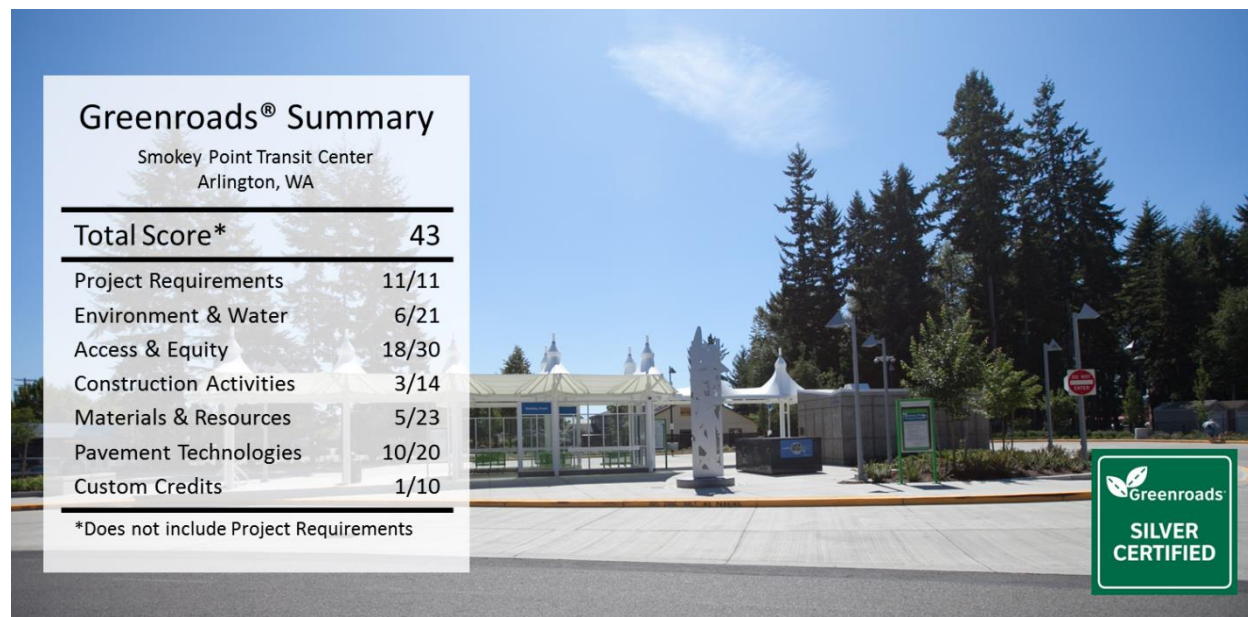


FIRST CERTIFIED TRANSIT CENTER EARNS SILVER RATING**COMMUNITY TRANSIT'S SMOKEY POINT TRANSIT CENTER IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WA REFLECTS GREEN VALUES AND COST SAVINGS**

ARLINGTON, WA – OCT. 22, 2015 –Greenroads International is pleased to announce that Community Transit's Smokey Point Transit Center in Snohomish County, Washington, is the first transit center in the nation to earn Greenroads Certification.



Greenroads is an independent, third-party certification program that guides and rates transportation projects from design through construction in their ability to achieve maximum sustainability. The Smokey Point Transit Center earned high marks for managing stormwater, using long-life materials, and the careful and thoughtful use and design of undeveloped space in Snohomish County.

This Transit Center is not a glorified bus stop. It is designed as a safe, well-lighted, well-designed zone that encourages people to use transit as an option all times of day and night. It supports commuters who may not have access to a car at all. It's aesthetically pleasing.

"Community Transit's new Smokey Point Transit Center is an example of how transit can provide transportation choices while improving the environment," said Governor Jay Inslee. "This project applied best practices in sustainable transportation design and construction, including non-invasive landscaping, innovative stormwater treatment, and access for bikes and pedestrians. I want to congratulate Smokey Point for being the first transit center to win the esteemed Greenroads designation."

"We hope other transit agencies look to us and Greenroads as a model of what's possible," said Emmett Heath, Community Transit CEO. "We have a strong commitment to environmental stewardship, but more importantly, we have a commitment to our taxpayers that we will build sustainable structures that save money in the long run."



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The Transit Center with its large amount of surface area manages a remarkable 99.5 percent of stormwater runoff from the site and 80.4 percent of runoff and runoff from pollution-generating surfaces. Managing stormwater onsite saves money by reducing the burden on the existing sewer system.

“We expect to see savings in reduced stormwater maintenance, reduced utility fees including sewer and electricity, reduced building maintenance, reduced vandalism, and increased ridership due to the safety features designed into the transit center,” said Dan Jerome, Community Transit Project Manager.

The footprint of the Transit Center includes almost 12,500 square feet of vegetated and landscaped areas.

The Transit Center is built with long-life concrete pavement, white pavement that deflects heat and is so durable, crews will not have to replace it for several decades, despite the daily pounding from the heavy coaches.

The Greenroads Rating team was especially impressed with the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), noting that the smart lighting reduces energy, intentional landscaping manages stormwater and both good lighting and low landscaping creates a safer transit center which encourages more people to take the bus.

“From the start, it was clear Community Transit wanted to make a statement with this project,” said Dr. Jeralee Anderson, Executive Director of the Greenroads Foundation. “They worked closely with the design team to make large and small decisions about plants and pavement and the transit center footprint. During construction, they thought carefully about local resources and other construction processes. Their commitment to achieving a sustainable project was clear from start to finish – conscious design and construction decisions led to the Silver Certification.”

“Having formerly worked on a LEED Platinum project, I found the transition to the Greenroads program quite easy to make,” said Molly Deardorff, Community Transit Capital Projects Assistant. “In fact, I found it much easier, straightforward and more approachable than LEED for our facility.”



Much of the rainwater is cleaned in a more than 6,000 square foot raingarden filled with plants chosen for their ability to clean the water.



“Greenroads influenced my thinking about future projects and how our design decisions, although small, can have a larger impact on the environment” – Molly Deardorff

The project also included energy efficient lighting and recycled materials throughout the transit center. It truly is modern, green and easily seen.

ABOUT GREENROADS

The Greenroads Rating System is a collection of sustainable roadway design and construction best practices that address water, environment, access, community impact, construction practices and materials. There are 11 "Project Requirements" that must be completed for a roadway to be considered a Greenroad, as well as 37 "Voluntary Credits" that a project team can choose to pursue. After a rigorous review process, Greenroads assigns a project score based on the number of points earned by meeting the requirements and achieving credits. This score translates to one of four certification levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Evergreen.

Currently, more than 100 registered Greenroads Projects are pursuing Certification around the world in six countries and ten states, valued at more than \$8.1 billion (USD). To date, Greenroads has certified 31.3 centerline miles, 47.5 miles with bicycle access, and 17.2 acres of pedestrian space.



Lighting that is uniform, white, reflective with no glare reduces crime and energy use.



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