

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the June 7, 2023, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Authorized the Interim General Manager to execute a contract with Avail Technologies, Inc. to provide up to 8 months of on-premise support, ETMS conversion, one year of hosted support, and hosting fees for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$177,515, excluding tax. (Jeff Peterson)
- Authorized the Interim General Manager to execute a contract amendment with ALS for landscaping and grounds maintenance services at Intercity Transit facilities for a period of one year in the amount of \$92,000, including sales tax. (Katie Cunningham)
- Adopted the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for projects with anticipated Federal funding. (Jessica Gould)

Other Items of Interest:

- Jonathon Yee introduced **David Chaffee, Fleet Manager.**
- Rob LaFontaine introduced **Paul Kierzek, Planning Scheduler.**

Interim General Manager's Report:

Intercity Transit participated in the Lacey Spring Fun Fair Saturday, May 20, 2023. A special thank you to Marketing, Communications & Outreach Coordinator Ally McPherson for coordinating all the moving parts. Thanks to Jameson Miller, Nicky Upson, Taylor Slobojan, Hannah Toulme, Nick Demerice, Kellin King, Kerri Wilson, Morgan Hagquist, A Puri, Renee Fonseca, and Eric Wells who helped staff the event and for being so welcoming to the families and kids that stopped by to visit.

Maintenance Support Specialist, Joe Schmitt, retired after a whopping 41 years and 6 months of service to the community as an Intercity Transit employee. Schmitt was responsible for road call tasks, deliveries and pickups, minor repair, tire changes, cleaning, and other essential tasks on a daily basis. We'll all miss his smile and positive vibes.

Bergkamp had the opportunity to ride multiple bus routes (60, 62s, 42 and 94) over the past several weeks. On each trip she waited for buses at well-maintained bus stops and transit centers, experienced smooth driving, and great customer service, all in the comfort of a clean, cool buses. The Operators she rode with during her travels were Jose, Arielle, Scott, Erin, Jeff, Ted, David, Clark, and MJ who navigated expertly through various levels of traffic with grace and a smile. Each trip reminded her of how much she loves riding public transit.

Bergkamp lives about three miles from Pattison between two routes she knows will get her to work in an hour or less. And realistically, she could ride the bus a lot more often. Right now, with limited parking at Pattison and the need to either walk or catch the employee shuttle from the Bobcat lot, she probably leaves her house just as early as if she rode the bus. So, to commemorate June as Ride Transit Month, she's sharing her commitment to ride the bus five times during June. Bergkamp extended a friendly challenge to all IT employees, volunteers and Board members willing and able to do the same and consider going online to www.ridetransitmonth.org and add your name to the "Pledge to Ride."

Intercity Transit was honored to welcome and host Nisqually Tribal Council Chairman Willie Frank III, Council Member Guido Levy Jr., and staff member Justine Capra their Governmental Affairs Director for a visit to learn more about our services and a tour of the new AdOps building. Special thanks to ITA Chair and Olympia Mayor Pro Tem Clark Gillman for officially welcoming our guests, and thanks to all staff who helped make the visit a success – Amanda Collins, Jonathon Yee, Jessica Gould, Peter Stackpole, Rob LaFontaine and Ramon Beltran.

There will be a service change on June 11, 2023. This service change continues much of the service already being provided, but will incorporate some minor timing adjustments to Routes 62A, 62B and 66.

Transportation Choices Coalition will host a webinar entitled, “How Riders Can Shape Transportation” on June 21 with our very own ITA Citizen’s Representatives as panelists. The webinar will focus on how community advisory groups and direct board representation inform policies that affect transportation equity, funding allocation, and road use design.

Intercity Transit’s Bubble Bus is back and will participate in the Yelm Prairie Days Parade June 24, City of Tumwater’s 4th of July Parade, and the Lakefair parade July 15. Employees, volunteers, Board and CAC members are welcome to ride the bus with us in the parade. And though there is no Pride Parade this year, Intercity Transit will have an information booth at Capital City Pride, which is a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community taking place at Port Plaza and the surrounding Percival Landing boardwalk July 1.

IT's first competitor on the National Roadeo Stage was Van Operator, Dan Savage. A big congratulations goes to Savage who competed in the National Community Transportation Roadeo in May, placing 5th out of nearly 70 competitors in the body-on-chassis division! This is his second year placing among the top 10 competitors.

Intercity Transit is hosting the South Sound Regional Roadeo on July 15 and 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tumwater Brewery. July 15 is a practice day followed by competition day on July 16. Operations Supervisors, David Dudek and Bill Miller, along with their spouses Lilian and Shanaka, work tirelessly to ensure this event takes place every year. Maintenance Supervisor, William Snyder, who coaches our Maintenance Team, also ensures the Maintenance portion of the competition runs smoothly.

Last weekend the following competitors participated in Pierce Transit’s local Roadeo as a warmup up for our Roadeo: Dan Savage, Fred Sambrano, Rob Wood, David Randall and Clinton Jimenez.

The State Transportation Conference, Vendor Expo, and State Roadeo will be held in Vancouver, Washington, August 12-15. Board members interested in attending should contact Pat Messmer.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board