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**WTA EARNS FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S
2009 'SUCCESS IN ENHANCING RIDERSHIP' AWARD**

BELLINGHAM, May 8, 2009—Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) received a 2009 “Success in Enhancing Ridership” award from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) at its annual conference on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel.

Of the 10 award recipients from throughout the nation, WTA was one of three transit agencies from Washington State. The other Washington State award recipients were Intercity Transit in Olympia and Community Transit in Everett.

According to FTA, awards were granted based on the “best combination of ridership gains and the broadest transferability of ridership initiatives to other transit agencies.” To be eligible for the 2009 award, ridership initiatives had to have been implemented in 2006 or 2007 and ridership gains achieved in 2008.

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