



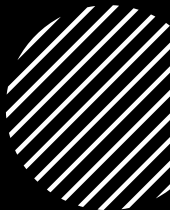
June 2025

# Service Changes

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# June 2025 Service Change Goals



Increase frequency and span of service on routes that serve priority populations and key destinations



Increase transit access in areas with new housing developments, especially multi-family and low-income units



Maintain service on existing corridors and to key destinations as much as practical



Increase operational efficiency by realigning underperforming routes

# Bus Route Changes

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The number of bus trips is increasing



The number of bus trips is decreasing

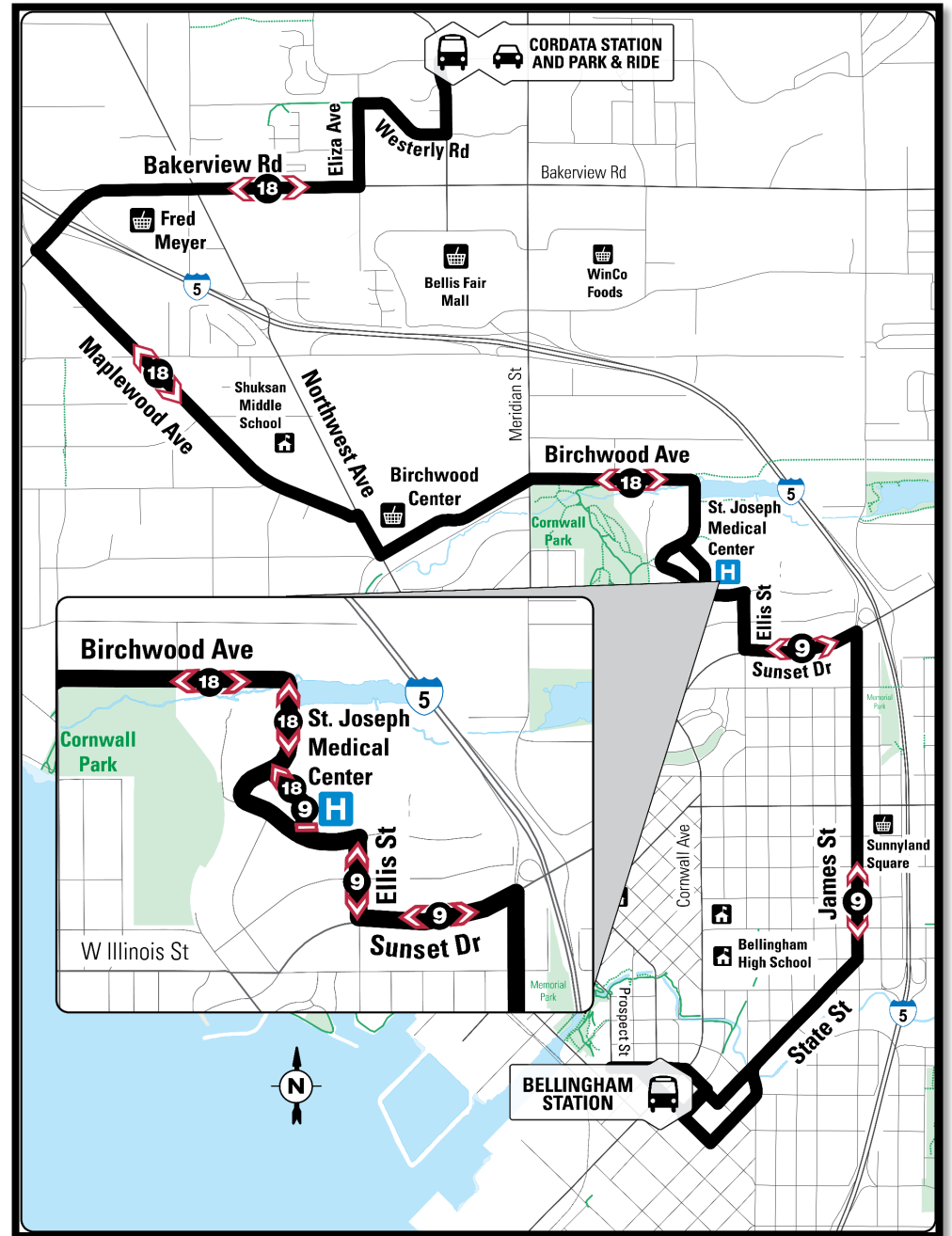


Where the bus starts, ends, or travels through town is changing

**9** HOSPITAL DOWNTOWN  

**18** MAPLEWOOD/HOSPITAL CORDATA  

	<b>Route 9</b>	<b>Route 18</b>
	departs from B'ham Station	departs from Cordata Station
<b>Weekdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:40 a.m. – 7:10 p.m.</li> <li>• every 30 min</li> <li>• 26 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:20 a.m. – 6:20 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 13 trips</li> </ul>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:10 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 10 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:20 a.m. – 6:20 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 12 trips</li> </ul>
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AIRPORT  
CORDATA/DOWNTOWN



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ELDRIDGE  
DOWNTOWN



	Route 3	Route 10
	departs from BTS & CTS	departs from B'ham Station
<b>Weekdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:10 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.</li><li>• hourly</li><li>• 11 trips</li></ul>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no service</li></ul>
<b>Sundays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:40 a.m. – 5:40 p.m. from B'ham Station</li><li>• 8:25 a.m – 5:25 p.m. from Cordata Station</li><li>• hourly</li><li>• 10 trips from BTS and 10 trips from CTS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no service</li></ul>

