

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the February 15, 2023, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

Received a presentation from Kerri Wilson on the 2022 Walk N Roll Program.

Received a presentation from Steve Krueger on the 2023 Procurement Workplan.

Received a presentation from Jonathon Yee on the Roadmap to a Zero Emissions Fleet.

Conducted an Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Other Items of Interest:

Jonathon Yee introduced Zion Wooten and Kai Allen, Vehicle Cleaners.

General Manager's Report:

Freeman-Manzanares recognized IS Senior Business Intelligence Developer, Lee Peterson on his graduation on February 16 from IPMA Leader Path. This is a professional IT program that fosters networking, collaboration, innovation and development of leadership skills and IT recognizes Peterson for his dedication working to achieve this professional certification.

Freeman-Manzanares shared service and ridership statistics for fixed-route. Intercity Transit is at 74% of pre-COVID levels of service and that is taking into consideration that IT increased service by 24% after a successful November 2018 election. From December of 2018 to March 2020, even though COVID was in the wind at that point in time, IT further increased service because that was the expansion to Northeast Lacey. As of now, IT is at 76% of pre-COVID levels of ridership. This is important because ridership is exceeding the level of service that IT currently has on the street.

IT's calculation point for ridership is the year prior to COVID - March 2019 through February of 2020 and that includes the fact that IT went zero fare in January 2020 and that ridership increased by 20% that month and it increased by almost 40% in February 2020. These are really impressive numbers even as we struggle to come out of this post COVID time period. Ridership is increasing and we are ever so slowly building back service. IT is moving to 77% of pre-COVID levels of service with a March service change and Dial-A-Lift is at 85% of pre-COVID levels of ridership.

The February Winter Bicycle Commuter Challenge is going really well. There are 273 people logging miles so far and the participants have ridden almost 11,000 miles in the first two weeks of February. We're hopeful to match last year's number for riders. Duncan Green has returned and is in the early stages of developing this year's theme for the BCC. Green reported it is light-hearted and revolves around a photo of an owl he took last summer. And May is Bicycle Community Challenge month.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Walk N Roll Education Center Open House on March 7th from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Staff will host an exploration of the bike shop showing how Intercity

Transit is creating a community that supports walking and rolling and bicycling as practical forms of transportation. There will be family-friendly activities, prize drawings and snacks.

Freeman-Manzanares referred to the presentation on the Roadmap to Zero Emission by Jonathon Yee. Staff appreciates the opportunity to pursue a very thorough evaluation of next generation vehicles and fuels and IT understands there is a holistic vision in terms of Intercity Transit meeting the long-range plan and the service promises made to the community about more service, more frequency, more span, innovative services, more service to more areas along with the zero fare focus, and all of that is designed to fill the 40 foot vehicles.

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