



## MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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### Route Reductions Planned to Mitigate Driver Shortage

SHELTON, WA – On Monday, August 23, Mason Transit Authority will proactively suspend three routes to better manage a driver shortage.

Riders are asked to plan ahead for the temporary closures of Route 4, Route 16 and all Zipper routes. MTA recommends Route 16 riders use Route 6 and Zipper route riders use Route 5. Route 4 riders are encouraged to use Dial-A-Ride for necessary appointments.

“Driver recruitment is an issue for all transit systems right now. It’s important that we scale our routes to the workforce we have so that we don’t have to spot cancel buses. This way we can maintain regularly scheduled, reliable service for all parts of the county,” said Mike Ringgenberg, operations manager.

MTA is eagerly seeking applicants for the open driver positions listed on the agency’s website, [masontransit.org](http://masontransit.org). “We train our drivers, so no experience is needed. It’s a great job with good benefits and a sense of service to the community,” Ringgenberg said.

For the full MTA route schedule, visit <http://www.masontransit.org/busschedules/>.

*[Mason Transit Authority](http://www.masontransit.org) serves the Mason County community and connects with area transit systems including Grays Harbor Transit, Intercity Transit (Thurston County), Jefferson Transit, Kitsap Transit, Squaxin Island Transit, Twin Transit and Sound Transit, which in turn provides connections to the ferries, Amtrak and Greyhound service. **You can go anywhere from here!** Mason Transit Authority is a partner in the Health & Safety Commitments Program of The American Public Transportation Association.*