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LUMMI NATION  
CORDATA



**Route 50**

departs from Cordata Station

**Weekdays**

- 6:05 a.m. - 7:05 p.m.
- hourly
- 14 trips

**Saturdays**

- 8:05 a.m. - 6:05 p.m.
- hourly
- 11 trips

**Sundays**

- 8:05 a.m. - 5:05 p.m.
- hourly
- 10 trips




No changes to the route on the Lummi Reservation

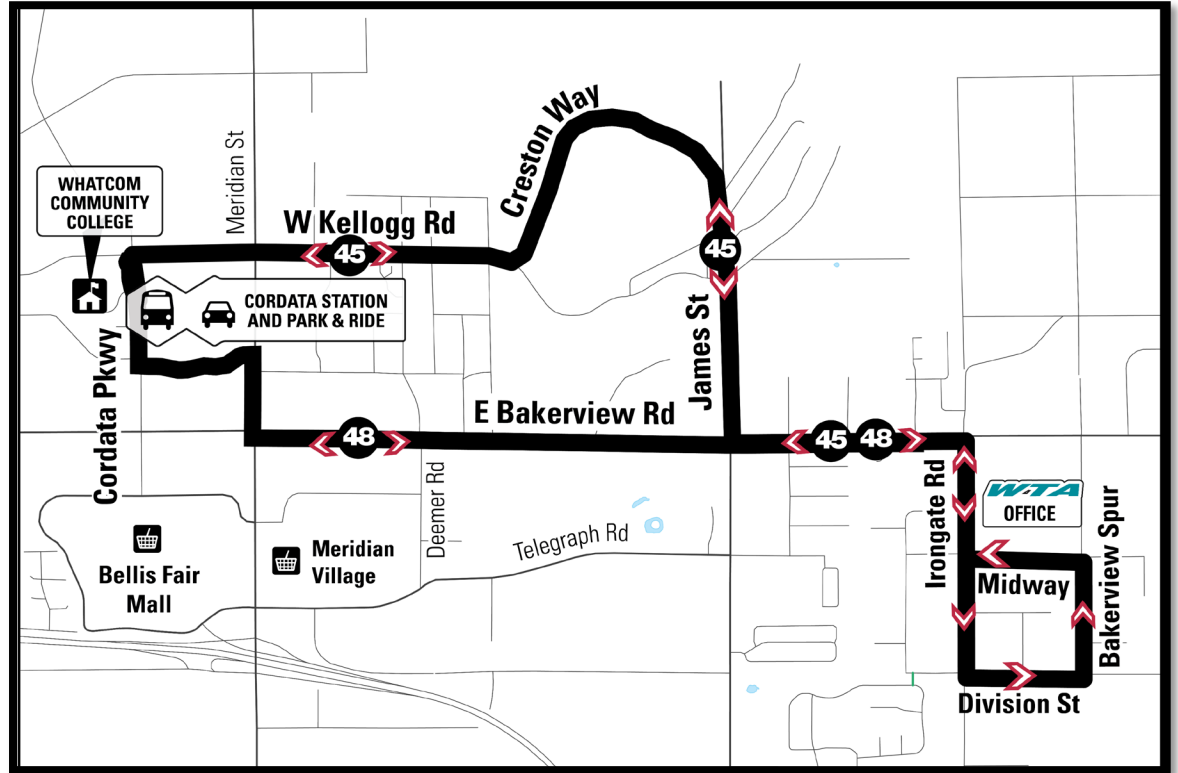
Proposed Removal (this corridor is served by Route 232)  
 New Routing

