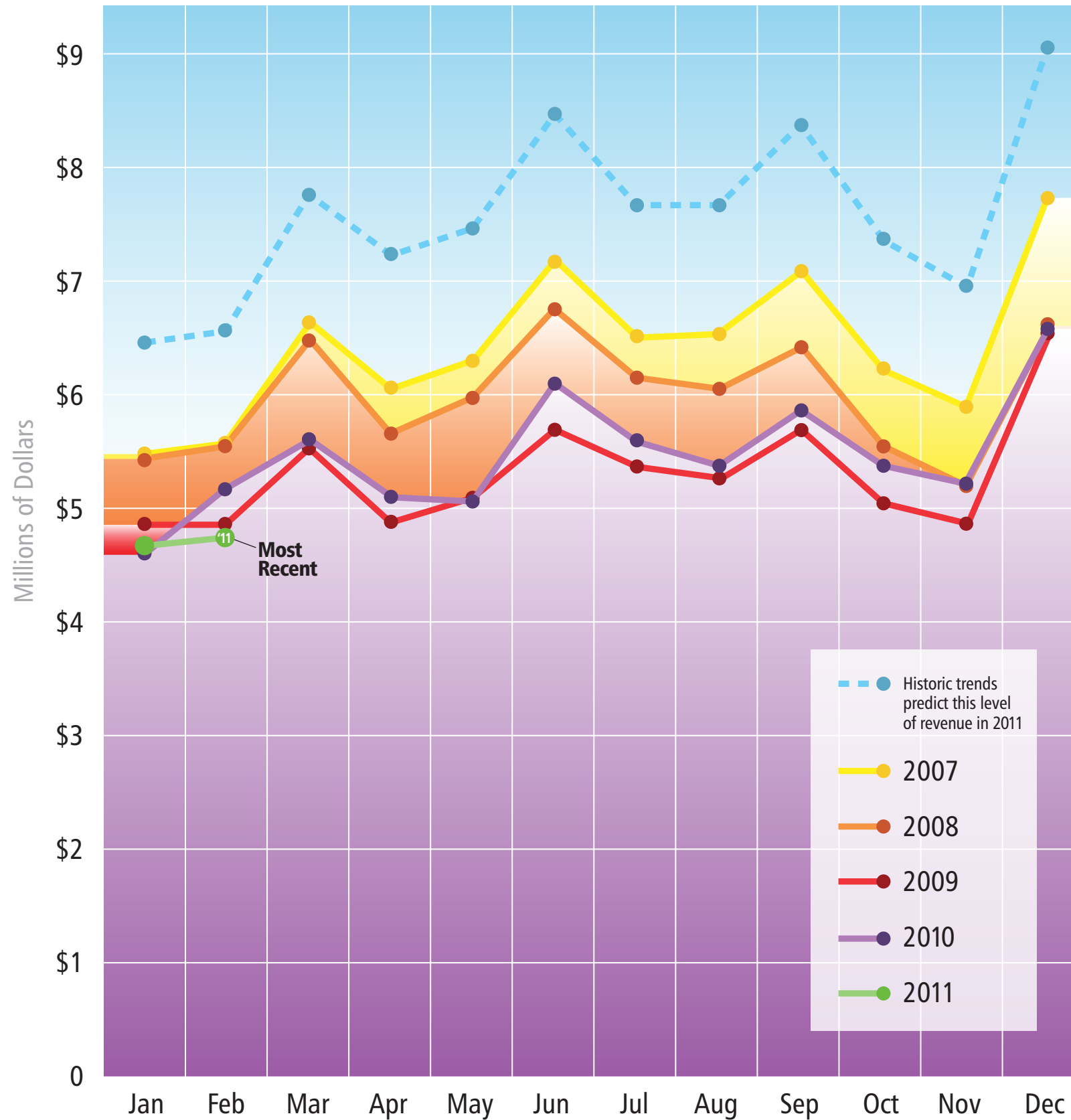
Pierce Transit Service Reductions

April 2011 Public Hearings





Sales Tax Collections in Dollars and by Month



Budget Reduction Actions

11/07 Board Study Session: Projected 2008 sales tax growth revised down to 3.5%. 2007 sales tax growth was 4.6% through August.

3/08 Executive staff begin strategic cost cuts. As of 3/31/08, \$4.1 million in expenditures identified and reduced in 2008 Budget/ \$6.5 million for 2009-2013. No labor impact.

4/08 Executive staff meet to restrict hiring, 4/2/08. Board meeting to discuss sales tax concern, 4/14/08.

7/08 Hiring freeze begins, 7/8/08.

8/08 Fourth wave of cost containment efforts. Wage freeze for non-bargaining employees.

10/08 Staff reductions announced, 10/27/08.

1/09 Sales tax forecast modified.

1/09 Adult fare increase.

