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Connected Community
Enhanced Livability
Environmental Sustainability

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on average, public transit provides almost one-quarter of one billion passenger trips in Washington each year; and

WHEREAS, public transportation investments generate 31 percent more jobs per dollar than new construction of roads and bridges.[1] Investment in transit can yield 49,700 jobs per $1 billion invested and offers a five to one economic return; and

WHEREAS, transit in Washington state today reduces 371,000 metric tons of CO2 emission per year. If all people driving alone were to shift to transit, we could save 130,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year which is approximately equal to 28,272 passenger vehicles driven for one year. And every $1M invested in Washington state transit equates to 102,000 metric tons of CO2 reduction; and

WHEREAS, Transit trips are 10 times safer per mile than car trips, and a person can reduce their chance of being in an accident by more than 90 percent simply by taking public transit as opposed to commuting by car; and

WHEREAS, almost 25 percent of Washingtonians cannot or do not drive and may rely on public transit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has 15 bus routes and three frequent transit routes that run every 15 minutes

WHEREAS, over 23,000 employees who work in Redmond are offered ORCA transit passes through their employer; and

WHEREAS, riding transit improves traffic by increasing mobility and travel options in Redmond;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as,

RIDE TRANSIT MONTH

Accordingly, I encourage our residents to observe Ride Transit Month with appropriate events and activities to promote public transportation.

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Angela Birney, Mayor

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