

# MTA names month of April

## 'Ride Transit' month

Mason Transit Authority (MTA) is encouraging Mason County to celebrate 'Transportation Choices' second annual dedication to all things public transportation.

Ride Transit Month is a month-long celebration of transit riders, whether they ride a bus, train, light rail, ferry, water taxi or van pool.

It's also a chance to win prizes. Ride Transit Month is from April 1 to April 30 and anyone can participate.

Whether participants are curious about trying transit or are a seasoned rider, MTA challenges Mason County residents to ride transit.

Register online to keep track of trips to work, school, the museum, shopping and everywhere in be-

tween. Logging trips each day with Ride Transit Month will increase the chances of winning various prizes.

MTA offers local and regional routes, a general public door-to-door service called Dial-A-Ride, as well as commuter programs.

In November, MTA implemented Express Service for commuters traveling between Olympia, Shelton, Belfair or Bremerton.

MTA offers free travel training to groups or individuals that have never used transit or just want to learn more.

Christina Fremont, MTA outreach manager, said, "We appreciate Transportation Choices for creating this neat promotional

program that encourages people to ride transit and win prizes for doing so. We think it is a great way to celebrate Earth Day, which is on April 22."

Transportation Choices is a state-wide policy and advocacy nonprofit

organization working to bring Washingtonians more opportunities to take a bus, catch a train, walk and bike.

According to its website, organizers "work to bring together different interests from across the state toward a common goal — more transportation choices that get you where you need to go."

To register for Ride Transit Month and be eligible to win prizes, visit [RideTransitMonth.org](http://RideTransitMonth.org).

To learn more about transit options or travel training, visit [Masontransit.org](http://Masontransit.org), or call 427-5033 or 800-374-3747.