3/09 \$11.4 million from stimulus fund

8/10 Reduction in management and consolidation of programs. Benefit reductions.

11/10 Adult fare increase.

1/11 Wage-step increase elimination, increased health care costs for non-bargaining employees.

2/11 Proposition 1 is defeated by the voters. On 2/28/11, Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners directs staff to create a plan that reduces service by 35% by October 2011.

4/11 Public hearings begin in five communities to collect testimony regarding the October service change.

Fixed Route Bus Service Reductions

2009	-5.8%
2010	-1.9%
TOTAL	-7.7%

Cost Savings & Cuts

Two rounds of layoffs; including a 22% total reduction in management

8% service reductions

Two Fare Increases 2009 & 2010

Sell properties

Suspend Special Events Service

Cost of living and step wage increases eliminated for non-represented employees

Increase in employee contribution to medical and dental benefits

Capital Facility projects delayed

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\$89 Million

Details of the Proposed Service Reductions

- 35% service level reduction
- Reduced AM/PM trips on fixed route and SHUTTLE
- Buses come less often
- Reduced weekend service
- SHUTTLE service eliminated where fixed route service is eliminated
- No special event service
(Puyallup Fair Service and Freedom Fair)



Proposed Service Reductions

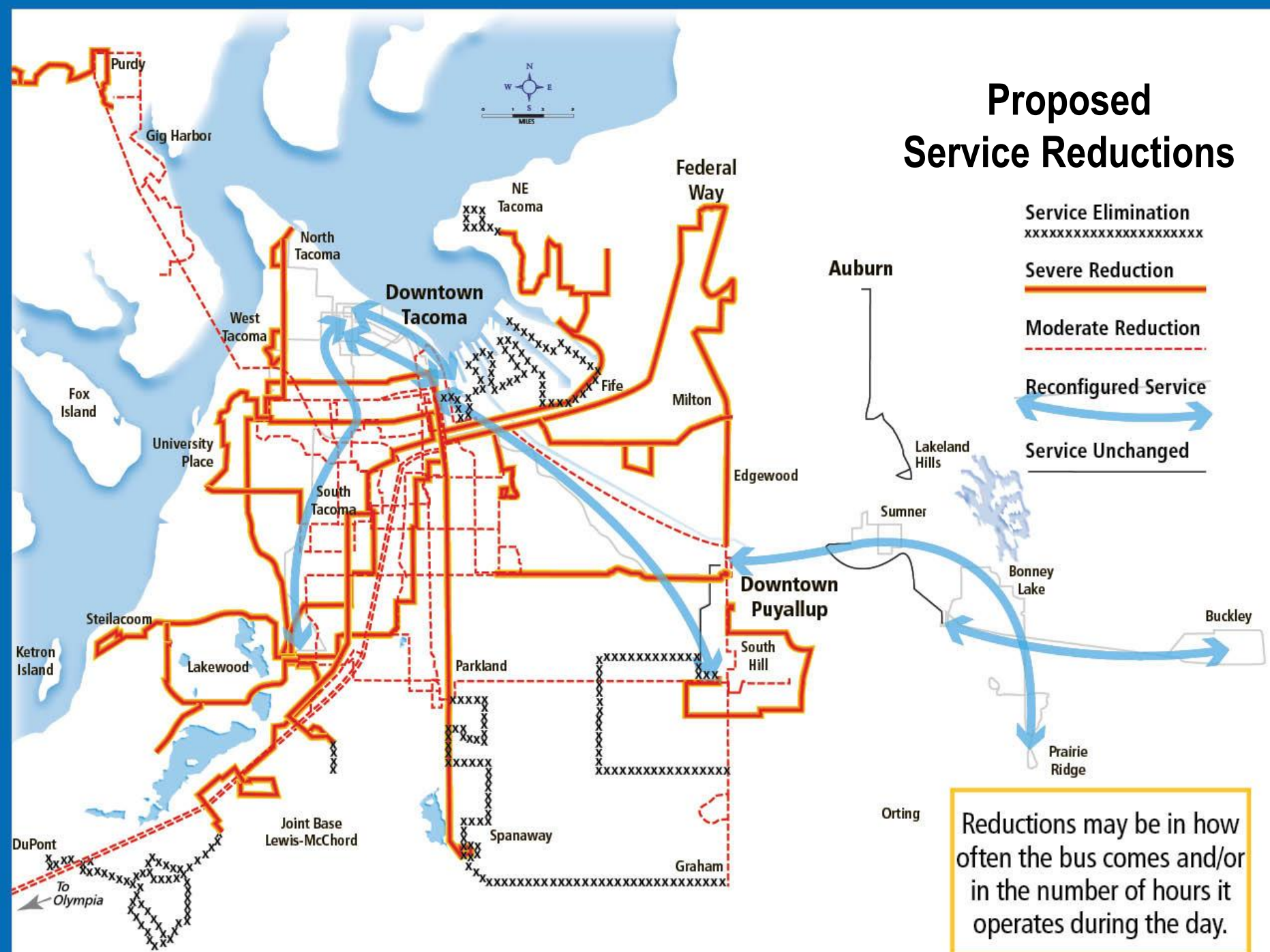
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Severe Reduction

Moderate Reduction
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Reconfigured Service
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Service Unchanged



Reductions may be in how often the bus comes and/or in the number of hours it operates during the day.

