

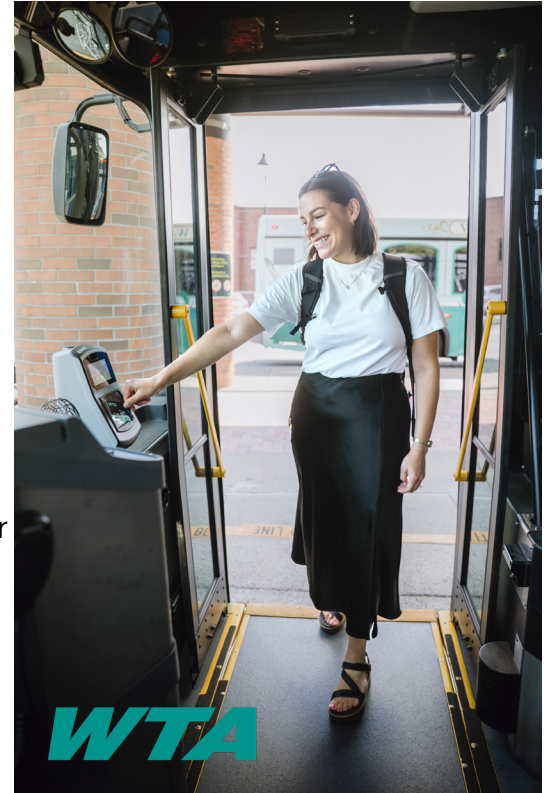
Paying for the Bus

Fares (as of Sept. 2026)

- Base fare: \$2 per ride, with a \$6 daily / \$60 monthly cap
- Paratransit: \$3 per ride, with a \$6 daily / \$30 monthly cap
- Reduced fare: \$1 per ride, with a \$6 daily / \$30 monthly cap

Ways to pay

- **Credit or Debit** - Paying for your ride is now as simple as a tap! You can pay your fare using a contactless credit/debit card or a digital wallet on your smartphone or smartwatch.
- **Umo card or the Umo App** - An Umo Card is a reloadable transit fare card used by WTA (and many other transit agencies) as a tap-to-pay option. You can pick up a card at the Downtown Station or order by phone (360-676-7433); download the App at the App Store or Google Play (search for Umo Mobility). You can add money to your Umo card either online or at one of the following physical locations:
 - o Bellingham Station
 - o BTC & WCC Bookstores
 - o All Haggen stores
 - o Community Food Co-op, both locations
- **Cash**



Ride more, pay less with fare capping. Once you hit \$6 in a day or \$60 in a month, every ride after that is free — for the rest of that period. Frequent commuters could end up paying a lot less per ride than the base fare suggests. Just pay with your Umo Card, the Umo app, or a contactless bank card to have it count automatically — no passes to track, no calculations needed. Be sure to use the same payment card for the entire month. Note: fare capping will not work if you pay cash for your rides

More people qualify for half-price fares. The reduced fare program has expanded to cover people 65+, paratransit-eligible riders, veterans, those meeting disability or income requirements, and students (over 18).

18 and under ride free — no change there.

Try the bus for free. Busing is a budget-friendly way to get around. If you are new to busing your Smart Trips Coordinator can help you get an Umo card that comes pre-loaded with \$60, good for a month of unlimited rides or 30 individual rides in Whatcom County, and valid in Skagit County too.



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Got questions? Need help planning a route? Want advice? Give Smart Trips a call, 360-756-TRIP (8747) or email us at info@WhatcomSmartTrips.org

Book a [phone consultation](#) with us!

We're here to help.