**45** KING MOUNTAIN  
CORDATA / WCC 



**48** BAKERVIEW SPUR  
CORDATA / WCC 

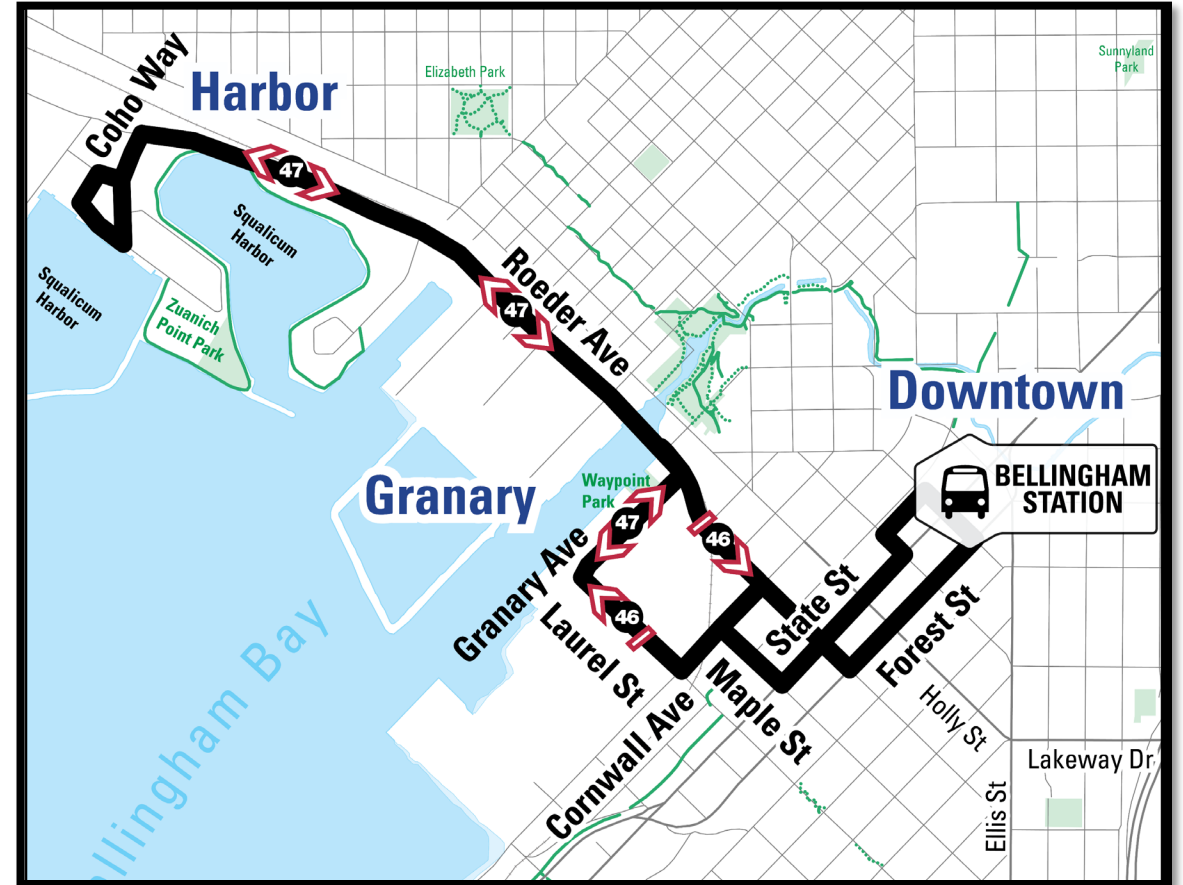
	<b>Route 45</b> departs from Cordata Station	<b>Route 48</b> departs from Cordata Station
<b>Weekdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 13 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• departs from CTS at 7:05 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 8:05 p.m.</li> <li>• departs from Bakerview Spur at 6:40 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 3:50 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 13 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• departs CTS at 9:32 a.m., 12:32 p.m. and 7:51 p.m.</li> <li>• departs from Bakerview Spur at 0:12 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Sundays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Sunday service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Sunday service</li> </ul>



**46** GRANARY +

**47** HARBOR DOWNTOWN +

	Route 46	Route 47
	departs from B'ham Station	departs from B'ham Station
<b>Weekdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 16 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:25 a.m. – 9:25 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 16 trips</li> </ul>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 15 trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:25 a.m. – 9:25 p.m.</li> <li>• hourly</li> <li>• 15 trips</li> </ul>
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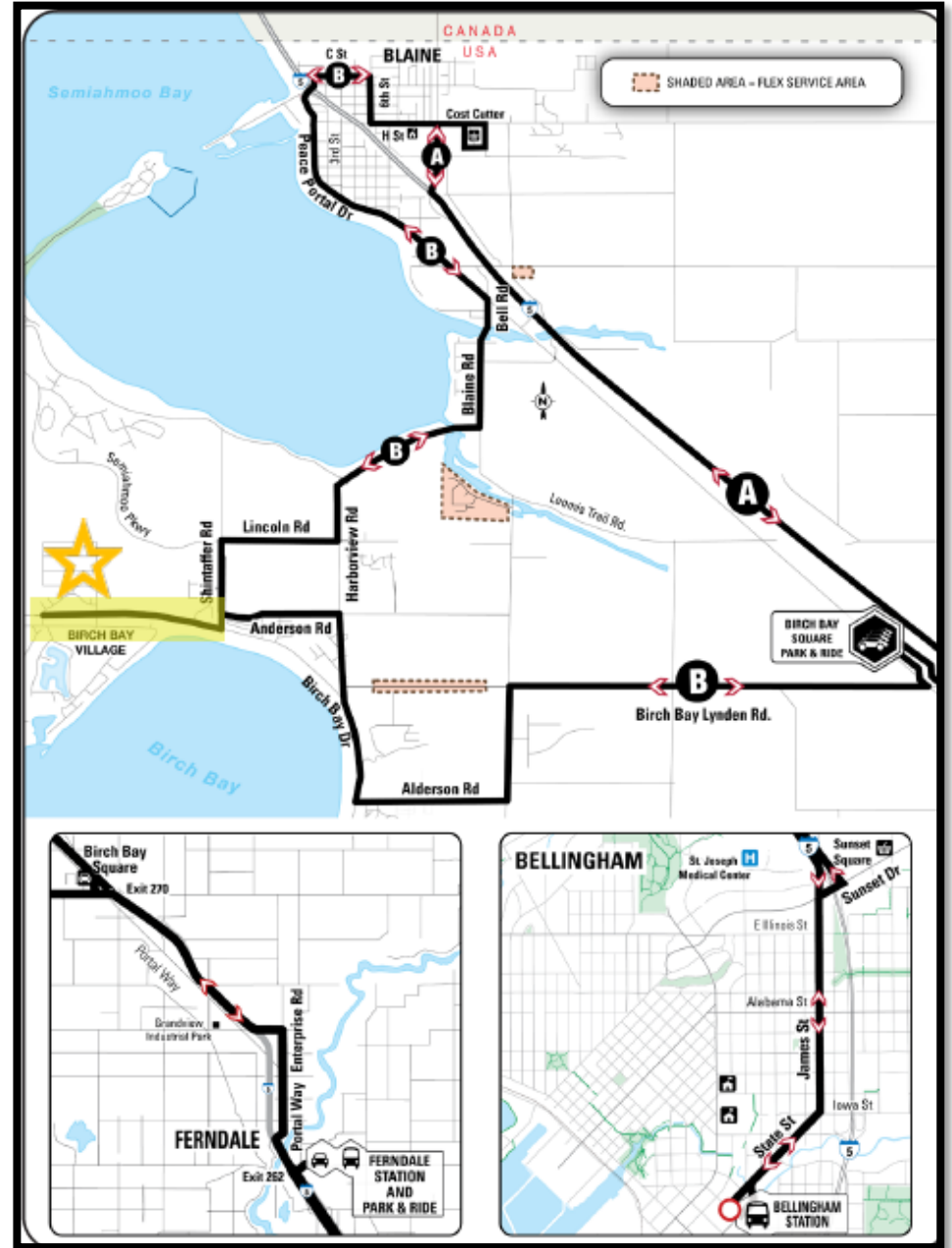
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## BIRCH BAY / BLAINE BELLINGHAM