Service Reductions Compared to Today's Service

Today's Fixed Route Service

Today's scheduled trips:

- 2400 weekday trips
- 1400 Saturday trips
- 1100 Sunday trips

14,100,000 Annual Ridership (2010)

Service Characteristics:

Today's weekdays 5 am – midnight

Today's weekends 6 am - 10 pm

Trips generally every 30 min or hourly

35% Service Reduction By October 2011

Equivalent to 35% less service than January 2011

Scheduled trips eliminated each day of week:

- **800 Weekday trips eliminated (-34%)**
- **810 Saturday trips eliminated (-60%)**
- **580 Sunday trips eliminated (- 51%)**

10,500,000 Estimated Annual Ridership

- 3,600,000 passenger trips

Service Characteristics:

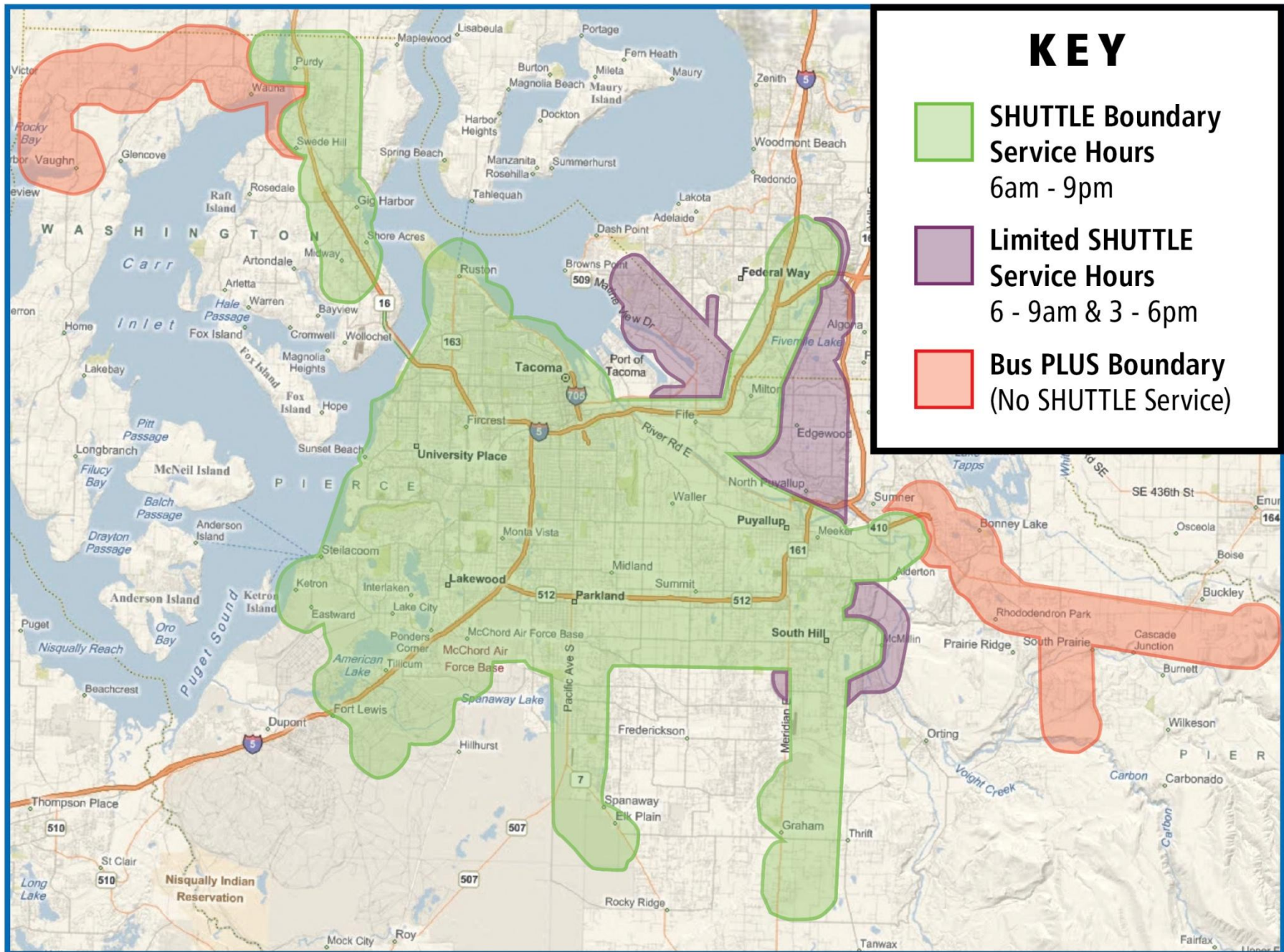
Weekdays generally **6 am – 9 pm**

Weekends generally **10 am – 6 pm**

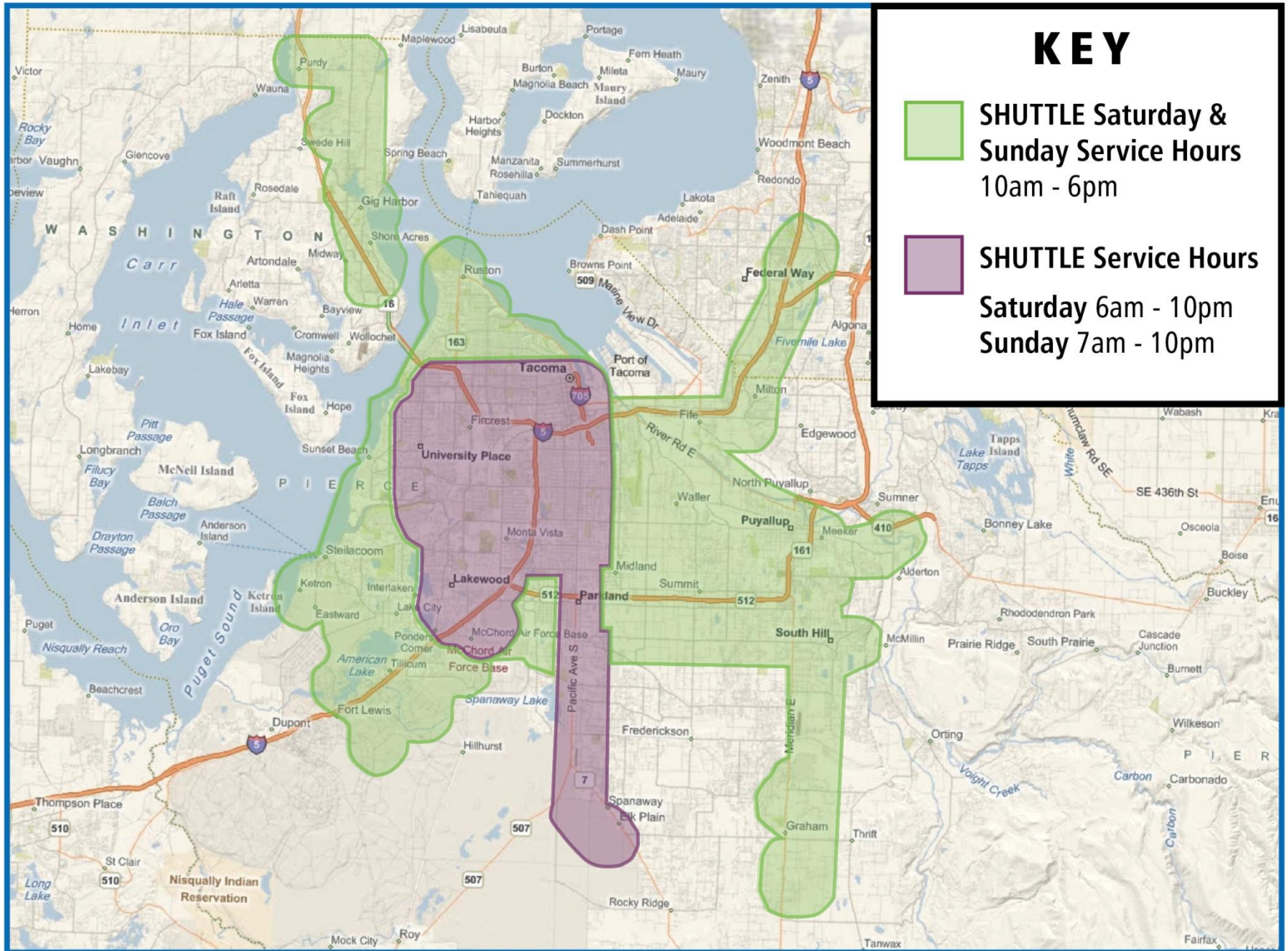
Most trips operate **hourly or peak only**

No special event service such as Puyallup & Freedom Fair

Proposed **Weekday** SHUTTLE Boundaries & Service Hours



Proposed **Weekend** SHUTTLE Boundaries & Service Hours



Reductions Timeline

April 11 – 28

Public Hearings



May 9, 2011

**Board Adopts
Recommendation**

June 12, 2011

Service Change



October 2, 2011

Service Change