



ORCA Update ST COP Presentation

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About me





Chris McKnight ORCA Director

Chris McKnight is the Director of Fare Systems for the Seattle/Puget Sound Region. He oversees both the delivery and operation of the ORCA fare system, leads the Regional ORCA Operations Team, and reports to the ORCA Joint Board.

Chris has been with ORCA since 2020 and prior to being appointed Director, served as Deputy Director of Customer Experience. He has over 20 years of experience in product innovation, customer experience and communications across a wide range of industries including software development, payments, financial services, telecom, and renewable energy. He earned an MBA in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.

About ORCA

- Puget Sound region's fare payment system
 - Modes: Commuter rail, light rail, bus, BRT, streetcar, monorail, ferry, paratransit, vanpool
 - Free transfers across all modes*
- Originally launched April 2009
- Relaunched in 2022
- \$152 million in revenue collected in 2024
- Over 60% of revenue from business accounts





ORCA ecosystem





Regional ORCA Operations Team



Our mission and vision





We unify the voices of our regional partners and provide an accessible, innovative, and easy-to-use payment solution for all transit customers.



We envision a world where payments enable mobility, where ORCA is integral to more customer journeys.



ORCA key product launches





New	
ORCA	
system	
launch	

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Expanded retail network launched

Self-serve support site launched

Customer notifications launched ORCA in Google Wallet launch

Overall ORCA Satisfaction



 A vast majority of ORCA customers are satisfied with the system.
92% report either being "very" or "somewhat" satisfied, identical to the 2023 results.



Overall ORCA Satisfaction



 A majority of ORCA customers would recommend an ORCA card to someone who uses transit in the area. 97% report either being "very" or "somewhat" likely to do this, identical to the 2023 results.



What's next?





More ways to pay



Reduced fare program focus

Stay connected with us







Q&A

Thank you.



How the Puget Sound gets around