



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest is served by Pierce Transit, which provides essential public transportation services by way of bus, SHUTTLE paratransit, and Rideshare services, and regional access to Sound Transit services; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Pierce Transit provided 7 million passenger trips by bus, 316,646 SHUTTLE trips, 388,390 Rideshare trips, and 87,192 Runner trips in Pierce County, of which 1.1 million of those bus trips were free rides to youth 18 years and younger; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Sound Transit provided 1 million T-Line passenger trips, 1.9 million Sounder S Line trips, and 2.8 million Pierce Transit-operated Express bus trips in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit provides connections to residents of our communities with important destinations such as work, school, medical appointments, everyday errands, and social and community events; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit provides an important lifeline to individuals who qualify for paratransit service under the Americans with Disabilities Act, delivering 172,155 hours of specialized service to customers in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit has been driving sustainability for nearly half a century, from pioneering compressed natural gas buses in the 1980s to launching a zero-emission strategy today; and

WHEREAS, public transportation investments generate 31% more jobs per dollar than new construction of roads and bridges, and investment in transit can yield 49,700 jobs per \$1 billion invested, and offer a 5-to-1 economic return; and

WHEREAS, greater transit use is associated with higher levels of physical activity, which is associated with lower health risks and better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, transit provides essential transportation and employment opportunities for communities of color and low-income individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as **Ride Transit Month** in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and encourage residents, community organizations, and decision makers to ride, promote, and celebrate public transportation as a key aspect of mobility in our community.

Passed this 23rd day of June 2026

A blue ink signature of Brett L. Wittner, written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name of the Mayor Pro Tempore.

Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tempore