

Policies regarding Park and Ride Management

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The Question: Do you have policies regarding the management of park and ride lots? We are concerned with what to do about abandoned vehicles, cars for sale, and overnight camping. There may be other things we are not thinking about that we should have a policy on. If you have a policy (or policies) about the management of park and ride lots, could you please include the information in your reply?

C-Tran says...C-TRAN posts a "No parking over 48hr" sign. Our security staff monitors cars and we tow abandoned cars. I am the only person authorized to make the final decision. We also do not allow postings or hand flyers left on cars parked at our transit centers. We do not have specific policies in place but rely on the "Unlawful Bus Conduct" law for passenger violations.

CUBS says...CUBS does not have any Park and Ride lots.

Everett Transit says... ET does not have any park and ride lots.

Grays Harbor Transit says...We do not have a policy regarding park and ride management.

Jefferson Transit says...We have an older policy from 1998. It's very simplistic, but it has met our needs so far. The Policy reads as follows:

MISSION: To assure that use of the Haines Place Park and Ride Lot remains under the control of Jefferson Transit Authority. Day use shall be primarily for the purpose of vehicle parking. Bicycle riding, skateboarding and other recreational uses are restricted. The Park and Ride lot is a public property and a "public impound" may be directed by a police officer or an officer of Jefferson Transit. RCW 46.55.010 (3) (a) The Park and Ride lot will be posted as per RCW 46.55.070 the sign shall read as follows:

Welcome!

To help reduce traffic congestion and pollution in Port Townsend and vicinity, park your vehicle and bus, van, carpool, bike or walk to your destination!

For authorization or park longer than 24 hour or to OCCUPY your vehicle overnight or for any other uses, call Jefferson Transit @ 385-4777.

Unauthorized vehicles may be impounded, 24 hours a day
at owners' expense. Impounded vehicles may be redeemed by
contacting.....

The underlying principal when deciding to grant authorization is to prevent harm to the users of Jefferson Transit or to the community we serve. Permission to park vehicles overnight are transferred to a recorded line that requests their name, phone number, vehicle color, make, model, license number and length of stay. A facilities maintenance employee keeps a log of vehicles parked in the lot. Vehicles that are abandoned or left overnight without calling in for permission are tagged with a 24 hour tow notice. We also have a notice that we can elect to use asking them to call in with the requested information or they will receive a tow notice.

Kitsap Transit says...Kitsap Transit Park & Ride Lot Rules and Regulations Posted at Lots: This parking facility is only for Kitsap Transit customers and rideshare commuters. Please call Kitsap Transit at 1-800-501-7433 with any questions regarding this facility. Please remember to turn off your lights, secure your vehicle and take your keys with you. Kitsap Transit **is not responsible** for loss or damage to a vehicle or its contents from fire, theft, collision, or any cause whatsoever.

For the comfort of our customers, the following uses of this lot are **unauthorized**:

- * camping
- * wheeled sports
- * auto repair
- * loitering
- * driver training
- * vehicle storage
- * posting leaflets
- * littering
- * residential parking
- * auto or merchandise sales
- * dumping automotive fluids (RCW 90.48)

Persons unauthorized by Kitsap Transit or persons involved in unauthorized activities at this lot are subject to prosecution for the crime of criminal trespass (RCW 9A.52.080). Please call Kitsap Transit's Customer Service Office at 1-800-501-RIDE with any questions regarding this facility or transit services. Vehicles blocking fire lanes, entrances, exits, or other cars; and vehicles left unattended for longer than 24 hours or leaking excessive fluids will be impounded. Violator's vehicles will be towed 24 hours daily at owner's risk.

Mason Transit says...Mason Transit does not have any policies regarding management of park and ride lots, we pretty much rely on local law enforcement to respond and/or state or county entity for issues on land they own but an MTA shelter is located.



Pullman Transit says...Pullman Transit does not have any park and ride lots. Therefore we have had no reason to develop any policies.

Twin Transit says...Twin Transit does not own or manage any park and ride lots.

Whatcom Transit says...WTA does not have any formal policies about park and ride lots. We do have some informal policies that include: (the following list is not all inclusive.)

1. Everyone must obtain a permit from our CSR department to leave their vehicle in one of our lots for more than a day.
2. If we find a vehicle park in one of our lots that does not have a permit, we put a note on the wind shield informing them they have to move it.
3. We do not allow anyone to spend the night in one of our lots (camper, motor home, etc.).
4. We do not allow anyone to leave their vehicle in one of our lots, with the intention of selling it.

Valley Transit says...We currently do not have any park & ride lots.

Yakima Transit says... We have no park n ride lots.