



## Thurston County CTR Fact Sheet

### A few facts about CTR in Thurston County:

Of the 26,100 employees affected by the CTR law in Thurston County, 22,300 have access to a free monthly bus pass.

If current driving trends continue and population grows as expected, by 2020, I-5 would need to carry enough traffic to fill 2-3 more lanes in each direction and US 101 would need to carry enough traffic to fill 1-2 additional lanes in each direction. (Regional Transportation Plan Update, 1998)

In 1970 the average Thurston County driver drove 29 miles per day. By 1995, that average person was driving 38 miles per day, a 31% increase. (Regional Transportation Plan Update, 1998)

In the year 2000, 41% of commuters in Thurston County had a worktime commute of 30 minutes or less, 31.7% had a worktime commute of 30 to 59 minutes, and 27.4% of commuters had a worktime commute of over 60 minutes. This averages to be a mean travel time of 24.4 minutes. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2002)

Of 100,986 workers 16 and older in Thurston County, 77,933 drove alone, 12,808 carpooled, 2,144 used the bus system, 3,887 worked at home, 2,793 walked, and 728 bicycled. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2002)

The number of vanpools operated by Intercity Transit has grown from 35 in 1997 to 70 in 2003. (Intercity Transit, 2003)

On average, one-third of all auto pollution occurs when you cold start your engine. Cold starts create 80% more unhealthy hydrocarbons than when your car engine is warm. (The Communicator, 1997)

### A few facts about CTR in Washington State:

Over 1,100 employers participate in the Commute Trip Reduction Program, including 83 employers that participate voluntarily. (2002 Key Facts, Washington State Department of Transportation)

There are 566,384 commuters who bicycle to work daily in the United States, 16,205 in Washington State, and 728 in Thurston County. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2002)

The population of Washington State grew 43% between 1980 and the year 2000. Vehicle miles traveled grew 88%, and transit and vanpool ridership was up 75%. (2002 Key Facts, Washington State Department of Transportation)

Vanpools offer tremendous savings over the cost of commuting alone—the typical vanpooler saves more than \$5,000 a year.

Washington State ranks 11th for average commute time (24.9 minutes), just slightly above the national average of 24.3 minutes. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2002)

The United States has only 5% of the world's population, but accounts for 26% of global oil consumption. (Environmental and Energy Study Institute Fact Sheet, "Oil and Transportation")

According to the Washington State Department of Transportation, 11% of state highways are congested; this is expected to increase to 32% by the year 2020. (Taking its Toll: The Hidden Costs of Sprawl, Climate Solutions)