

Taking the bus to the Freedom Fair

PIERCE TRANSIT 4TH OF JULY EXPRESS

Pierce Transit Express buses transport you non-stop to Freedom Fair, starting at 10:00am. Buses leave Park & Ride lots at the Tacoma Dome Station and Tacoma Community College (TCC) at S 19th & Mildred. Service runs every fifteen minutes until 8:00pm and resumes after the fireworks.

FARES

Buy a Pierce Transit Weekend/Holiday All-Day Pass for \$3.50 to receive unlimited rides on the 4th. All-Day Passes may be purchased with cash on the 4th at TCC and the Tacoma Dome Station or on any local Pierce Transit bus. The one-way 4th of July Express fare is \$1.75, the same as our regular service fare. Customers with a Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) and youth may purchase an All-Day Pass for \$1.50, or ride for 75¢ each way.

Weekend/Holiday All-Day Passes, and ORCA cards loaded with a July monthly pass or Summer Youth Pass are good on the 4th of July Express. E-purse is not accepted for this service. Your valid transfer is good for \$1.75 toward the purchase of an All-Day Pass.

5 FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Up to four children (ages 13 and under) may ride Pierce Transit 4th of July Express service at no additional charge when accompanied by a fare-paying passenger!

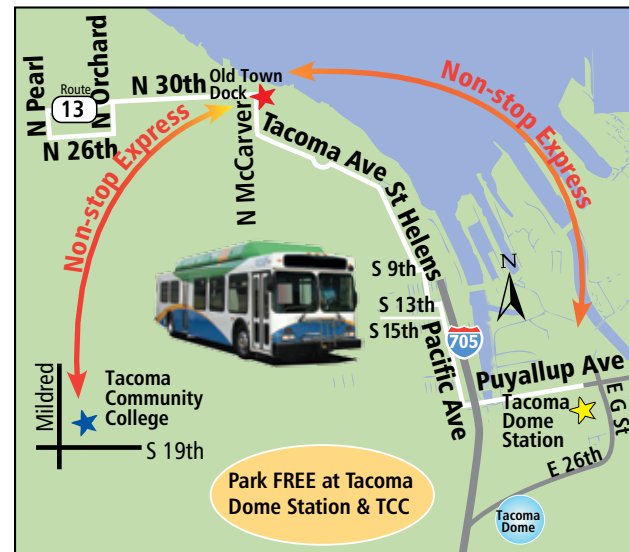
LOCAL ROUTES

Route 13 N 30th Street operates on a special 15-minute schedule from 12 noon until approximately 7:30pm, picking up patrons between 10th and Commerce and North Tacoma. All other local routes operate on a Sunday schedule.



FREE PARKING

Park free all day at the TCC Park & Ride or the Tacoma Dome Station.



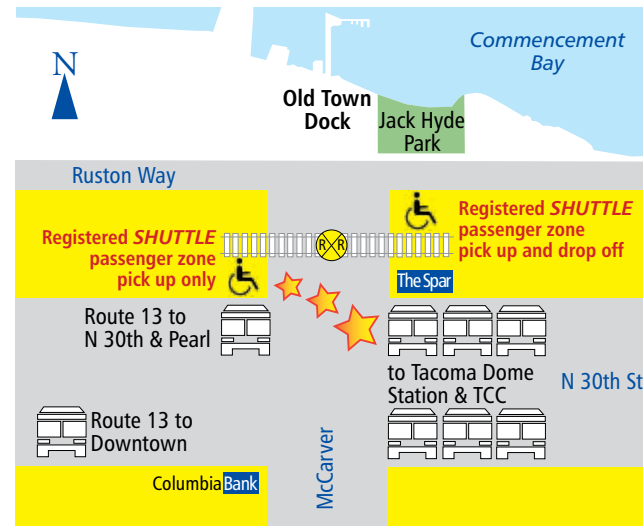
To make it easier for you, destinations are color coded
 ★ Yellow = Tacoma Dome Station ★ Red = Old Town
 ★ Blue = Tacoma Community College

REGISTERED SHUTTLE CUSTOMERS

Registered SHUTTLE customers can schedule trips to McCarver & Ruston Way or McCarver & N 30th. Service begins at 10:00am and runs to Old Town until 8:00pm. Pick-ups at both locations begin at 11:00pm or immediately after the fireworks are over. Registered SHUTTLE riders may call 253.581.8100 one to five days in advance to reserve rides.

