

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the May 17, 2023, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Adopted Resolution 01-2023 repealing Resolution 03-2021 Universal Vaccination Requirement.
- Conducted a Public Hearing on the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Other Items of Interest:

- Joy Gerchak introduced Kellin King, **Customer Service Representative.**

Interim General Manager's Report:

Bergkamp said the Community Advisory Committee met Monday, May 15 and the members discussed conducting hybrid / in-person meetings. Amanda Collins will put together a formal poll to capture all CAC members' preference. Bergkamp noted it was also discussed possibly holding CAC meetings at the OTC2 because several members felt it would be easier to meet there because many ride the bus and it would eliminate transfers.

Bergkamp took a moment to honor the dedication of all Intercity Transit employees throughout the pandemic the past three years. This time wasn't easy for anyone, but we never wavered in our dedication to providing quality public transportation for our community. Although it was a team effort, she will be forever thankful for the frontline workers who showed incredible bravery and courageousness each day during the pandemic. They continued showing up for us in our community, driving, dispatching, providing road support, vehicle and facilities maintenance and kept our work environment clean and transit center safe. Together, we continue to be transit strong.

Bergkamp shared photos provided by Eric Phillips showing the progress at the Martin Way Park-and-ride. Photos included the new sidewalk and bus stop waiting area on I-5 northbound ramp. There will also be amenities for Operators such as Operator only restrooms.

Bergkamp reminded everyone participating in the Bicycle Community Challenge or who regularly bike in our community that there are free day use bike lockers at the OTC. Users need to bring their own lock to secure the bike. The lockers are located south of the main covered bus terminal. They are available from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and all items need to be removed nightly by 11 p.m. There is also 24-hour live and recorded video surveillance.

Bergkamp and Jonathon Yee attended the Southwest Washington Regional Transit Partners meeting at Centralia Community College hosted by Twin Transit. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss agency projects, gaps in service, and how we can best collaborate in the coming year. Other attendees included Mason Transit, WSDOT, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, Rural and Tribal Transit, plus their contractor, Around the Sound and River Cities Transit.

Bergkamp attended a 30th year celebration on Saturday, May 13 honoring the Amtrak Centennial Station. Also attending were Mayor Sullivan and Commissioner Mejia. Intercity Transit has maintained the Centennial Station since 1994 and IT's Facilities Maintenance team takes great pride

in keeping Centennial Station looking her best, but we know the true heroes behind Centennial Station are its volunteers, so Centennial Station President and volunteer coordinator William Jackson and his team worked tirelessly to open and close the station, provide information and help passengers at the platform and monitor trains. The volunteers play a vital role in our region's mobility and help connect passengers to IT's local service so they can enjoy all that our community have to offer. Bergkamp gave a shout out to Facilities Manager, Julie DeRuwe and Dean Taylor, Facilities Specialist Supervisor for quickly taking care of issues at the station.

Bergkamp said Authority members are invited to attend the State Transportation Conference, Vendor Expo and State Rodeo, being held in Vancouver, Washington August 12 through 15. Members interested in attending should contact Clerk of the Board, Pat Messmer.

The Olympia Police Department presented Intercity Transit with a Community Partner Award, and the ceremony was held today. Bergkamp said it was an honor to accept the award on behalf of the many IT employees who work in partnership with OPD to keep our transit system and surrounding community accessible, welcoming and safe for all. When we call for support, our friends at OPD take action, making sure we get the assistance that best meets our needs, whether it's an officer that shows up, a crisis response unit team member. And with our transportation resources and hundreds of eyes on the road each day, we take pride assisting OPD to help those in crisis access, transportation to the support systems they need, and we also help locate missing children and vulnerable adults. IT provides video from buses of accidents and incidents and also provide buses as mobile warming or cooling centers as well as transportation to groups to a safer location when an evacuation is needed. Bergkamp looks forward to being a continued ally with law enforcement from all jurisdictions.

Intercity Transit will operate on a weekend schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and we encourage anyone who needs assistance planning their trip that day to contact Customer Service.

Jonathon Yee worked with the Center for Transportation and the Environment staff, and Pat Messmer worked with IT staff and the Authority to identify a date to conduct a workshop to learn about the status of Intercity Transit's Zero Emissions Transition Plan. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 12.