Unfortunately, because several of our new buses can't complete the U-turn at Birch Bay Village, we'll be eliminating up to eight trips to the area shaded in yellow.

The total number of Route 75 trips is not proposed to change, only the number of times we go to Birch Bay Village.



# Levine Lane and Cornwall Park Neighborhood



Removes service on Levine Lane and through Cornwall Park Neighborhood



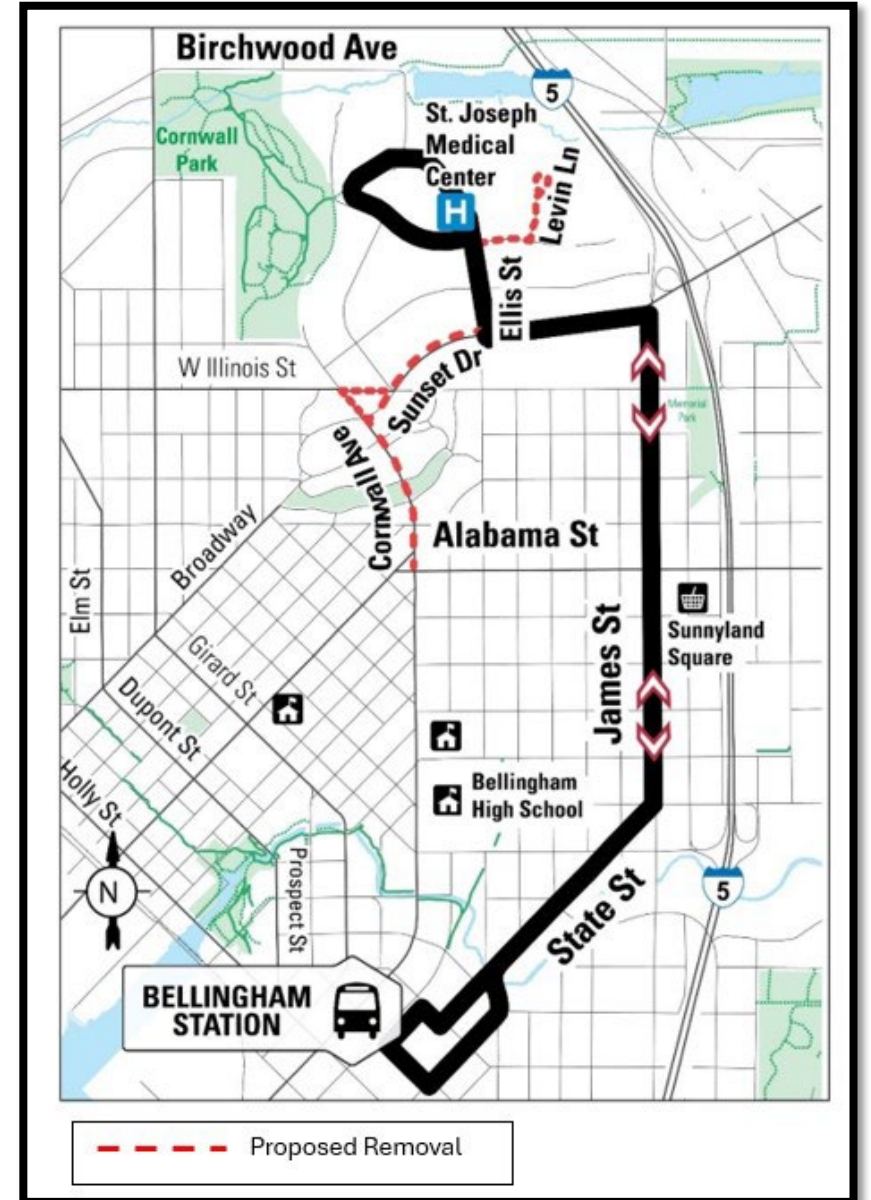
Both areas have low ridership and are within about a five-minute walk to the nearest bus stop



This enables a frequency increases to St. Joseph Hospital



While some people may need to walk a little further, everyone will have twice as much bus service compared to today



