

Pierce Transit **«RUNNER»**

**WSDOT 25-27
Consolidated Grant
Application
Presentation to
PSRC**

**Project: New Special Needs
Transit Connector for
Tideflats, Ruston, and Gig
Harbor**



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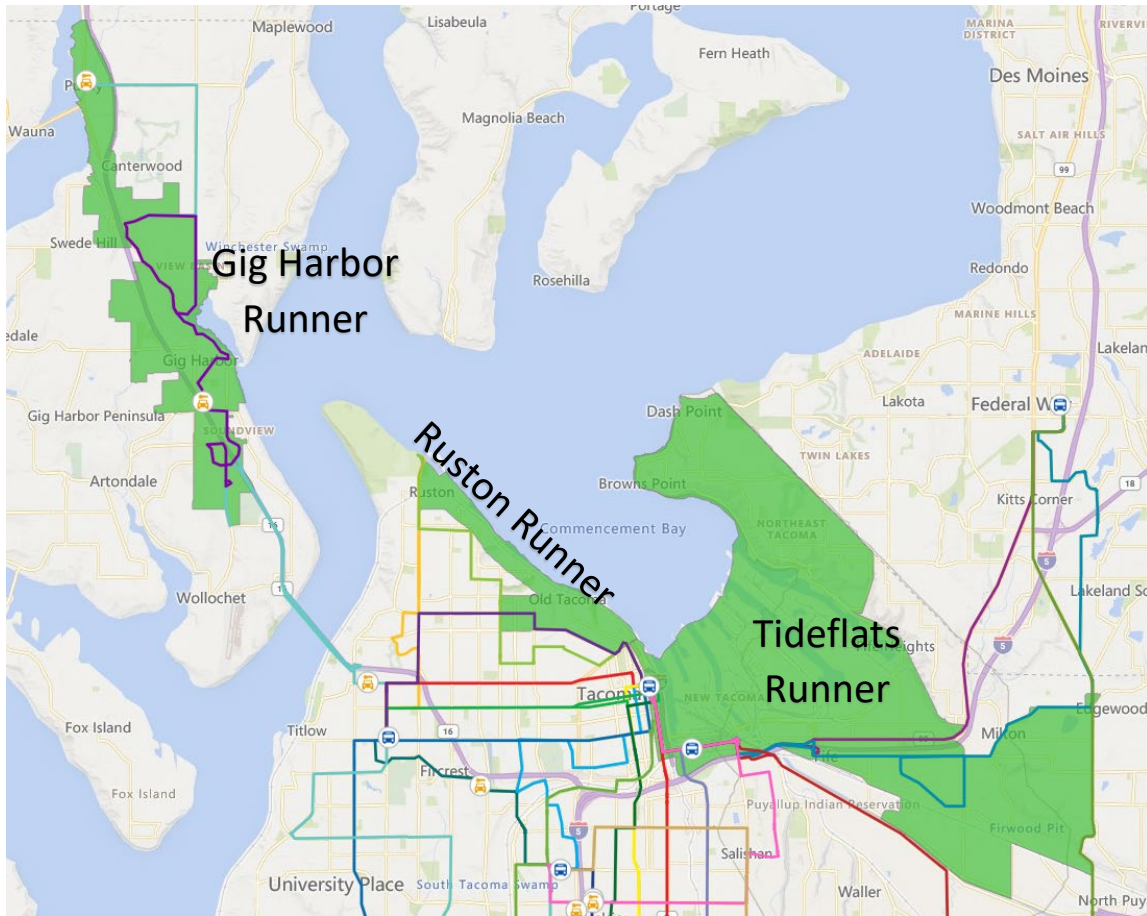
Project Description

Runner is a flexible and affordable micro transit service in the Gig Harbor, Ruston, and Tideflats areas. It is a real time transit solution for special needs populations such as youth, seniors aged 65 and older, people with disabilities, and families with low incomes.

