

RIDER NEWS

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Join the Bicycle Commuter Contest in May!



Register now for the **29th Annual Bicycle Commuter Contest (BCC)**! Organized by Intercity Transit, the BCC encourages people of all ages to enjoy the benefits of riding a bike instead of driving a car – saving money, better health, protecting the planet, and having fun!

Anyone can participate and register **FREE!** All you have to do is sign up, ride your bike to work, school, or on errands at least once during May, and record your mileage – it's easy. (Sorry, recreational rides do not qualify.) Register online at bccblog.com or at Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center. Turn in your mileage log by June 5 and be eligible to win some great prizes, including a new bike!



Visit the contest blog at bccblog.com or Facebook page (**Thurston County Bicycle Commuter Contest**) for BCC information, bicycling tips, and event updates. See back for list of upcoming BCC events.

On **Earth Day** - Drive Less & Encourage Others to Join You!



Earth Day
Friday, April 22

You probably are aware of the many things you can do to protect the environment. Did you know, in the Northwest, **the most effective way you can help the planet and reduce your energy use, pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions is to drive less?**

You can **drive less** by:

- **Combining trips** (doing multiple errands at the same time);
- **Sharing the ride** (take the bus, carpool, or vanpool);
- **Walking or bicycling**
- **Skipping the trip**

If you already use a commute alternative, encourage others to join you! We are happy to help them get started. (See back page for information on our free Travel Training program for new riders.)

We'd like to thank the thousands of people who ride our buses each day, along with the hundreds of vanpoolers, bicyclists, walkers, and telecommuters who reduce their carbon footprint by using a more sustainable transportation option. *Everyone benefits!*

Spring Brings Community Events . . . and Construction Projects

It's that time of year again! The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, fun community events are scheduled . . . and so are construction projects.

While the weather is nice we'll take the opportunity to upgrade bus stops. Road construction projects typically happens during this time, as well.

When community events or construction projects create route detours or bus stop closures, we will post information at the affected stops, on our web site, and social media sites (Facebook and Twitter). We will post the information as soon as we can. Happy spring . . . stay tuned!

Free Travel Training for New Riders



Do you know someone who is unsure about riding the bus? We offer free, self-paced travel training to anyone who wants to learn the practical skills for riding our bus system safely and confidently.

For more information on our Travel Training Program, email traveltraining@intercitytransit.com or call 360.705.5879.



Bicycle Commuter Contest Events

- **Earth Day Market Ride*** - Saturday, April 30.
A neighborhood ride to the Olympia Farmers Market.
- **Free, Cyclist's Stretch Class** - Wednesday, May 4, 6-7 p.m., Rosser Chiropractic. Registered BCC participants can learn stretching techniques for cycling. RSVP to: andy@rosserchiro.com or 360.754.6499.
- **Bike to Work Day*** - Friday, May 20.
Visit one of the bike stations along your way for "fuel" and giveaways!
- **Bike to School Month** - Check to see if your school plans to participate in May. Call 360.705.5839.
- **BCC Awards Ceremony*** - Saturday, June 25, 9:30 a.m., Olympia Farmers Market main stage. Contest category winners announced and prizes awarded.

*For event details, visit bccblog.com, email dgreen@intercitytransit.com, or call 360.705.5874.

Hop the Bus to Fun Spring Events!



Consider using a healthy, planet-friendly transportation option to get to these community events!

Spring Arts Walk & Procession of the Species - April 22 & 23
Downtown Olympia

Lacey S.T.E.M. Fair & Grand Prix Electric Car Races - May 7
Huntamer Park, Lacey

Wooden Boat Festival - May 7 & 8
Percival Landing, Olympia

Lacey Spring Fun Fair - May 21 & 22
St. Martin's College, Lacey

For route & schedule information, use our online trip planner or contact Customer Service.



Don't forget to stop by one of our bike stations on your way to work on Bike to Work Day - Friday, May 20.

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