

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the Authority Meeting of March 1, 2017

Action Items

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Authorized the General Manager to enter into a five-year lease with Preferred Business Solutions for twelve multifunctional printer devices.
- Scheduled a public hearing for April 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the elimination of Routes ST 592 Extension and IT Route 609.
- Adopted Resolution 01-2017, amending the Intercity Transit Cafeteria Plan to allow new employee-paid healthcare options and maintain the ability to use untaxed earnings for these benefits.
- Received an update on the Community Conversation, presented by Jason Robertson, Communications and Outreach Consultant.

Other Items of Interest:

- Congratulated Cindy Fisher, promoted to Village Vans Supervisor.
- Bid farewell to Authority member, Councilmember Jeff Gadman, who served on the Intercity Transit Authority Board since February 2014.
- With the departure of Councilmember Gadman, Councilmember Sullivan will represent Intercity Transit as Alternate on the Thurston Regional Planning Council.
- January 2017 sales tax revenue from November is at 8.53%.
- There are 179 active vanpool groups.
- The Vanpool staff attended a hiring event for Medline, a medical products distributor opening a new facility in northeast Lacey in late summer. Plans are in the works to start 3 or 4 vanpools to get employees from Thurston County to the current worksite in Sumner.
- Staff met with the hiring managers for Overstock.com to assist them in setting up a vanpool employee benefit. A customer care call center is opening in Satsop in the spring and 150 new jobs are expected to draw employees from surrounding communities, including Thurston County.
- Vanpool customers increased use of online payments. Baseline in November 2016 was 26% of total receipts; February 2017 43% of fares were paid online.

- Intercity Transit will participate in the annual Transit Driver Appreciation Day on March 16. Management and staff will provide treats at the Olympia Transit Center starting at 9 a.m. All are welcome.
- Intercity Transit joined the South Sound Military Partnership. Vanpool Manager, Carolyn Newsome will give a presentation at the Military Affairs Forum of the Tacoma-Pierce Chamber on the GoLewis-McChord promotion on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.
- HB 1410 came out of the Transportation Committee on a 15-9 vote. The bill moved to the Rules Committee so it is eligible for a vote on the floor.
- SB 5288 has been in the Rules Committee and needs one more “bump” to be eligible for a vote on the floor. Senator Liias representing Snohomish made the first pull. Intercity Transit is hoping Senator Sheldon will pull it to the floor for a vote.
- Intercity Transit met all deadlines to submit both a capital budget request for the Pattison Street expansion and the Transportation budget requests. They were submitted by Representatives Doglio and Dolan and Senators Becker, Hunt and Sheldon.
- Maintenance Manager, Paul Koleber, will participate in this years Leadership Thurston County program.

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