Gig Harbor Zone-6.9 square mile microtransit zone with a 2020 census population of 12,700 people

Ruston Runner Zone-2.2 square mile microtransit zone with a 2020 census population of 10,900 people

Tideflats Zone-22 square mile microtransit zone with a 2020 census population of 39,000 people



Special Needs Populations to be served

1. Youth
2. Adults aged 65 and older
3. People with disabilities
4. Families with low incomes

Statistics

Table 1: Runner Zone Demographic Comparison Information

Area Comparison	Population	Older Adults 65+	Youth	People living with a Disability	Minority Population	People with Low Income	People with LEP	Veterans
Gig Harbor Runner*	12,700	27%	21%	11%	21%	10%	2%	
Tideflats Runner – Port of Tacoma*	20,900	11%	21%	10%	50%	22%		
Tideflats Runner- NE Tacoma*	18,100	17%	23%	9%	41%	15%	7%	
Ruston Runner*	10,900	20%	17%	8%	22%	18%	2%	
Pierce Transit Service Area Demographics**	614,230				36.9%	9.3%	3.4%	
Pierce Transit Rider Demographics**					29%	36%		
Pierce County***	878,000	13.6%	16.9%	13.3%		24.3%	5.3%	12.2%

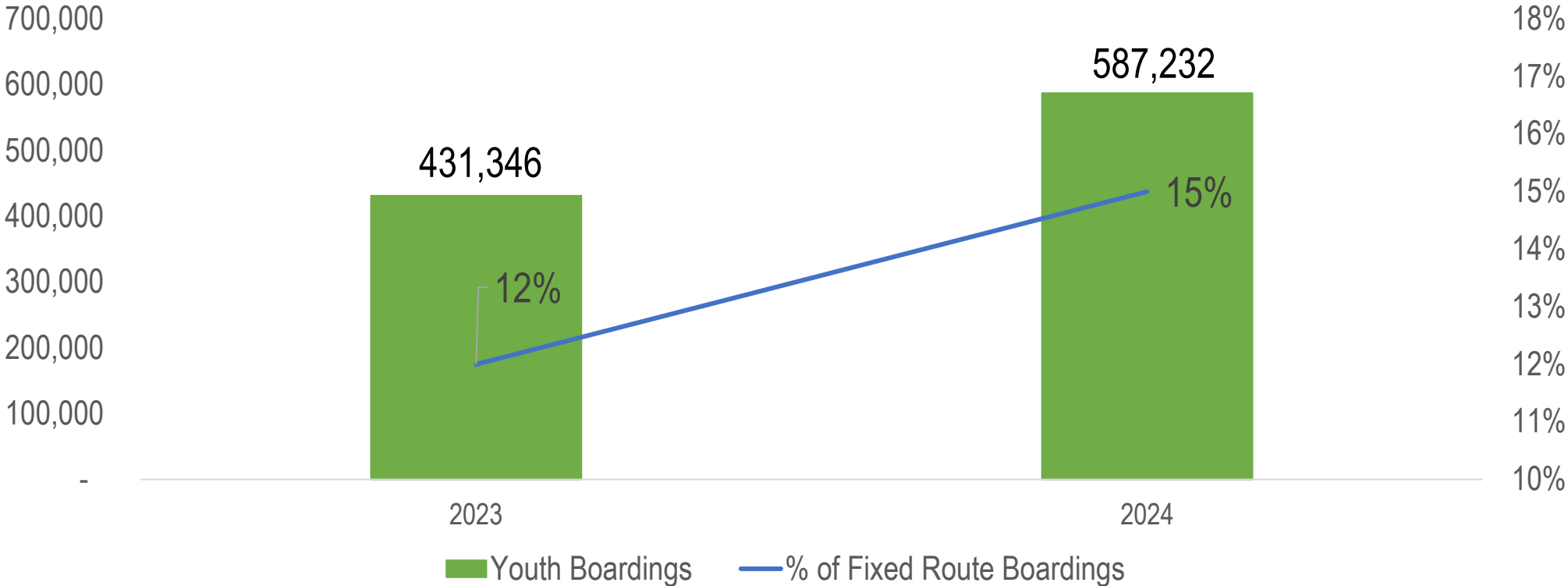
Source:

*Remix On-Demand Planning Tool. Utilizing American Community Survey 5-year; 2012-2018 data.

