

Commuting in Inclement Weather – By WTA Bus

Busing can be a great option year-round and especially when the weather turns wintery. No need to put chains on the car, let WTA do the hard work for you. Here are some tips to make busing easier.

- **Free One-Time 31-Day Pass!** Trying the bus has never been easier. If you aren't a regular bus rider you can try the bus for FREE. Just ask the Smart Trips Coordinator at your office to have a pass sent your way. If you don't have a pass, the cost is \$1 per ride.
- **Find the bus stop closest to your home.** Most stops are on busier streets.
If you aren't sure where the nearest stop is:
 - call WTA, 360-676-7433
 - zoom in on Google maps for the blue bus stop icon nearest your home
 - use WTA's Bus Tracker app to find your nearest stop
- **Take a photo of the schedule at your stop.** Each bus stop has a sign with a stop-specific schedule including both times and bus routes.
- **Dress for Success!** Not all stops have shelters so be prepared with the right clothing to stay warm and dry.
- **Plan on being at the stop a few minutes early!** Use WTA's Bus Tracker app to see a Real-Time map of buses on your route and find out when the next bus will arrive at your stop – all from your mobile device. Download BusTracker from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Explore these videos about [bus tracking](#) and [route planning](#).
- **Make yourself visible to the driver.** When it's dark you can use the light on your phone to let the driver know you are waiting at a stop. Just be sure to point the light down and avoid shining it in the driver's eyes.
- **Enjoy the ride!** Free Wi-Fi on all buses. Let someone else drive in the dark, rain and snow while you relax.



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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

We're here to help.

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