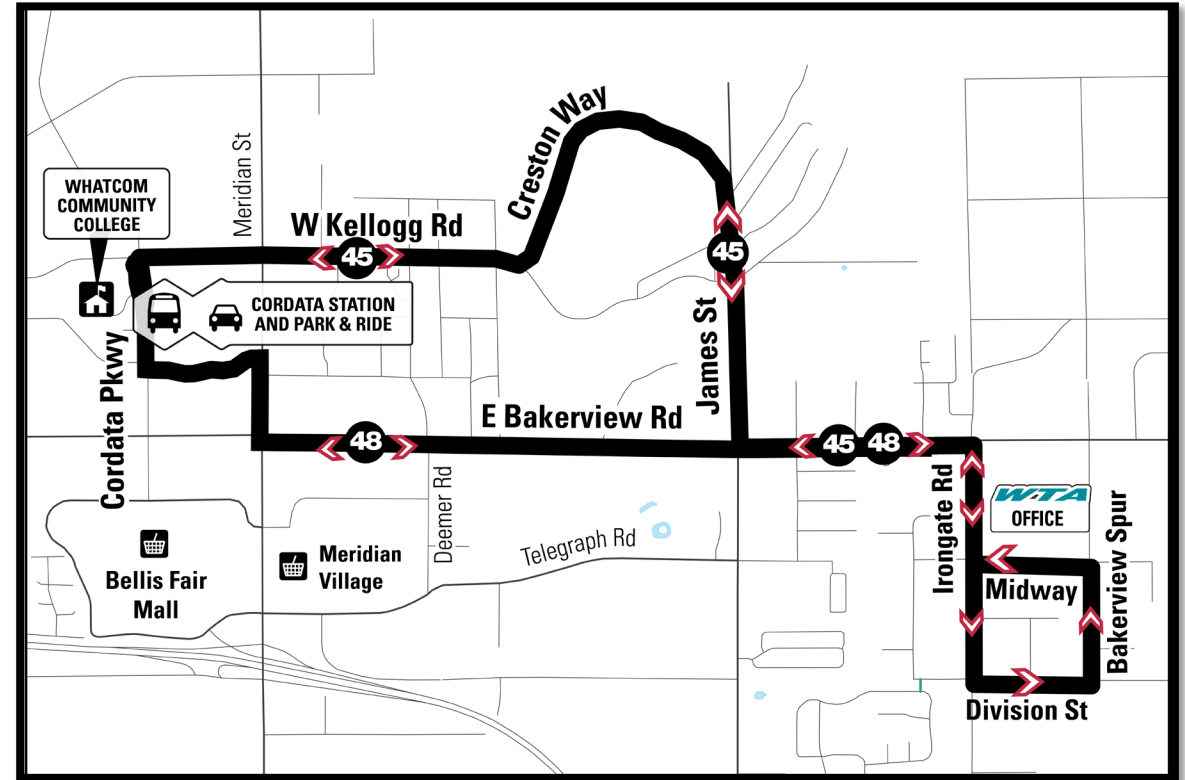
# East Bakerview Rd between Meridian St and James St



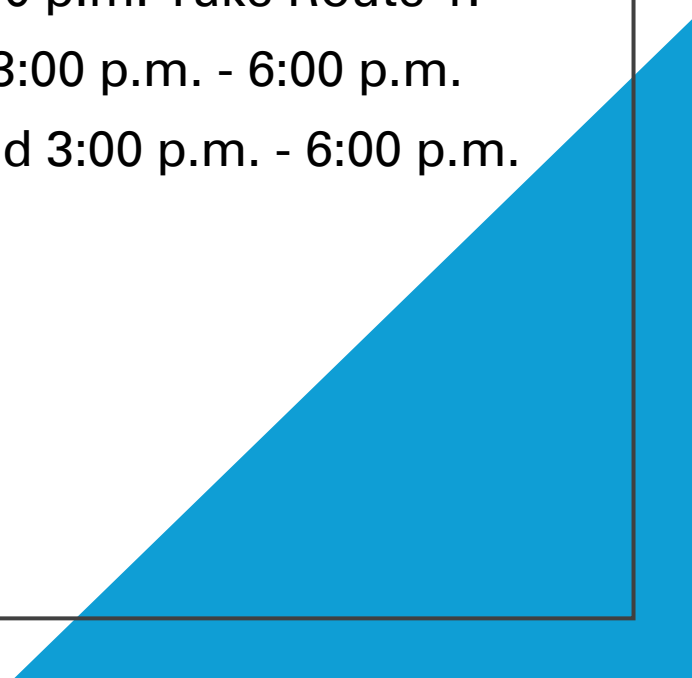
Reduces the number of bus trips on a few blocks of East Bakerview Rd