LEAVING OLD TOWN AFTER THE FIREWORKS

Express Service back to Tacoma Dome Station and TCC begins immediately after the fireworks. The map below shows where to catch buses and SHUTTLE. All passengers who arrived on a bus and require the use of a lift-equipped vehicle on the return trip should note those buses will leave from N 30th Street, just west of McCarver.



For more information call 253.581.8000 or visit these websites: piercetransit.org freedomfair.com

Tacoma Freedom Fair

Sunday, July 4th

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PIERCE TRANSIT

Tacoma's Fourth of July Extravaganza

FREEDOM FAIR IS A BLAST!

For over 30 years, volunteers with the non profit Tacoma Events Commission will have presented Tacoma's annual Freedom Fair. It's the largest 4th of July festival in the Northwest and was named as one of the ten "World's Best" fireworks events by the Travel Channel. *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *USA Today* have also honored it as one of the nation's best summer events. Activities begin at 10:30am and will continue through the end of the spectacular fireworks show at 10:30pm.



FAIR OPENS AT 10:30 AM

Arrive early and enjoy a full day of family entertainment. Admission donations, crucial to fund the event and keep it going strong, will be collected at the gate: \$10 per family, \$5 for adults 18 and over and just \$1 for kids. Souvenir buttons and stickers will be given to donors while supplies last.

OUTDOOR MARKET

More than 150 artists, craft vendors and commercial exhibitors transform the Ruston Way waterfront into a colorful and bustling market. Merchants offer toys, pet products, clothing, jewelry, art, home decorations and more! Enjoy everything Freedom Fair has to offer and discover all 50 places to get great food and beverages!

TACOMA POWER AIR SHOW - 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Thrill to exciting aerobatic performances by top civilian and military aviators. The show features tactical demonstrations of the Navy F/A 18 Super Hornet, Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon, C-17 Globemaster, and the USCG Rescue Helicopter. Air show legend Bud Granley will perform in his Fouga Jet and in a Yak-55 duel with his son Ross flying a Yak-18T. Tim Weber will bring his nationally acclaimed Gieco Extra act. Will Allen, in a Super Decathlon, and Bill Shepherd, in a Yak-11 war bird, will join the others in providing a thrilling air show in the skies over Commencement Bay. The Air Show practice starts at 10:30 am.



FIREWORKS GRAND FINALE

At 10:10 pm, the spectacular fireworks show will begin with a symphony of light and sound exploding from a new location over Commencement Bay. In order to offer prime viewing by the festival audience gathered on shore, thousands of pyrotechnic effects will be fired from a barge centered between the Ruston Way waterfront parks. The show is synchronized to music played on Warm 106.9 FM, KLAY 1180 AM, and the fair's stages. The best places for viewing are between Jack Hyde Park and Marine Park. The barge location will improve views from all the other waterfront locations.

Safety Notice: Due to security, bags and packages may be subject to inspection. Please avoid bringing pets, picnic tents, ice chests, BBQ grills. Tacoma Police will remove unattended items or dangerous items. Firearms, explosives (including personal fireworks), and alcohol are not permitted. Violators may be subject to arrest and prosecution.

ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW

Pick your favorite at the Show & Shine Car Show on display at Duke's Chowder House.



FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

The waterfront is packed with great family activities. The world's longest running Beach Pole Vault event is located by the Les Davis Pier. Songs from the Worthy Music Ministries Stage can be heard in Dickman Mill Park. Visit the west end of Ruston Way in Marine Park for Tacoma Centric vendors and entertainment. The Kids Fun Zone in that area features inflatable amusements, Congo Productions Drum Circle, Remote Control Car Races, ESPN Deportes Radio Soccer Clinic, and the Lost Boys in Pirates Cove! Duke's Chowder House is hosting a Car Show and the Car•Toys Blues Stage. Don't miss the Warm 106.9 Family Fun Stage near Katie Downs, the Flight Simulator ride in front of the Silver Cloud Inn, or the chance to relax to the music on the Smooth KWJZ stage in Jack Hyde Park.



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