

Ride the Freedom Fair Express from TCC or Tacoma Dome Station

**NEW THIS YEAR!**  
Pierce Transit and First Student, in collaboration with Tacoma Events Commission, will provide express buses from Tacoma Community College (TCC) at S 19th & Mildred, or from Tacoma Dome Station (TDS) at 610 Puyallup Ave. Choose whether you go to Old Town or Camp Patriot (see the events and activities map on back).

- Pierce Transit service runs to Old Town every 30 minutes with the first bus leaving TDS and TCC starting at 10:00 am.
- First Student service runs every 30 minutes to Camp Patriot with the first bus leaving TDS and TCC at 10:15 am.
- Both services stop going to the Freedom Fair at 8:00 pm sharp, then resume after the fireworks.
- Return trips to TDS and TCC will operate until 8:00 pm sharp, then resume after the fireworks end. Anyone wishing to leave between 8:00 pm and the end of the fireworks should consider other options.

**FARES**

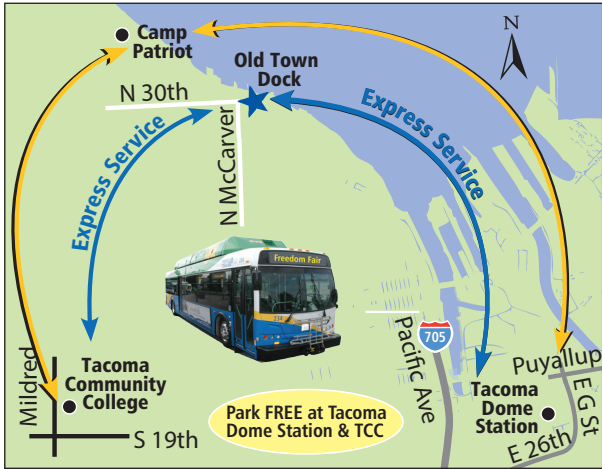
Round-trip Ride Tickets are good on both services and can be purchased at ticket booths for cash, debit or credit card. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and kids 9 and under ride free! Purchase Ride Tickets at:

- **TCC & TDS:** see TCC and TDS maps.
- **In advance:** through the Freedom Fair website at [freedomfair.com](http://freedomfair.com).

Pierce Transit riders with a valid ORCA card, or current All Day Pass, can show their card at the booth and receive a Freedom Fair Ride Ticket at no additional charge.

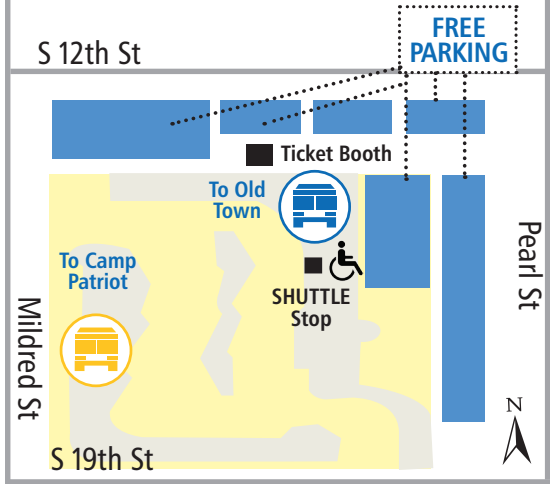
**Cash will not be accepted on the bus. Tickets must be purchased from the ticket booth.**

**FREE PARKING**  
Park **FREE** all day at TCC Park & Ride or the Tacoma Dome Station, no matter which bus you catch!

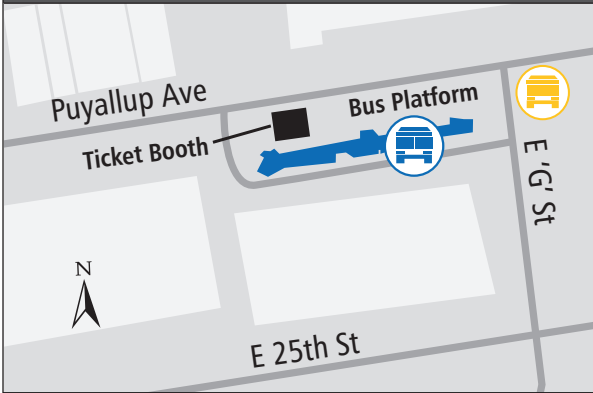


To make it easier for you, bus services are color coded  
← / = Pierce Transit   ← / = First Student

**TCC Transit Center Bus Zones**



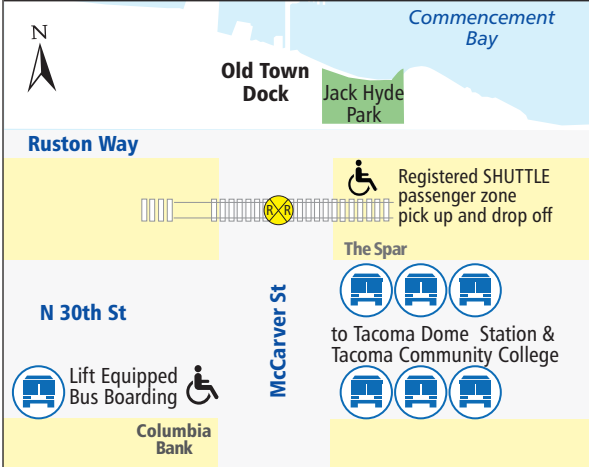
**Tacoma Dome Station**



**LEAVING AFTER THE FIREWORKS**

Catch an express bus from either end of the fair! From Old Town at the east end or from Camp Patriot at the west end back to TDS and TCC immediately after the fireworks. All passengers who arrived by bus and require the use of a lift-equipped vehicle on the return trip from Old Town should board Pierce Transit buses on N 30th Street, just west of McCarver Street.

