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## **Long awaited weekend bus service to begin Saturday, Aug. 17**

*Contributed by Snoqualmie Valley Transportation*

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation's Valley Shuttle, the fixed route bus connecting North Bend and Duvall, and all points in between, will start running on Saturdays and Sundays as of Saturday, Aug. 17.

It's an exciting development for the Valley Shuttle, one of several services provided by Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) in their partnership with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County Metro and the Snoqualmie Tribe, and one that residents and visitors alike have been eagerly anticipating.

"Weekend service has been one of our community needs basically since I started here in 2012," said Amy Biggs, director of SVT, a program of Mt. Si Senior Center. "People have weekend jobs they need to reach, or they ride our little SVT buses to work during the week but need weekend service for grocery shopping and all their errands. Transportation is a basic need for everyone, and not just on weekdays."

Biggs worked with King County Metro and WSDOT to coordinate funding for the new service. "King County Metro is responsible for funding this particular part of the new weekend service and we are so grateful that they are responding to this need. Our next project will be to start our door-to-door services on the weekends. We're still hiring drivers for that service and are accepting applications. It will be great to get the whole SVT system going on the weekends and this is a terrific start!"

Now operating 17 vehicles, SVT was launched in 2003 with the loan of a single Metro bus from the Community Access Transportation (CAT) program.

The weekend Valley Shuttle service will operate from 6 am to 9:15 pm, with buses roughly every 90 minutes. Biggs noted that this is different from the weekday service, on which Metro increased service frequency last March to have buses arriving about every hour. The full schedule (attached) will be on the SVT website when service starts.

“This expansion creates an important link for those who live in the Snoqualmie Valley and riders seeking a car-free way to access this beautiful area from elsewhere in the county,” said Brian Mannion, King County Metro Deputy Director of Mobility. “Launching weekend service means people can take transit to shop, meet for brunch and explore the beautiful trails and parks in the valley.”

"Expanding weekend bus service is a critical step in enhancing accessibility and promoting sustainable tourism in our valley," said Kelly Coughlin, CEO of the SnoValley Chamber. "This service will not only support local businesses but also ensure that visitors and residents alike can enjoy our beautiful region while contributing to a greener and more eco-friendly community."

To celebrate, SVT is having an employee get together on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at its office – 1308 Boalch Ave. NW, North Bend – so the weekday staff and drivers can show their appreciation and support for the new weekend crew. All are welcome to stop in for photo ops with the little white buses, and to meet the SVT family of dispatchers, drivers and call takers who work so hard to support our community.

The celebration continues on Sunday, with another group of people excited for the start of this service. Kimberly Huntress Inskip, founder of TransitTrekker.com and advocate for car-free recreation, has organized an “inaugural ride” to celebrate the new service. She and a group of fellow non-driving recreation users will take Metro’s Trailhead Direct to North Bend, then catch the Valley Shuttle to Carnation’s stop on Bird Street, and finally, walk the city’s trail from Entwistle to Tolt-MacDonald Park. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the trip; find details and RSVP at <https://transittrekker.com/2024/08/05/snoqualmietransittrek>.

Huntress-Inskip said she had to organize something once she heard about the start of this service because “Tolt MacDonald is one of my favorite places to go anyway, and now I can do it on a weekend, without riding my ebike 25-30 miles.”

Transit Trekker.org, the site Huntress-Inskip formed, is about advocacy and resources for people who want to get outside without driving, because “Cars don’t scale,” she said. “We can’t just keep building bigger and bigger parking lots and more roads, especially if we care about these places. And riding in a bus is much safer, especially in rural areas.”

Valley Shuttle provided approximately 12,000 rides to local residents in 2023, and that number is expected to increase significantly with weekend service. All Valley Shuttle fares are a \$1 suggested donation, youth 18 and younger ride free and all buses have wheelchair lifts and bike racks for up to 2 bikes. SVT also allows pets provided they are well-behaved.

For more information, visit [www.svtbus.org](http://www.svtbus.org), or call 425-888-7001.

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at [www.climate.wa.gov](http://www.climate.wa.gov).

