

**INTERCITY TRANSIT
RESOLUTION NO. 02-2020
PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY
DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS**

A **RESOLUTION** of the Intercity Transit Authority Board Proclaiming an emergency; and directing the General Manager to continue to take necessary and appropriate steps in response to the emergency.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus strain spreading from person-to-person, and health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus which has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people, and health experts are still learning the details of how the virus spreads and the range of illness; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 which declared a State of Emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee mandated the immediate two-week closure of all restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities and limited public gatherings in response to increase numbers of COVID-19 cases in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee has issued Proclamation 20-25, 20-25.1, 20-25.2 prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual or recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations therein; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Governor's proclamations to limit travel for essential purposes and maintain social distancing, impacted Intercity Transit's capacity and service capabilities; and

WHEREAS, measures are required to protect public health, safety and welfare, including the health, safety and welfare of Intercity Transit passengers and employees; and

WHEREAS, these unforeseen circumstances demanded and continue to demand immediate action to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the community and may continue for an indeterminate period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Intercity Transit Authority Board proclaims as follows:

SECTION 1. Emergency Declaration. As initially declared by the Governor on February 29, 2020, in Proclamation 20-05, a state of emergency has existed as specifically covered under Chapter 38.52 RCW as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person

transmission throughout Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of those living and working in Thurston County, as well as continuity of operations at Intercity Transit, and constitutes a public emergency that affects life, health, and public peace.

SECTION 2. Emergency Powers.

- a. All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked including the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements);
- b. The Board recognizes the authority of the Intercity General Manager to take actions deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of persons and property, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency supplies and services, and to take any other emergency protective measures deemed appropriate; and
- c. The Board authorizes the Intercity Transit Authority General Manager to implement this Resolution and execute any administrative policies and procedures deemed necessary and appropriate.
- d. Extraordinary emergency actions taken pursuant to this Resolution, with a significant effect on either the Intercity Transit budget or policy level of service, shall be brought to the Board for review and/or ratification no later than the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

SECTION 3. State and Federal Assistance. The General Manager is authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.

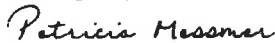
This **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ADOPTED** is executed by the Board of the Intercity Transit Authority at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2020.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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Ryan Warner, Chair

ATTEST:

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Pat Messmer, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Jeff Myers

Jeffrey S. Myers, Legal Counsel