

Sammamish, Washington

Proclamation RIDE TRANSIT MONTH JUNE 2023



- WHEREAS, having reliable transportation can be a major key toward developing a thriving community; and
- WHEREAS, almost 25 percent of Washington residents cannot and do not drive and may rely on public transit; and
- **WHEREAS**, regional transit agencies and transportation organizations are proclaiming June as Ride Transit Month to promote alternatives to driving; and
- **WHEREAS**, transportation organizations are engaging with drivers, riders, and communities to increase accessibility and equity in transit use, policies and system design; and
- WHEREAS, using public transit rather than personal modes of transportation conserved equivalent to 63 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2018 roughly the same savings as taking 16 coal-fired power plants offline for a year; and
- WHEREAS, Ride Transit Month celebrates public transportation system and transit riders; showcases the benefits of riding transit; and encourages the community to try transit; and
- WHEREAS, a Transit Fair will be held at the Farmers Market in the City Hall Plaza on June 14th in partnership with regional transit agencies to educate and provide transportation resources to the Sammamish community; and
- **WHEREAS,** developing transit-oriented communities has been shown to enhance health and community connectedness; reduce pollution; and improve traffic safety and circulation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Kali Clark, on behalf of the Sammamish City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as RIDE TRANSIT MONTH and want to encourage our residents to observe this month with events and activities to promote public transportation.

Mayor Kali Clark

6.6.23

Date