This enables expansion of service to the King Mountain Neighborhood



# Outreach Events

- **Bellingham SeaFeast**, Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, October 6, 11:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Take Route 47.
  - **Bellingham Farmers Market**, Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Take Route 1.
  - **Cordata Station**, Thursday, October 17, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  - **Bellingham Station**, Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  - **Virtual Open-House**, Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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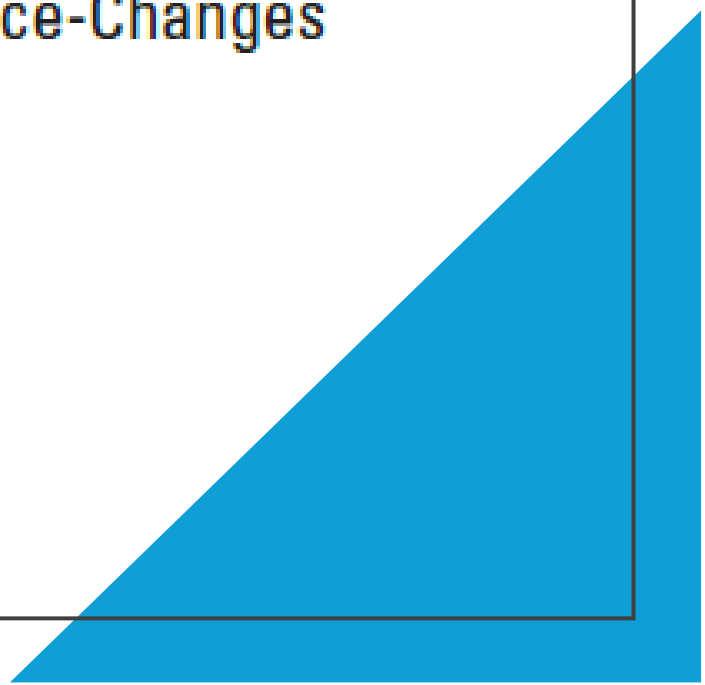
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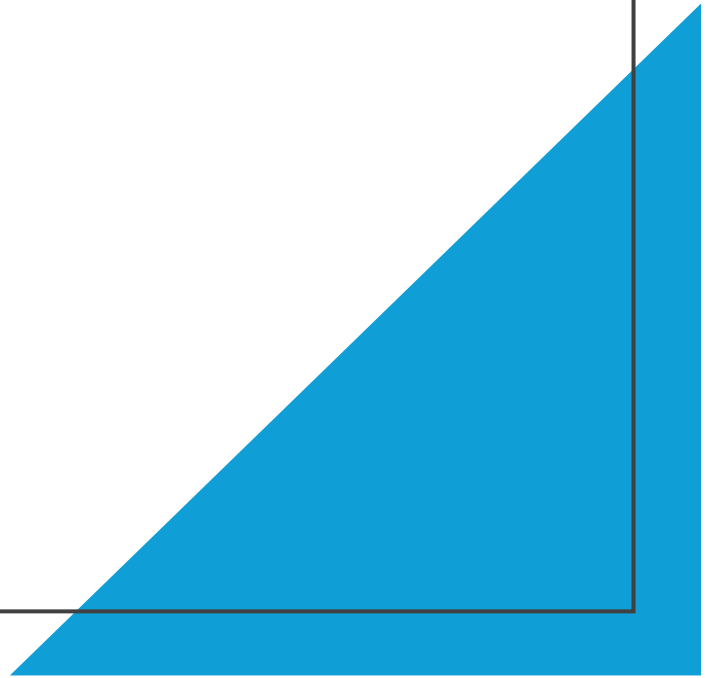


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Questions



# 2024 CTAG Presentation



October 3, 2024



# OPERATIONS AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

Bellingham International Airport (BLI) is a vital transportation hub in the Pacific Northwest:

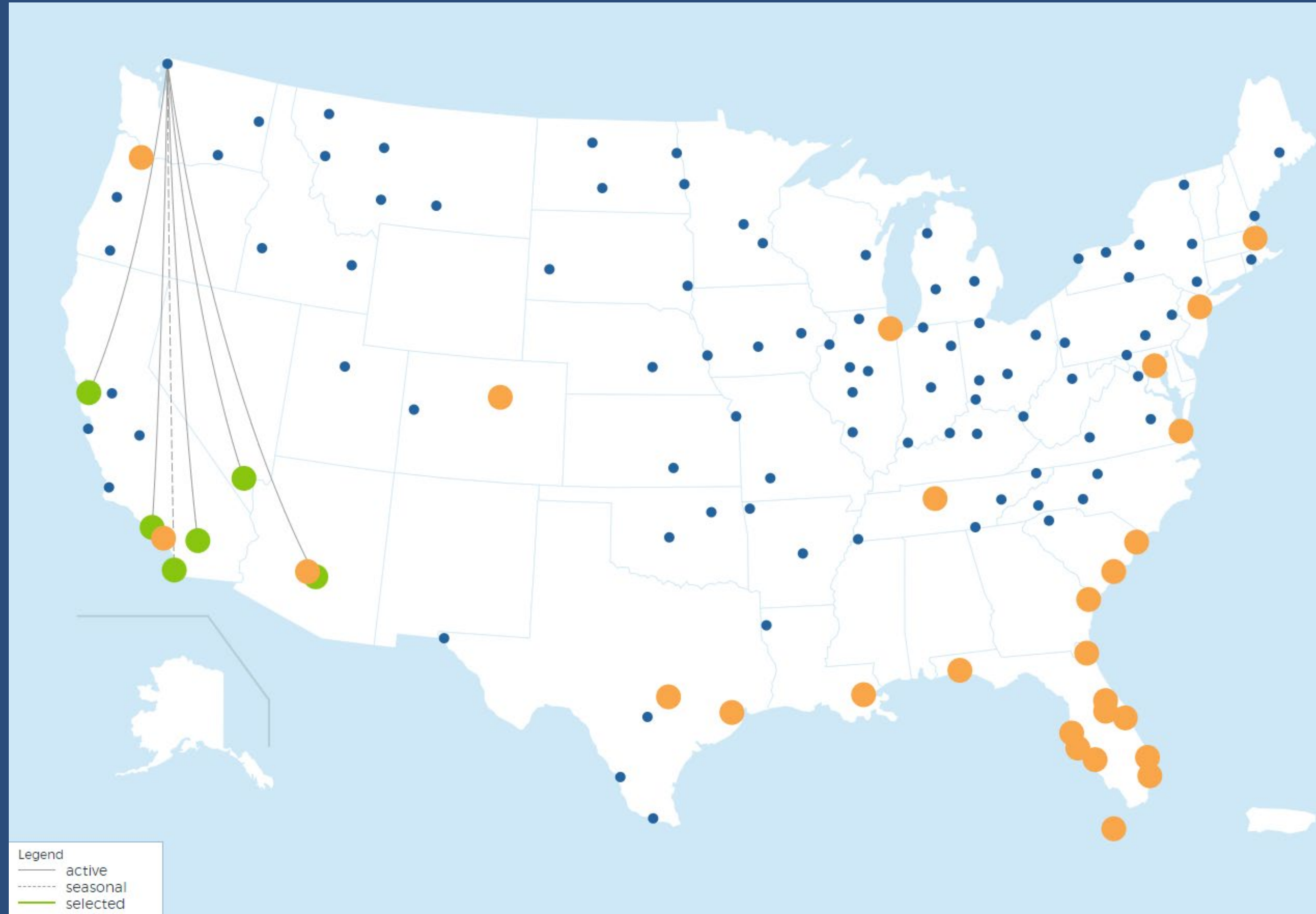
- Provides essential air services to northwest Washington and southern British Columbia residents and offers a range of domestic flights.
- Due to its convenience and ease of access, it has become a popular alternative to larger airports like Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) and Vancouver International Airport (YVR).
- BLI is well-connected to regional transportation networks, including Interstate 5, facilitating seamless travel to nearby cities such as Seattle and Vancouver.
- BLI offers various public transportation options, such as the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), which links the airport to downtown Bellingham and surrounding areas.
- Quick Coach, Bellair Shuttle and TRAXX bus services.
- Other ground transportation & TNCs includes: Yellow Cab, Evergreen Town Car, NW Limo, Red Cab, Lyft

