

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the October 5, 2022

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Conducted a public hearing on the Draft 2021 Annual Report and 2022-2027 Transit Development Plan. (*Rob LaFontaine*)
- Scheduled a public hearing for the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. (*Ann Freeman-Manzanares*)
- Reviewed the 2023 Draft Budget and scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. (*Jana Brown*)

Other Items of Interest:

Welcomed ***Claire Daniels and Drew Goffeney, Associate Planners and Mandy Simons, Travel Training Coordinator.***

Celebrated the 2022 Excellence in Transit Winners and the Washington State Public Transportation Rodeo Grand Champions. The Authority and staff recognized Wall of Fame recipient *Christina Loomis in Travel Training*, and Excellence in Transit recipients (*Leata Roberts in Operations, Steve Krueger in Procurement, and the Information Systems Team: Jason Aguero, Rob Rinehart, Daniel Van Horn, Alex Auty, Roshan KC, Lee Peterson, Shem Sargent, Josh Jacobs, Ann Xiong, Ramon Beltran*).

For the sixth year in a row, Intercity Transit brought home the Grand Champion Award.

- Maintenance Team came in 1st Place – Bryce Reinhardt, Sean Malay, Jonathan Reynolds.
- Operator Dan Savage - 1st Place Body on Chassis.
- Operator Clinton Jimenez - 1st Place 35' Coach.
- Operator Rob Wood – 1st Place 40' Coach.

General Manager's Report:

The City of Olympia Site Plan Review Committee made a recommendation to approve IT's request for a Conditional Use Permit for the final phase of the Pattison MOA Project. Formal notice of approval should come out by the end of the week and the decision will be considered final on October 31 which would be the end of the appeal period for the city's recommendation. This is another major positive step forward in this multi-year project.

Nine Operator candidates begin training on October 10, 2022. IT continues to seek Operator applicants and have seen a slight bump in applications hopefully associated with our campaign for Operators. We hope to conduct one more class before year end.

There were seven positive COVID cases among staff in the first five days of October. Human Resources continues to monitor and ensure employees and passengers are safe.

IT is sponsoring a "Boo to the Flu" shot event on October 26 and kudos to Hannah Toulme in HR for coming up with that "snazzy" marketing concept.

Staff is beginning to talk about public holiday events, and whether we have the staffing to support them, and looking at the ability to both decorate some of the vehicles and support the events themselves. Announcements will be made as events roll out. We are bumping up the number of Jingle buses to two coaches and one Dial-A-Lift vehicle. They bring great joy and cheer to the community and there is a fairly low staff requirement to make it happen.

IT is celebrating Customer Service Week October 3 through 7. We encourage everyone to visit the Olympia Transit Center and thank our amazing Customer Service staff for all of their hard work and dedication.

Artswalk is taking place in downtown Olympia this week and IT is hosting an artist at the OTC2 location. It's the first time IT has had an opportunity to do this in the new building. Everyone is welcomed to stop by.

There are a group of individuals testing the new AVAIL application called "MyStop," and ITA Chair Clark Gilman is part of that group. We hope to get feedback to be able to make enhancements and release that application toward the end of the month, pending the results of the test.

The Community Advisory Committee recruitment is underway, and the information and application are on the website. October 7 is the deadline to apply. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please direct them to www.intercitytransit.com.

Kyle McPherson, our outstanding Vanpool Coordinator, shared a shout out at the Washington State Rideshare Organization conference from speaker Barb Chamberlain, WSDOT Director of Active Transportation. She asked if there was anyone from Intercity Transit in the audience and gave us a HUGE shout out as the leading transit agency, not only in our state, but nationally. She said Intercity Transit is the regional leader in eliminating barriers with our fare-free services and our work to build and support safer community connections for all. Chamberlain believes transit creates a social network of multi-model options, safety and independence.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board