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## Parking Doubled at Renovated Park and Ride

SHELTON, WA – Mason Transit more than doubled available parking in the recently reopened Pickering Road Park and Ride as part of the agency's multiyear project to upgrade its park and ride facilities.

"We increased the number of parking spots at Pickering from 28 to 70 and made it brighter and safer, as well as larger," explained Amy Asher, general manager of Mason Transit. "The park and ride now has a dedicated bus lane and improved ADA access and walkways. It also has better lighting and security cameras."

Located on the corner of State Route 3 and E. Pickering Road, the new park and ride serves bus route 1 and worker/driver buses to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Pickering Park and Ride is part of a \$10 million package funded through state grants to improve transit safety and encourage ridership. Early this year Mason Transit opened the renovated Pear Orchard Park and Ride at SR 3 near N. Front Street. The new Belfair Park and Ride is expected to open by the end of the year. Belfair will include additional bus parking and will serve as a North Mason operations hub for Mason Transit. When complete, the renovated and new park and ride locations will more than triple parking for Mason County commuters.



Newly installed security camera reveals greatly expanded parking at Pickering Park and Ride.

<u>Mason Transit Authority</u> 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, and Sound Transit, which in turn provides connections to the ferries, Amtrak and Greyhound service. **You can go anywhere from here!**