

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the August 16, 2023, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Conducted a Public Hearing on the Draft 2022 Annual Report and 2023-2028 Transit Development Plan. *(Rob LaFontaine)*
- Adopted Resolution 03-2023 to amend Sections 2, 4.1, 4.3 and 5.14 of the ITA Bylaws. *(Emily Bergkamp)*
- Authorized the Interim General Manager to enter into a contract with NPM Construction Co., to construct site improvements at the Olympia Transit Center in the amount of \$384,661. *(Tammy Ferris)*
- Authorized the Interim General Manager to execute a contract amendment with CW Janitorial Service to renew the contract for janitorial services and supplies at Intercity Transit facilities for a period of one year in an amount of \$553,589, including taxes. *(Katie Cunningham)*

Other Items of Interest:

- Rob LaFontaine introduced **Matt Kenney, Senior Planner.**
- David Chaffee introduced **Charles Ackley and Christopher Wells, Technicians.**
- Jonathon Yee provided a debrief of the Zero Emissions Workshop that was held in July.

Interim General Manager's Report:

Transit Appreciation Day was held Friday, August 4. Special thanks to ITA members Clark Gilman, Justin Belk, and Sue Pierce for attending and helping to honor the Excellence in Transit Award winners, employees celebrating milestone work anniversaries and welcoming new employees. Also in attendance were CAC members Marilyn Scott and Claire Bourgeois and a great group of Bus Buddy volunteers. Bergkamp gave a big shout out to Amanda Collins, members of our Wellness Committee, Facilities and a variety of other staff who made this fun day a possibility. We're excited to see these traditional events returning with Pat Messmer beginning the process of planning the Holiday Banquet.

Operator class 23-04 began on August 15, with 15 Operators: Charles, Jason, Alena, Trevor, Ryan, Edwin, Paul, Denisecya, Sherry, Virgil, Mona, Joseph, Nathan, Donald and Tanner. They will be introduced to the Authority in September.

The newly enhanced route pages launch Thursday, August 17 at 2 a.m. In an ongoing effort to achieve a more customer-focused, modern, engaging, user-friendly website, Intercity Transit began working on enhancing the routes pages of our existing website in December 2022, which were reviewed with the CAC and ITA in July. They are ready to go-live!

Public Records Officer, Amanda Collins organized the first meeting of the CAC recruitment committee to begin work on this year's recruitment process. Applications will be available by September 1, and we encourage anyone interested to apply.

Intercity Transit participated in the Washington State Transit Associations State Rodeo on August 13, 2023, hosted by C-Tran in Vancouver, WA. State Rodeos are a unique opportunity for Operators and Maintenance Teams to engage with other transit agency professionals and compete in driving skills and maintenance disciplines.

Operations Supervisors David Dudek and Bill Miller, who are on the State Rodeo Committee, arrived early to set up the course while leading and training a group of volunteers excited to learn how to continue the Rodeo legacy not only at State but at their home agencies. Miller's wife Shanika is also on the Rodeo committee and continues to be steadfast in her support of all things Rodeo, zipping around in a golf cart assisting in the thousands of details it takes to carry off a successful Rodeo. Dudek's wife Lilian was on hand for support with an amazing smile and words of encouragement. Maintenance Supervisor, William Snyder, who coaches our Maintenance Team, devotes his time to not only coaching Intercity Transit's Maintenance Rodeo team, but to helping other maintenance teams be successful.

Intercity Transit had an excellent showing as always, placing in the TOP 3 in all categories, winning our agency the prestigious 2023 GRAND CHAMPION AWARD for the 7th straight year in a row. A huge CONGRATULATIONS, to our competitors and winners:

- 1st Place Maintenance Competition – Coach Technicians Bryce Reinhardt, Jonathan Reynolds, and Sean Malay
- 1st Place 35' Coach Competition: Coach Operator David Randall
- 2nd Place 40' Coach Competition: Coach Operator Rob Wood
- 2nd Place Body-On-Chassis: DAL Operator Dan Savage

Special thanks to ITA Member Sue Pierce and staff Sean Barrett, Chad Edwards, and Dan MacMillan for their dedication and love of Rodeos by helping as judges, and to Rodeo competitors' families, current and retired staff, who attended the Rodeo to cheer IT on.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board