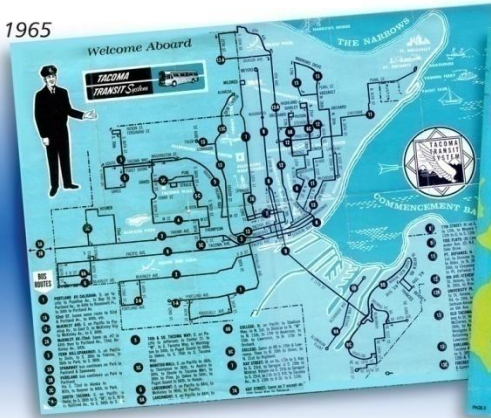
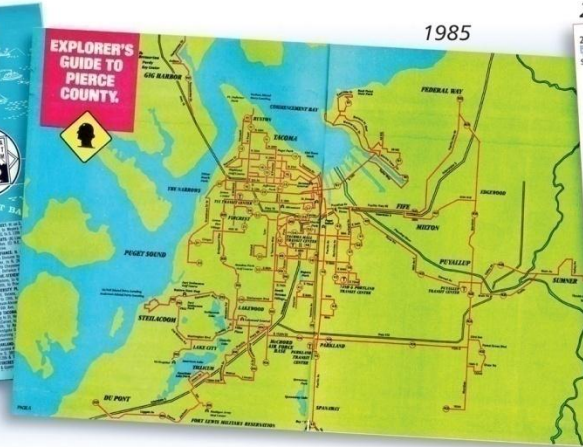


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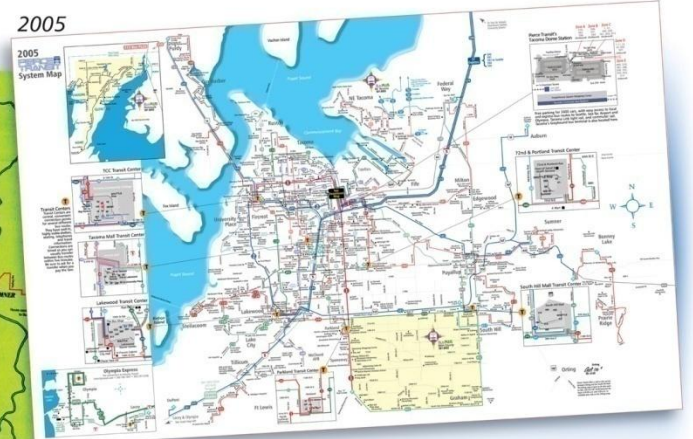
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# PIERCE TRANSIT PLANS CUTS

**BUSES:** Without new revenue by 2012, agency may sharply reduce service

## POSSIBLE TRANSIT CUTS



FRED MATAMOROS/Staff artist

BY DAVID WICKERT  
Staff writer

Pierce Transit may eliminate local bus service in much of the county in 2012 unless it can find new money to balance its budget.

Service would be eliminated in most of East Pierce County, Northeast Tacoma, Gig Harbor and Steilacoom under one scenario described by Pierce Transit officials in a meeting with The News Tribune's editorial board Wednesday.

One solution: a three-tenths of 1 percent sales tax increase that would have to be approved by voters. New state or federal revenue also could help save bus service.

Pierce Transit chief executive Lynne Griffith said the agency faces an unprecedented funding crisis as the recession pummels its chief source of revenue: the

sales tax.

Without new funding, "we'll inevitably hit the edge of the cliff and have to make some radical changes," Griffith said.

Currently Pierce Transit provides bus, shuttle and vanpool services across most of Pierce County. Last year the agency saw 15.6 million passenger boardings.

But while use of local transit services was up nearly 15 percent from 2006, the agency has struggled to balance its budget as revenue declined during the recession.

The sales tax accounts for about 70 percent of Pierce Transit's \$119 million operating budget. Fares and grants account for most of the rest.

From the agency's founding in 1980 through 2006, its sales tax revenue grew

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DREW PERINE/Staff photographer

Riders get off a Pierce Transit bus Wednesday in Gig Harbor. Budget woes are forcing Pierce Transit to consider reducing or cutting routes like the Gig Harbor Express, which runs from the Kimball and Purdy Park and Rides to downtown Tacoma.

