

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the April 19, 2023, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Scheduled a public hearing for May 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the draft Intercity Transit 2024-2027 TIP.
- Authorized the Interim General Manager to execute an amendment to the existing Task Order with SCJ Alliance increasing the total project budget by \$60,000 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$302,000 for the Martin Way Park-and-Ride project.

Other Items of Interest:

- Cameron Crass introduced **Operator Class 23-02**
- Peter Stackpole introduced **Noelle Gordon, Development Assistant**
- Jana Brown introduced **Jennifer Houk, Finance Manager**
- Kevin Karkoski introduced **Morgan Hagquist, DAL Travel Training Coordinator**

Interim General Manager's Report:

Bergkamp reported Intercity Transit received recognition at the Thurston Green Business Awards luncheon for efforts to lower our environmental footprint. Senior Marketing, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Nicky Upson, participates on the Thurston Green Committee and helped plan the luncheon. Thurston Green is a partnership between the Thurston County Chamber, Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, Thurston Climate Action Team, and Lacey MakerSpace. Bicycle Community Challenge Coordinator, Duncan Green, hosted an information table at the event promoting the contest starting in May.

Intercity Transit attended the WorkEx Internship Fair on April 18 at the JBLM Hawk Career Transition Center. This was a great opportunity to meet transitioning service members looking for internship and employment opportunities. The goal is to have a variety of industries showcasing their worksites and possibly providing the opportunity to hire service members who are transitioning out of the military.

Staff from Operations, Human Resources Management and Union Leadership will attend the 46th Annual Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Conference April 20 and 21. Professionals interested in all aspects of labor and employment relations network to share ideas and learn about new developments, issues, and practices in the field.

Intercity Transit is hiring Coach Operators for the next class 23-03 with a June 5 start date, and the application deadline is Friday, April 21. We encourage friends, family, and anyone who might be interested to apply. Ideal candidates exhibit strong customer service skills as a top priority. Training is provided, including the necessary CDL, through a rigorous 8-week, full-time, paid training period. Candidates can go to our website at www.intercitytransit.com. Interviews for this class are tentatively scheduled to take place starting the first week of May.

Bergkamp said work continues on the Martin Way Park-and-Ride Direct Access project and is ahead of schedule. We received approval from the Federal Highway Administration to use the Park-and-Ride and new improvements until a formal use agreement has been agreed to by all

parties and executed by the ITA. This will expedite our use of the direct access and help test its functionality prior to a formal agreement with WSDOT.

Chief Communications, Marketing and Outreach Officer, Nick Demerice, is working on an agency intranet which will help with internal communications. Staff hopes to launch the intranet by the end of the year. HR Manager, Alana Neal is creating new employee onboarding functionality through NeoGov, which is the HR management software IT uses. This will provide a streamlined onboarding experience for new employees, ensuring they get all the support needed as they join the Intercity Transit team.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, volunteers and participants, the Bicycle Community Challenge is now in its 36th year! Intercity Transit's Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) is a fun, free community event encouraging people of all ages and abilities residing in Thurston County to try bicycling for transportation, health and well-being. The BCC runs during the month of May, celebrating National Bike To Work Day on the third Thursday. The Earth Day Market Ride is the Kick-off event for the May BCC, and this year, the Earth Day Market Ride falls on the actual date of Earth Day, April 22.

A group of Maintenance, Dial-A-Lift and Procurement staff will visit the Midwest Forest River/El Dorado plant next week, where the assembly of our 28 new body-on-chassis DAL vans will take place in late summer, hopefully with an arrival date by the end of the year. This step is important with an updated body, plus a new plant and assembly team. The group also plans to visit the Roush plant where these vans will undergo the conversion from diesel to propane. This van build has been delayed due to COVID and supply chain issues.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board