**Old Town Pickup**



**Camp Patriot Pickup**



**REGISTERED SHUTTLE CUSTOMERS**

Registered SHUTTLE customers can schedule trips to McCarver & Ruston Way. Service begins at 10am and runs to Old Town until 8 pm sharp. **Pick-ups begin immediately after the fireworks end.** Registered SHUTTLE riders may call 253.581.8000, option 1, then option 2, one to five days in advance to reserve rides. **Normal Pierce Transit fares apply.**

**LOCAL ROUTES**

Routes 13 and 15 will **NOT** operate on July 4th. All other local Pierce Transit service will operate on a Sunday schedule. Visit [piercetransit.org](http://piercetransit.org) for schedule information.



For more information call 253.581.8000 or visit these websites: [piercetransit.org](http://piercetransit.org) | [freedomfair.com](http://freedomfair.com)

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# Tacoma's Fourth of July Extravaganza

## FREEDOM FAIR IS A BLAST!

For over 35 years, volunteers with the non-profit Tacoma Events Commission have presented Tacoma's annual Freedom Fair. It's the largest 4th of July festival in the Northwest and was named as one of the ten "World's Best" fireworks events by the Travel Channel. *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *USA Today* have also honored it as one of the nation's best summer events. Activities begin at 10:00 am and will continue through the end of the spectacular fireworks show that starts at 10:10 pm.

## FAIR OPENS AT 10 AM

Arrive early and enjoy a full day of family entertainment. Admission donations, crucial to fund the event and keep it going strong, will be collected at the gate: \$3 per person, \$7 per family, \$15 Patriot and \$20 Hero.



## ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW

Pick your favorite hot rod and custom classic on display next to The Lobster Shop.



## OUTDOOR MARKET

More than 150 artists, craft vendors and commercial exhibitors transform the Ruston Way waterfront into a colorful and bustling market. Merchants offer toys, pet products, clothing, jewelry, art, home decorations and more! Enjoy everything Freedom Fair has to offer and discover all 50 places to get great food and beverages!



## TACOMA POWER AIR SHOW - 1:30 to 3:30PM

Thrill to exciting aerobatic performances by top pilots and aviators. Featuring:

- Greg Howard in his Gile G-200
- John Sessions and the Historic Flight Foundation Crew flying the TBM Avenger and the P-51 Mustang
- The "Rock-n-Roll Airshow Man"
- Will Allen in his Pitts
- Vicky Benzing with her Stearman
- Mrazek Air Shows flies a T-6, a Yak, and an L-29, and
- Renny Price will soar again in his SU-29.



## FIREWORKS GRAND FINALE

At 10:10 pm, the spectacular fireworks show will begin with a symphony of light and sound exploding over Commencement Bay. In order to offer prime viewing by the festival audience gathered on shore, thousands of pyrotechnic effects will be fired from a barge centered between the Ruston Way waterfront parks. The show is synchronized to music played on Click 98.9 FM, KLAY 1180 AM, and the fair's stages. The best places for viewing are between Jack Hyde Park and Marine Park. The barge location will improve views from all waterfront locations.

Safety Notice: Due to security, bags and packages may be subject to inspection. Please avoid bringing pets, picnic tents, ice chests, BBQ grills. Tacoma Police will remove unattended items or dangerous items. Firearms, explosives (including personal fireworks), and alcohol are not permitted. Violators may be subject to arrest and prosecution.

## FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

The waterfront is packed with great family activities. The world's longest-running Beach Pole Vault event is located by the Les Davis Pier. Live music will be heard at Duke's Chowder House, Katie Downs, Dickman Mill Park, The Ram and at Camp Patriot next to the Lobster Shop. The La Stella Foundation will be presenting a kid's fun zone featuring inflatable bounce houses and fun activities for kids at Camp Patriot. At the east end of Marine Park your family can join in the Congo Productions Drum Circle. Don't miss the Warm 106.9 Family Fun Stage near Katie Downs. Three big locations along Ruston Way are filled with great food. Don't miss the group of food vendors by the Les Davis Pier, Silver Cloud Inn, Dickman Mill Park and Camp Patriot. There's no need to cook this year—over 45 food vendors will offer up tasty treats from around the world, and many American favorites. Along with the many food vendors plan to visit over 100 artists, craft vendors and commercial exhibitors.



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Public Parking \$20  
enter from N 46th  
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Beer Garden  
Family Picnic Area  
**The Lobster Shop**  
Rod & Custom Car Show  
America Be Strong Stage, **Camp Patriot**  
**First Student Bus Zone**

LaStella Foundation  
Kid's Fun Zone, Camp Patriot

Commencement Bay

NW Regional  
Pole Vault  
Championships



1150 AM KKNW

Air Show &  
Fireworks  
Viewing Area

Information  
Booth

Les Davis  
Pier  
Historic Fireboat  
Duke's  
Youth Stage

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C.I. Shenanigans  
Stage  
RAM Restaurant  
Harbor Lights  
Arts & Crafts Show  
Dickman Mill Park  
Worthy Music Ministries Stage  
Food & Merchandise Booths  
Silver Cloud Beer Garden

Pierce Transit  
Old Town Bus Zone



Registered  
SHUTTLE  
passenger  
zones

Old Town Dock

Food Court  
Northern Fish Co.

Jack Hyde Park



Fireworks  
Spectacular  
10:10 pm  
synchronized  
to music  
broadcast on  
**KLAY**  
1180 AM  
Click 98.9 FM