

Central Puget Sound Regional Fare Coordination Project

- **Project Purpose:** To implement a common “seamless” fare collection system -- using smart card technology -- for bus, rail and ferry travel in the Central Puget Sound region
- **Partners:** Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro Transit, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, Washington State Ferries (new partners may join in the future)
- **Status:** Design completed; testing and implementation underway



How the Transit Smart Card Works

- Microchip on card holds stored cash value or transit pass
- Via RF data transfer w/in 10cm, device validates fare payment, card is updated
- Usage data sent to central clearinghouse for revenue reconciliation among transit agencies
- Cardholder can reload value or buy pass via web (or current means) for automated load onto card



TransLink card and device in use on San Francisco Muni

Next Steps

- Major System Test with riders on select routes during 4th quarter, 2006
- Commence full regional operation on charter agencies by end of 2007 / early 2008
- Explore expansion of system to other transit agencies and applications (e.g. tolls, retail, parking) only after core system is in place

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