**About Snoqualmie Valley Transportation:** Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) is a program of Mt. Si Senior Center. It is the primary bus system serving Snoqualmie Valley. Funded by King County Metro, Snoqualmie Tribe, WSDOT, and donations, SVT provides a variety of local-only bus services, in North

Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Carnation, Duvall and Monroe. More information about Snoqualmie Valley Transportation can be found at: <http://svtbus.org> or by calling 425-888-7001.

NORTHBOUND - Upper to Lower Valley - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ONLY						
North Bend	Snoqualmie	Fall City	Carnation	Duvall		
Mt. Si Senior Center	Factory Stores	Snoqualmie Casino	Railroad Ave. S & SE Newton St	Library, 34th Pl. SE & SE 42nd Pl	SR-203 & Bird St.	Brown Ave & Richardson
6:12	6:17	6:25	6:34	6:43	7:00	7:28
7:20	7:25	7:33	7:42	7:51	8:08	8:36
8:28	8:33	8:41	8:50	8:59	9:16	9:44
9:36	9:41	9:49	9:58	10:07	10:24	10:52
10:44	10:49	10:57	11:06	11:15	11:32	12:00
11:52	11:57	12:05	12:14	12:23	12:40	1:08
1:00	1:05	1:13	1:22	1:31	1:48	2:16
2:08	2:13	2:21	2:30	2:39	2:56	3:24
3:16	3:21	3:29	3:38	3:47	4:04	4:32
4:24	4:29	4:37	4:46	4:55	5:12	5:40
5:32	5:37	5:45	5:54	6:03	6:20	6:48
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Brown Ave & Richardson	SR-203 & Bird St.	Library, 34th Pl. SE & SE 42nd Pl	Railroad Ave S & SE Newton St	Snoqualmie Casino	Factory Stores	Mt. Si Senior Center
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8:51	9:19	9:36	9:45	9:54	10:02	10:07
9:59	10:27	10:44	10:53	11:02	11:10	11:15
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**HOLIDAY INFORMATION** This route does not operate on weekends or the following holidays:

New Year's Day	President's Day	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Eve
North Luther King Jr. Day	Memorial Day	Labor Day	Day after Thanksgiving	Christmas Day

Saturday holidays are observed the preceding Friday. Sunday holidays are observed the following Monday. Thank you for understanding our need to spend time with our friends and family.

**SNOW** During most weather conditions, the Valley Shuttle will operate along the usual route although we may be delayed depending upon the road conditions. In the event that SVT cannot make certain hills or roads, re-routing will be on the website at [SVTbus.org](http://SVTbus.org) or you may call our office at 425-888-7001. Make sure to sign up for rider alerts at [www.svtbus.org](http://www.svtbus.org).

**SHUTTLE FLEXIBLE SERVICE** Are you travelling a bit farther than the Valley Shuttle goes in North Bend or Duvall? Did you know that the Valley Shuttle can drop you off or pick you up farther than the service stops on the timetable? Give us a call at 425-888-7001 to arrange for this flexible routing service.

**MAKE A DONATION!** The Valley Shuttle is operated locally by Snoqualmie Valley Transportation and the Mt. Si Senior Center. Riders connecting to Metro buses don't pay a fare on the Valley Shuttle. For riders using only the Valley Shuttle, we suggest a \$100 donation per trip, which can be paid in cash. OICCA cards are not accepted on the Valley Shuttle.

**BIKE & RIDE SVT** buses have bike racks that hold 20 bikes. The racks are easy to use at no extra cost. Just follow the simple instructions posted near the rack. You may load or unload your bike anytime at all regular stops.

**WHAT IS SVT?** Since 2003, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation has been your local bus company. We provide door-to-door and fixed route service in the Snoqualmie Valley. By using our services, people get to medical appointments, grocery stores, jobs and their favorite activities and entertainment. We connect people with places. This helps people stay socially active, helps employees, helps local businesses, helps the environment and helps our community. We are a small, dedicated group of people who work for the Mt. Si Senior Center with a passion for making sure that people get where they want to go in an easy, friendly and inexpensive way. We work for you.