

Getting Around

Interstates & Highways

Snohomish County's transportation network is advancing every year. Two major interstates connect the county's cities to the greater Seattle and eastside areas. Interstate 5 runs north and south along Puget Sound while Interstate 405 connects Snohomish County with our neighbors to the east. Other main highways include:

- State Route 525 – From I-405's end in Lynnwood to Mukilteo
- State Route 526 – Connecting from I-5 west to Mukilteo
- State Route 104 – From I-5 west to Edmonds
- Highway 99 – Running north south about three miles west of Interstate 5

Ferries

Washington State ferries operate two runs in Snohomish County. One runs between Edmonds and Kingston on the Kitsap Peninsula and the other between Mukilteo and Whidbey Island.

Rail Transportation

The Burlington Northern Railroad currently has 200 active spurs in Snohomish County, handling general freight and commodities. Amtrak stops for passengers in Edmonds and Everett.

Ports

Snohomish County is served by the Port of Everett and the Port of Edmonds. The Port of Edmonds is located on Puget Sound and features a marina that offers guest and permanent moorage. The port of Everett is sited on Everett Harbor and has two major terminals: Hewitt Terminal (four berths) and South Terminal (two berths). These terminals served 127 vessels and processed one million tons of cargo in 1995.

Regional Transportation

Community Transit (CT) has served as a major regional transit provider for 24 years, offering inter-county commuter service, vanpool programs, rideshare matching, community-based Connect services, park and ride lots, and DART paratransit service for people with disabilities.

Community Transit's total annual ridership has topped eight million. It operates 23 local bus routes, two Connect bus routes and 40 commuter bus routes serving downtown Seattle, the University of Washington and the Eastside. In addition, CT manages 20 park and ride lots throughout the county. CT's vanpool program is now the third largest in the United States.

In November 1996, voters approved Sound Move, a plan to address growing transportation needs in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. That vote charged the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority – also known as Sound Transit – with the job of implementing a regional rapid transit system during the next 10 years. The Sound Transit system will include Regional Express bus service between urban centers, Sounder commuter rail service between Everett, Seattle and Tacoma, and Link light rail service between the University District, downtown Seattle and SeaTac.

Paine Field - Snohomish County Airport

Owned and operated as Snohomish County Airport, Paine Field is the major general aviation/industrial aviation airport serving the northern Puget Sound region. Home to The Boeing Company and BFGoodrich Aerospace, the airport hosts the largest manufacturing and repair facilities for commercial aviation in North America. As a "reliever" airport for SeaTac International Airport, Paine Field is also home to over 450 general aviation aircraft, numerous aviation service businesses and two flight schools. The Museum of Flight Restoration Center, the Technician School, and the Washington Air National Guard are also located at the airport.