The News Tribune  
February 25, 2010

# PT Tomorrow: Public Involvement Results



**9 Community Design Workshops**

**2 Summits**

**39 Leader Interviews**

**54 Community Presentations**

**1,700 Website Visitors**

**15 Transit Center Events**

**1,400 Comments Received**

**38,900 Direct Mail Postcards**

**16,500 Brochures Distributed**

**Over 8,500 Face-to-Face Interactions**

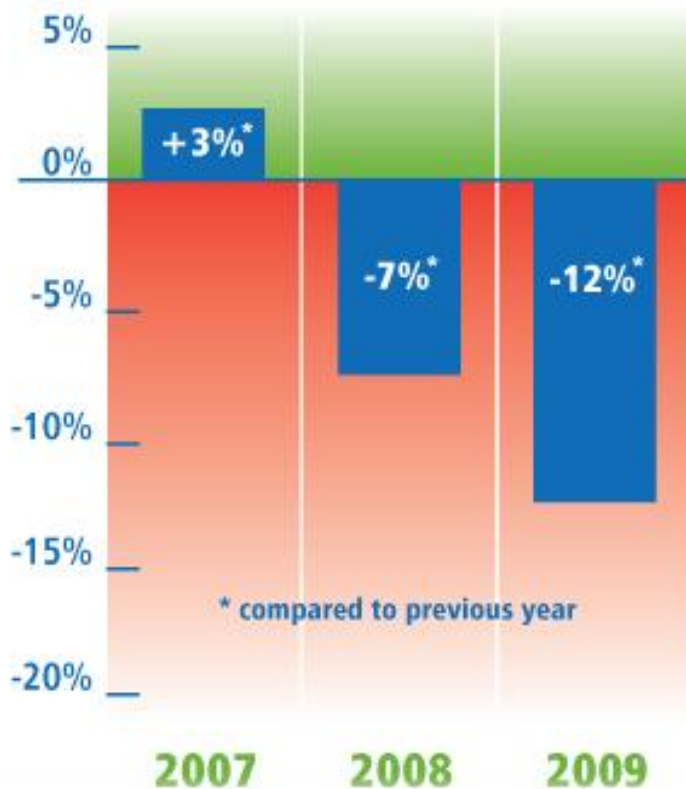
# Designing a Transit System the Community Values & Uses

- Services that relate to **Social Service** and **Economic Development** should be the top priority
- Continue to invest in the **Environment** and **Safety & Security**



