

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the April 20, 2022, Authority Meeting

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act guidelines in the Governor's Proclamation [20.28.15](#).

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Conducted a Public Hearing on the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Declared the Inventory items listed in Exhibit A as surplus. This list includes parts used on coaches which have been replaced and recently surplus, and Conduent communication equipment which is no longer needed. The total value of the items listed in Exhibit A is estimated at \$75,174. *(Katie Cunningham)*
- Authorized the General Manager to have the Department of Enterprise Services approve up to an additional \$1,500,000 for design and construction support services with Stantec to support completion of the remaining work on the Pattison Base construction and rehabilitation project. *(Steve Krueger)*

Other Items of Interest:

- Tracey Christianson from the Washington State Transportation Insurance Pool (WSTIP) presented **IT Operator, Leata Roberts, with the WSTIP Above and Beyond Award**. The award recognizes individual employees who go above and beyond their expressed job responsibilities during a significant event, demonstrating courage and heroism, or other extraordinary acts deserving recognition. Actions resulting in a saved life or lives, and/or minimizing the impact of a loss to the agency or the public.
 - On January 18, 2022, Roberts was driving her bus on route and saw a woman on the overpass climbing over the rail ready to jump into traffic and commit suicide. Roberts stopped and exited her bus and approached the woman in crisis. Roberts got the woman to move away from the guardrail and when she started to go back towards it, Roberts grabbed her and even though the woman struggled, Roberts kept control and got the woman onto her bus. Roberts provided compassionate care to the woman as they waited for the police to arrive. Thanks to Roberts' heroic action, she saved this woman from ending her life that day, and not only her life, but other people's lives.
- Walk N Roll Program Supervisor, Kerri Wilson shared the 2021 accomplishments of Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll Youth Education Program and highlighted plans for 2022.
- Molly Weismantel from Stantec provided an update on the Pattison Base Project.
- Fixed-Route Manager, Cameron Crass introduced the **Operator Class of 22-02 and Operations Supervisors, Gavin Kramer and Susan Janeway**.
- Finance Manager, Suzanne Coit introduced **Kiera Maryott, Finance Supervisor**.

General Manager's Report:

The Transportation Security Administration removed the masking requirement from public transportation on April 18, 2022, and the Federal Transit Association concurred with that decision. Intercity Transit followed suit and removed the requirement the evening of April 18. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings. There are reports that the U. S. Department of Justice will appeal the mask ruling at the CDC's request. Intercity Transit will stay abreast of the situation and respond accordingly.

May 1 is the start of the Bicycle Community Challenge. Saturday, April 23 is the Earth Day Market Ride, and along with that, IT is opening the brand-new bike lockers at the Olympia Transit Center, so if individuals want to combine their bike and bus travel, IT can better accommodate them.

Freeman-Manzanara shared a note Duncan Green received from a participant regarding the decision the Authority made to broaden the philosophy of the Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) to include all types of cycling:

"Hi Duncan, I just wanted to write to say that I appreciate the permanent shift to the BCC including all cycling. Prior to the pandemic I was able to get a lot of practical cycling in, and I liked the focus on looking at cycling as something beyond just recreation. Over the years, however, my perspective has been shifting to something closer to "transportation should be fun" and if transportation is fun what's wrong with doing it for just the joy of it? A big part of this shift was the way the BCC adapted to the pandemic. Last year, I decided that I should finally go for 300 miles in a month (because, why not?), and since I wasn't going out to as many places, I decided to explore on my lunch breaks. I made a point of searching out some of the neat little unpaved neighborhood paths and finding cool views. I rode the gravel path that connects Kettle View Park to Seneca Street, I rode to Overlook Park at the top of Tumwater Hill, I climbed Raft Avenue and was rewarded with picturesque French Loop. After spending more than 25 years in the saddle in Anchorage, San Francisco, and Olympia, riding in the snow and the heat, riding a century or to the grocery store, and generally having fun on two wheels, those short rides last year have been some of my most rewarding riding and I don't think I would have done them if not for the change in the BCC format. Anyway, as I said at the beginning, I love the change in format and appreciate the general move away from competition. Thanks to you and everyone who helped make this happen."

Intercity Transit will be at the 33rd Annual Lacey Spring Fun Fair on May 21 that includes a Traffic Garden, and the Bubble Bus will be there! The Fair kicks off on May 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marcus Pavilion at St. Martin's University.

Intercity Transit has a lot of activity going on throughout the organization with the Pattison Street North Parcel construction, the Pattison South Parcel design, and the purchase and implementation of the new Computer Automated Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location system, among other projects, and IT is limited on staff; therefore, staff is consolidating activities that need to go before the Authority. We may be in a position to cancel the May 4 Authority meeting; however, will pause for another week and then focus on the May 18 Authority meeting.

Freeman-Manzanares referred to the Pattison Street Project presentation presented this evening and said how proud she is of the highly competent and engaged design, construction and staff team. It is very important to keep the design team and our construction team together. She thanked the Authority for allowing staff to move the project forward. Staff expects to be back in late Fall to award the construction contract for the South Parcel. Another invitation to tour the new building will likely occur in June.

Freeman-Manzanares recognized Emily Bergkamp, Director of Operations, for representing IT with a presentation on Operator Recruitment and the Village Vans Program at the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) Conference. They requested IT share information on the Village Vans Program and Operator recruitment with the California systems. This is a nice compliment, and not surprisingly, Bergkamp's presentation knocked it out of the park. Bergkamp will share this presentation with the Authority in the not-too-distant future.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board