**Pierce Transit 2024 Title VI Program Submittal to the Federal Transit Administration

***Appendix B, Coordinated Mobility Plan Final Report ([Appendix_B_Coordinated_Mobility_Plan_Final_06172022.pdf](#))

Youth Boardings | 2023 vs. 2024 (January – July)

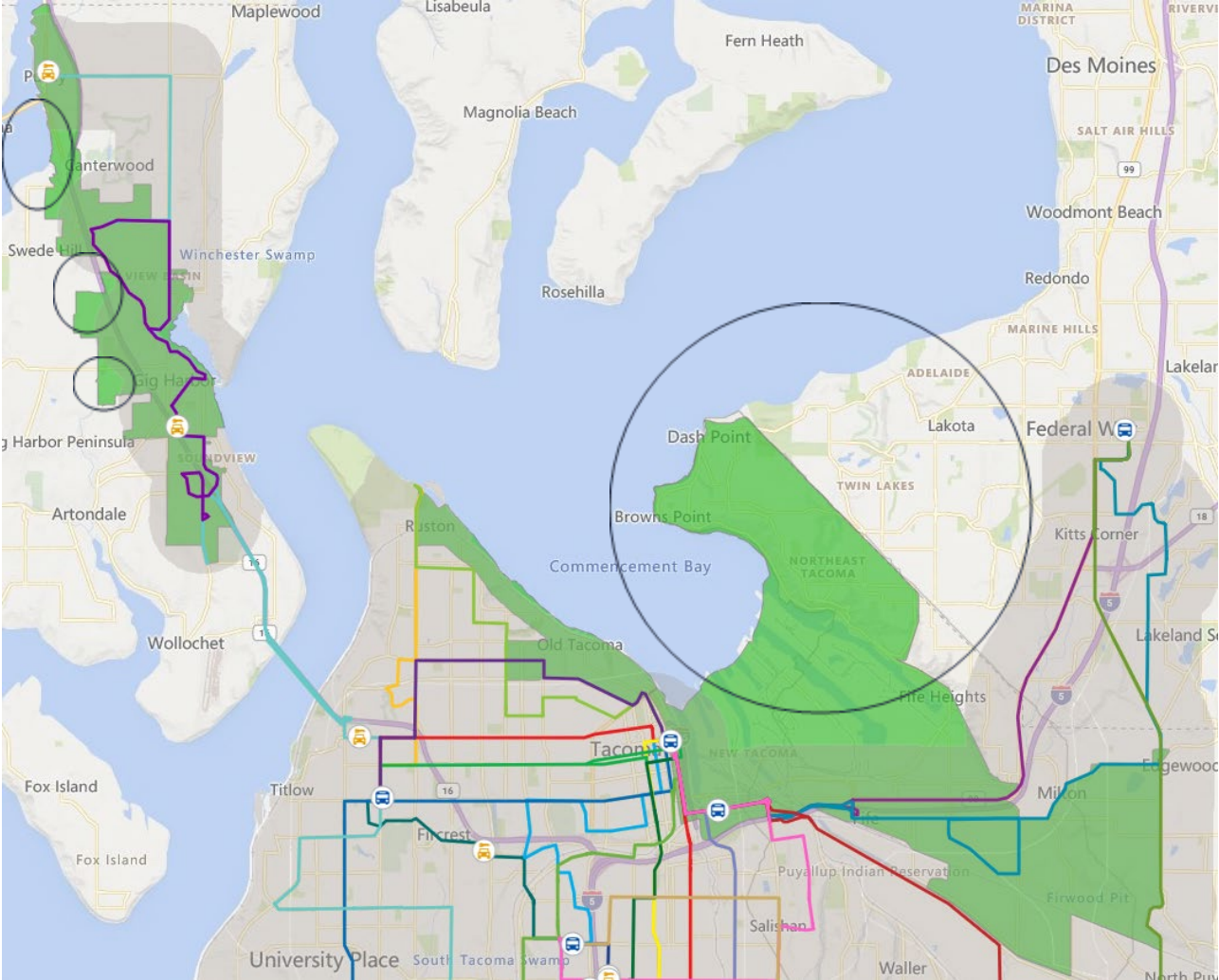


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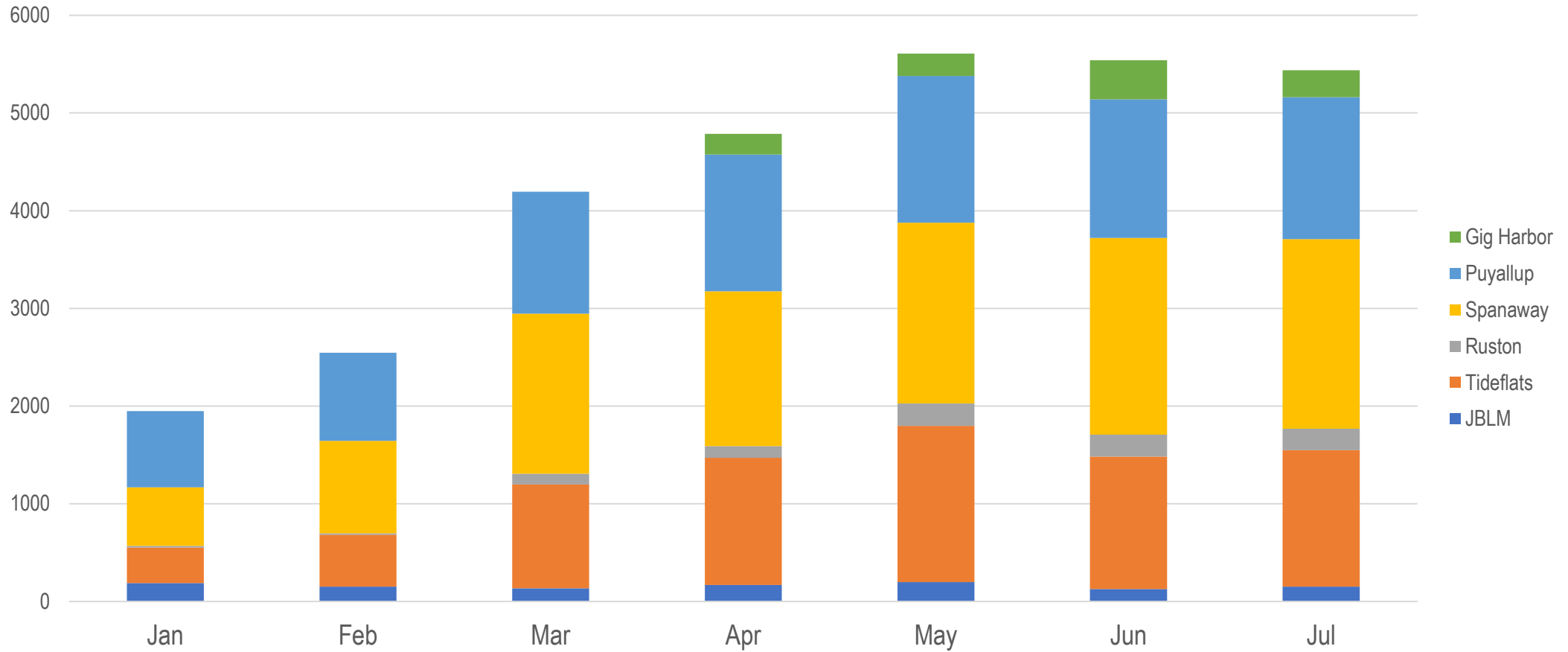
1. **Fixed Route**
2. **Paratransit SHUTTLE**
3. **Transit Centers, Park and Rides**
4. **Sound Transit Regional Transit**
5. **St. Anthony Hospital**
6. **Transit app partner with Runner app**

Runner and SHUTTLE

Runner's service area in green overlapping the SHUTTLE service areas in gray. Runner can fill in transportation gaps from the current SHUTTLE service.



2024 Runner Boardings By Zone



Budget

25-27 Biennium

Requested Amount: \$4,316,293

Match Amount: \$141,906

Testimonials

“I am so grateful for this program. It provides NE Tacoma public transit accessibility and makes me feel able to leave home without stress or feeling like I need the financial resources to own a car. I can’t live without it.”

“As a senior, I so appreciate this service and just want to say thank you!”

“I love that this service is available!”

Proposed Changes

- Make all zones first/last mile service
- Change from Curb to Curb to Corner to Corner