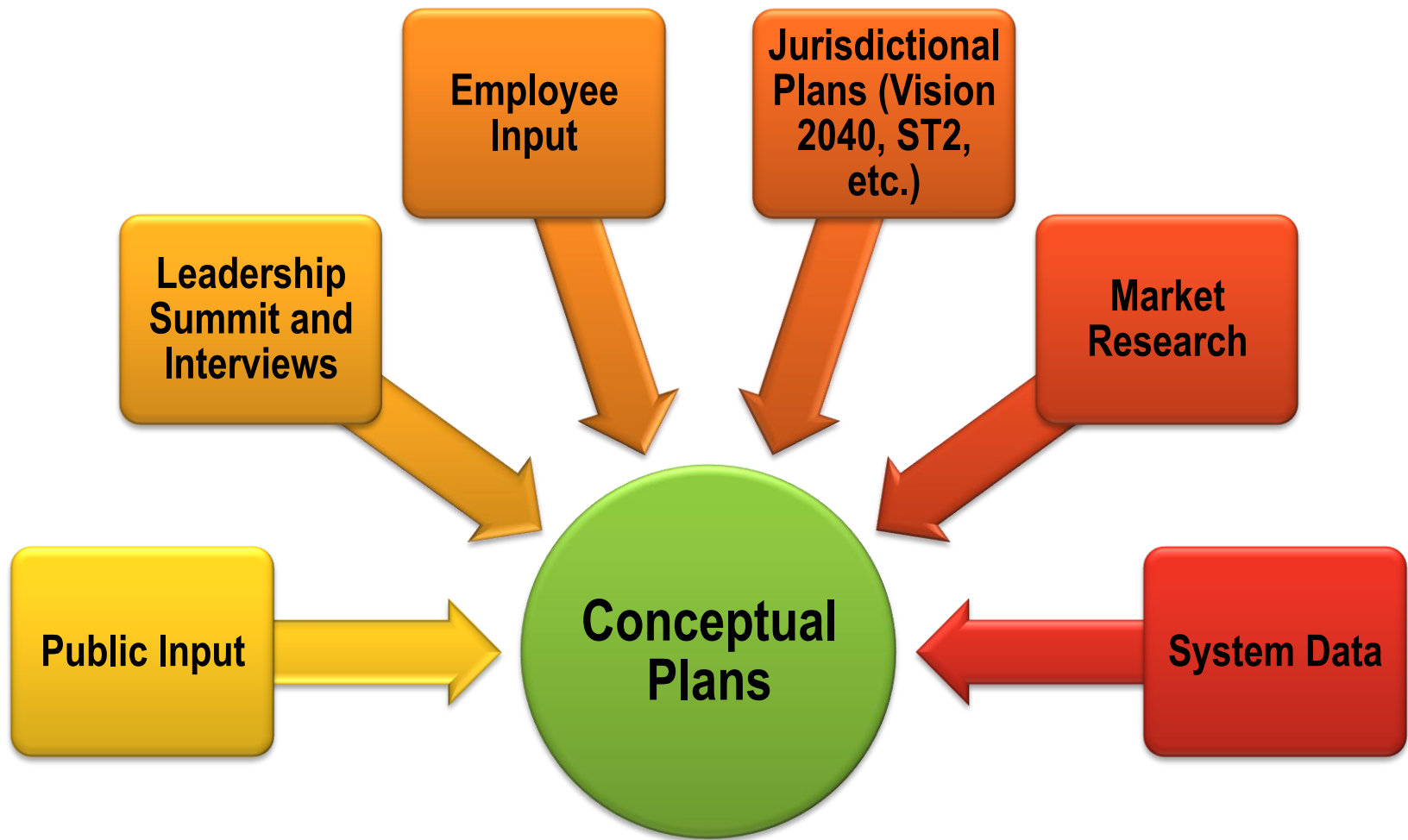
# The Decline of Sales Tax Revenues

70% of Pierce Transit's funding comes from sales tax revenues.



Pierce Transit faces a funding gap of **\$68 million** by the end of 2012.