These connections make BLI an accessible and efficient choice for travelers looking to avoid the congestion of larger airports while still benefiting from robust regional transportation links.



# Allegiant Routes at BLI

Las Vegas, NV (LAS) Las Vegas, NV	Active
Los Angeles, CA (LAX) Los Angeles, CA	Active
Oakland / San Francisco, CA (OAK) San Francisco, CA	Active
Palm Springs, CA (PSP) Palm Springs, CA	Active
Phoenix / Mesa, AZ (AZA) Phoenix / Mesa, AZ	Active
San Diego, CA (SAN) San Diego, CA	Seasonal



# Alaska Airlines

- The frequency of flights from Bellingham to Seattle can vary depending on the airline schedules and the time of year.
- Typically, this route is served by regional airlines such as Alaska Airlines through its subsidiary, Horizon Air.
- There are usually multiple daily flights, providing convenient options for travelers. The short distance between the two cities—approximately 90 miles—makes it a popular route for both business and leisure travelers.
- Flight times are generally under an hour, making it a quick and efficient way to travel between Bellingham and Seattle.

# San Juan Airlines

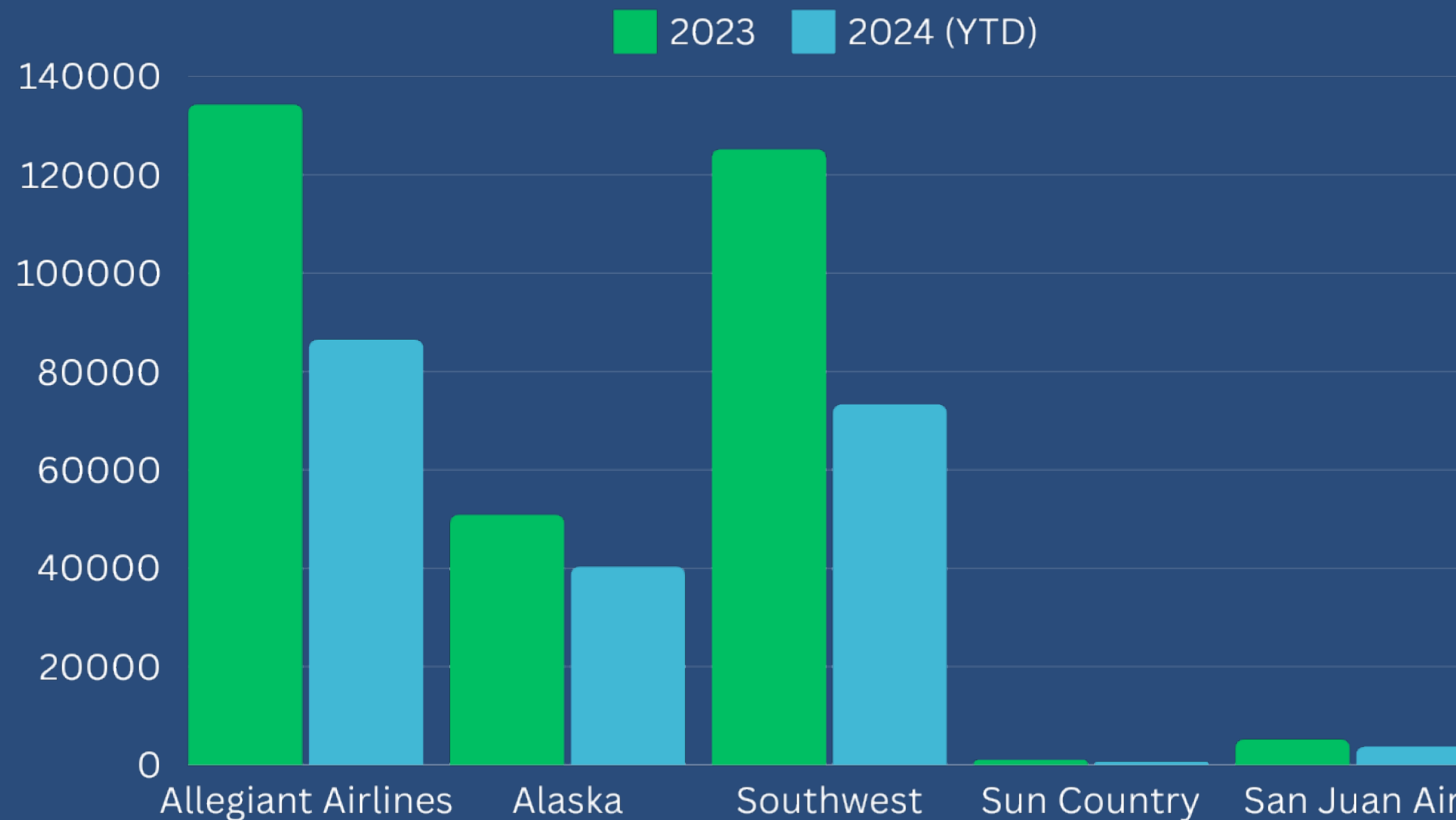
San Juan offers daily flights to five locations in the San Juans:

- Orcas Island
- Friday Harbor
- Roche Harbor
- Lopez Island
- Blakely Island

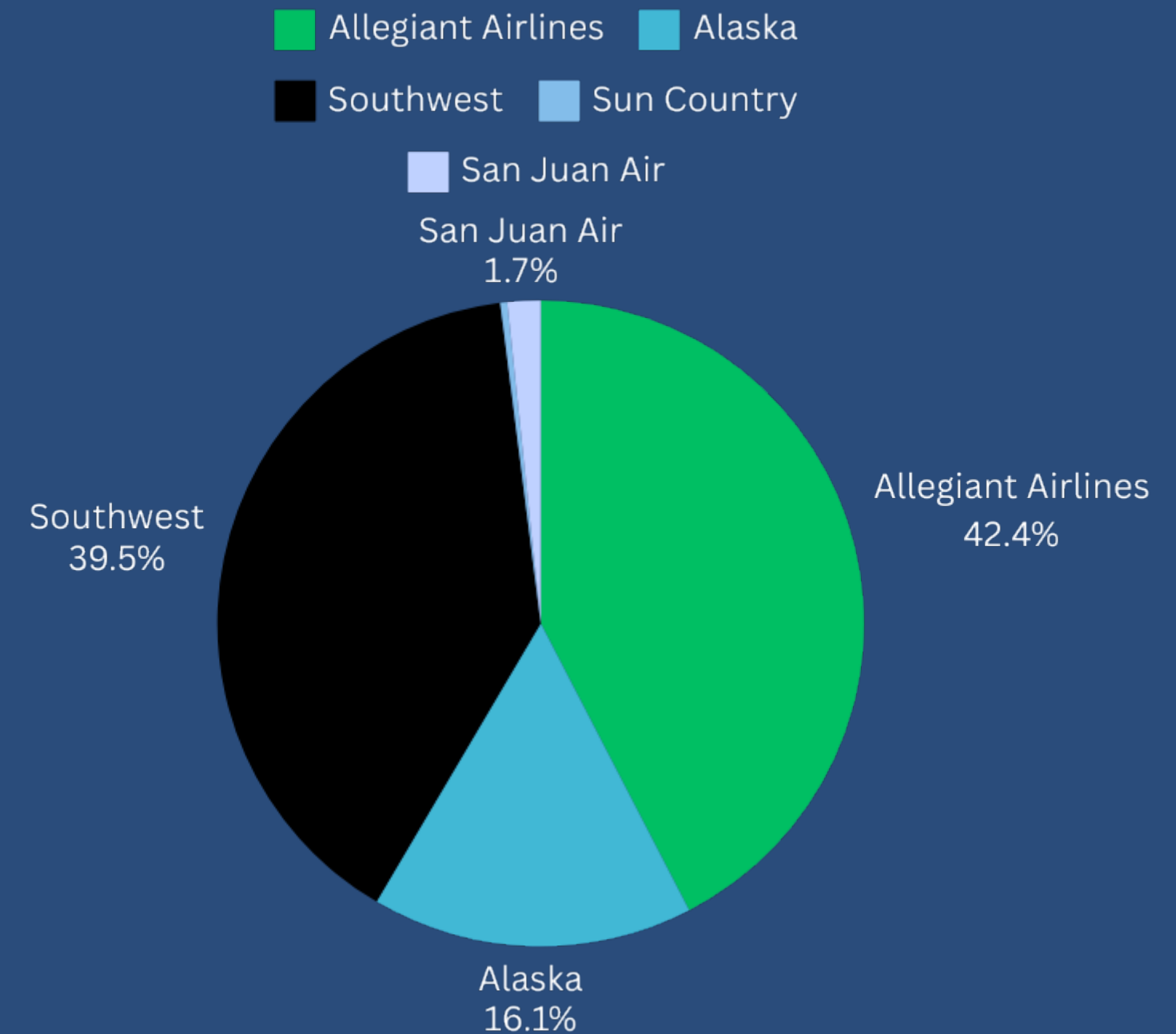
Charter flights are available to the other islands and nearby airports



# 2023 vs 2024 Enplanements



## 2023 & 2024 Market Share



**\*\* Southwest Airlines no longer serves BLI as of August 2024\*\***

# Cargo to and from BLI in 2023

(Alaska / Empire / Ameriflight/ FedEx / San Juan Air)

- Total airfreight enplaned: 1,017,030 lbs
- Total airfreight deplaned: 484,897 lbs



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*Washington State*

Thank you!

