



Business Choice King County Metro

ORCA Business Choice provides total flexibility for employers and employees. This program offers a variety of products to load on cards or on a single ORCA card. The card or cards can contain monthly passes, e-purse and or e-voucher. Business Choice can also be used to supplement the ORCA Passport program.

Products include:

- Monthly transit passes at retail prices for bus, train, ferry or Metro vanpool.
 - ~ Access to **all** regular bus services on Community Transit, Everett Transit, Kitsap Transit, Metro Transit, Pierce Transit, and Sound Transit
 - ~ Access to regular Sound Transit Link light rail service
 - ~ Access to Sounder commuter rail
 - ~ Access to Seattle Lake Union Streetcar
 - ~ Access to King County Water Taxi (Vashon and West Seattle routes)
 - ~ Access to Kitsap Transit Foot Ferry (Port Orchard and Annapolis routes)
 - ~ Access to Washington State Ferries
- E-purse option – Employees use stored value to pay for travel on a per-trip basis or convert to monthly pass
- E-voucher option – Employees convert to E-purse or monthly pass and if unused, E-vouchers are eligible for a credit to the employer
(See E-purse and E-voucher details on back)

Benefits to **employers** include ability to:

- Purchase ORCA cards and load or reload value monthly, or as needed, via the website
- Distribute cards infrequently as they have a 3-4 year life
- Conveniently manage employee cards online by serial # or group
- Load multiple ORCA products (like E-purse or E-voucher) on a single ORCA card
- Provide cards only to those employees using transportation services
- Provide a subsidy and/or Pre-Tax benefit to employees
- Change products from month to month or maintain a stable order
- Conveniently pre-pay on-line via credit card or by mailing a company check
- Block lost or stolen cards and transfer products or move value from blocked cards to new cards

Benefits to **employees** include ability to:

- Load bus, train, ferry and Metro vanpool passes, and per-trip fares on one card.
- Conveniently convert the E-voucher to E-purse and pay for travel on a per-trip basis or convert to a monthly pass
- Add value to cover the cost difference between the employer sponsored subsidy and the total cost of the desired product or fare
- Ability to register your card. If lost or stolen, the card can then be blocked and the value issued to you on another card.



Monthly Passes:

A PugetPass is valid for fare payment up to the trip value of the pass on all transit agencies except WSF.

Available trip values and their corresponding monthly pass prices follow:

Pass (Trip Value)	Purchase Price
\$0.50 PugetPass	\$18
\$0.75 PugetPass	\$27
\$1.00 PugetPass	\$36
\$1.25 PugetPass	\$45
\$1.50 PugetPass	\$54
\$1.75 PugetPass	\$63
\$2.00 PugetPass	\$72
\$2.25 PugetPass	\$81
\$2.50 PugetPass	\$90
\$2.75 PugetPass	\$99
\$3.00 PugetPass	\$108
\$3.25 PugetPass	\$117
\$3.50 PugetPass	\$126
\$3.75 PugetPass	\$135
\$4.00 PugetPass	\$144
\$4.25 PugetPass	\$153
\$4.50 PugetPass	\$162
\$4.75 PugetPass	\$171
\$5.00 PugetPass	\$180
\$5.25 PugetPass	\$189
\$5.50 PugetPass	\$198

**Frequently Used
Monthly Commuter
Passes**

Two of the most frequently used transit passes for commuting in King County are the \$2.75 per trip pass (monthly cost of \$99) and the \$3.25 per trip pass (monthly cost of \$117).

About E-purse:

- Employees use the value stored to pay for travel on a per-trip basis or apply the value toward a monthly pass. Can be used to provide a pre-tax benefit to employees
- Allows the employer to restore an amount on a replacement card if a card is lost or stolen
- Employees can add personal funds to the E-purse on their employer-provided card, however the card belongs to the employer
- Funds do not expire but cap at \$300 after which no further value may be added.

About E-voucher:

- Works similar to E-purse, but is only available to employers
- Funds are credited back to the employer after 30 days if vouchers are unredeemed
- Employees decide how to 'spend' their E-voucher by either applying the value toward a monthly pass or converting it to an E-purse for use on a per-trip basis