# Conceptual Plans Development



## Current Funding Concept

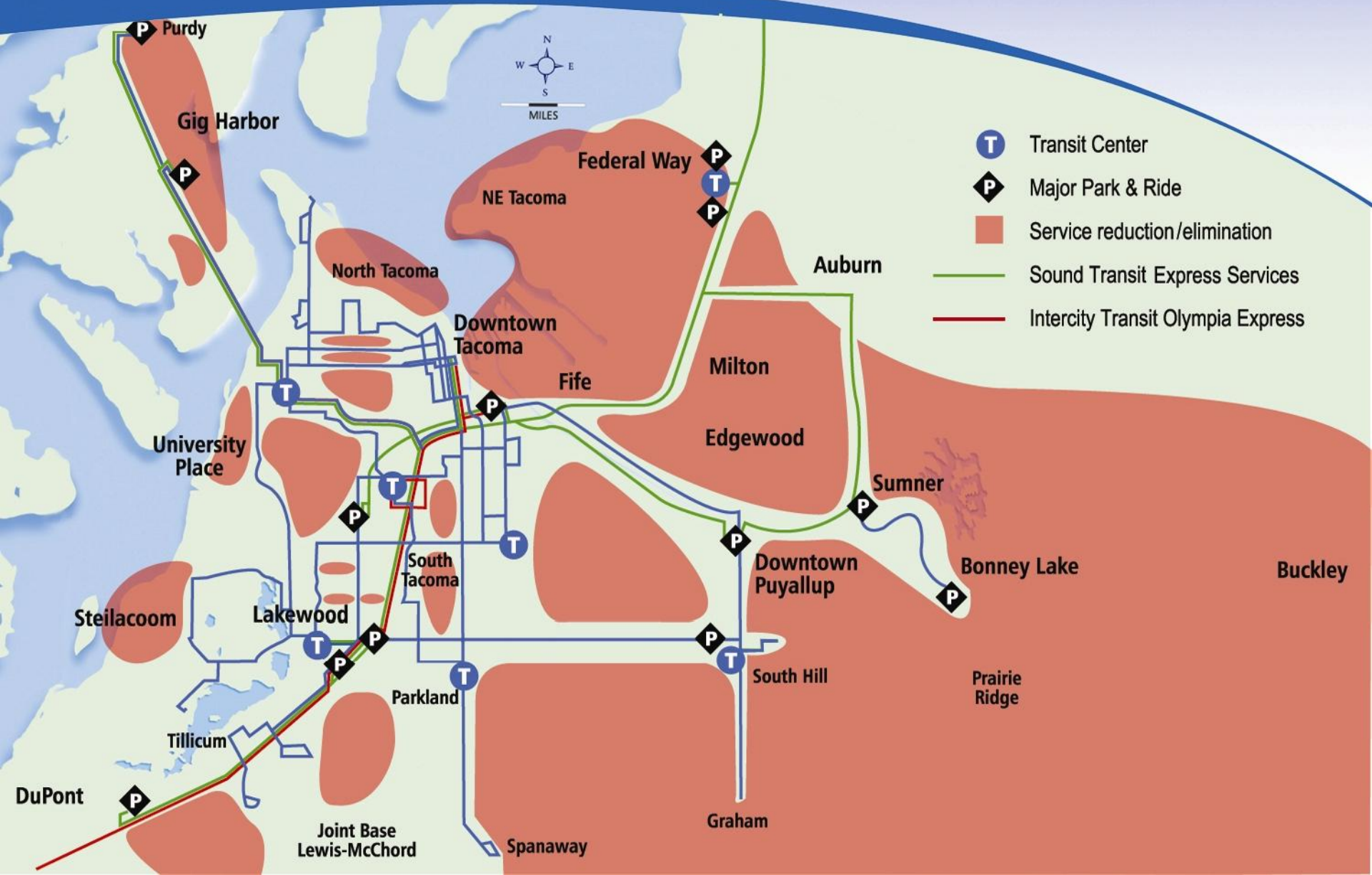
### Financially Sustainable

- Significant Reductions
  - Service Hours
  - Span of Service
  - Frequency
  - Coverage
- Eliminate Unproductive Routes
- Maximize Efficiencies

### Public Values & Uses

- Economic Development & Social Service
  - Disperses routes in downtown Tacoma to provide better access to jobs and
- Retains Routes:
  - Jobs
  - Population
  - Current Ridership
- Connects Urban Centers

# Current Funding Concept



# Weekend service



Weekends	Today	Current Funding Concept
Span of service	8 am – 10 pm	Saturday: 8 am – 9 pm Sunday: 8 am – 8 pm
Frequency	30/60 minutes	Local: 60 minutes

## New Funding Concept

### Financially Sustainable

- Some Growth
- Partnerships
- Phased Implementation
- Efficiencies

### System the Public Values & Uses

- More Direct
- Increased Frequency
- Connecting Communities
  - Economic Development (jobs)
  - Social Service (basic life needs)
  - Express Services
  - Fixed Route
  - BusPLUS

# New Funding Concept



# Vision Concept

## Financially Sustainable

- Not financially constrained
- Responds to the aspirations of the community
- Requires additional funding sources

## Public Values & Uses

- More Direct
- Increased Frequency
- Connecting Communities
  - Economic Development (jobs)
  - Social Service (basic life needs)

# Vision Concept – 2030



# PT Tomorrow Timeline

3/23 Lakewood Public Meeting  
3/31 Parkland/ Spanaway Public Meeting  
4/5 Puyallup Public Meeting  
May/June Public Hearing at Board Meeting  
June/July Board Decision at Board Meeting

March

April

May

June

July

3/29 Gig Harbor Public Meeting

4/1 Tacoma Public Meetings (afternoon and evening)

**Public Meetings are 6:00 – 7:30 PM**

An afternoon meeting is being held in Tacoma April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 PM

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