

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
a brief recap of the March 20, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Declared Vanpool 2810 as surplus. Vanpool 2810, a 2018 Toyota Sienna 7-passenger van was recently involved in an accident. Based on an assessment provided by WSTIP, Intercity Transit's insurance provider, the total estimated pre-accident fair market of the vehicle is \$24,791.74. The estimated cost to repair the damage to this vehicle is \$25,871.60, which exceeds its fair market value, and the vehicle has therefore been deemed a total loss. *(Noelle Gordon)*
- In honor of National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, Cameron Crass, shared footage highlighting how Intercity Transit Operators and frontline transit staff make a difference in our communities.
- Alana Neal briefed the Authority on the agency's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program and recent applicant and employee utilization analysis.

General Manager's Report:

The Bus Buddy Program is officially 10 years old. We had a great celebration on March 16 at the Olympia Transit Center. Scott Schoengarth and all the Bus Buddies were on hand to commemorate this big milestone.

We anticipate a class size of 21 for Operator Class 24-02 starting Monday, March 25. We hope to end up with a class size of approximately 20. This is on the heels of Class 24-01, a group of 19 new Operators graduating on Friday, March 22.

Bergkamp met with Clark Gilman, Carolina Mejia, and consultant Jason Robertson from JRO+CO to discuss the ITA's topics of interest for the annual planning session. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the AdOps Board Room. Robertson and Thomas Wittmann from Nelson-Nygaard will both be on hand to facilitate and lead discussions at our first planning session since 2019. Both Robertson and Wittmann guided the agency through the Intercity Transit Road Trip, public outreach, and education regarding Proposition 1, the Zero Fare pilot and the creation of our short and long-range plan. This meeting will provide an opportunity to revisit elements of our long-range plan that are yet to be implemented, along with other pertinent topics.

The Transportation Security Administration recently conducted a review of IT's security policies and procedures called a Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement (BASE) and its goal is to help us elevate our security posture in ways that are specific to our system. They returned on March 8 with an executive summary.

Save the date for the **South Sound Regional Roadeo** being held June 29 and 30. Intercity Transit will host the Regional Roadeo at the Tumwater Brewery grounds. Regional Roadeos are a unique learning opportunity for Operators and Maintenance Teams to engage with other transit agency professionals

and compete in driving skills and maintenance disciplines. Operators and Maintenance Teams with top scores progress to the statewide competition and the international competition.

Kirk Hovenkotter from Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC) visited Intercity Transit on March 18 for a meet-and-greet and tour. He and Bergkamp rode the bus from Pattison to the Olympia Transit Center to get out in the system. TCC is a partner in advocating for transit funding and access for both transit agencies and riders alike.

Brody LaRock, Principal of NTPS Envision Career Academy, Brad Hooper Director of Career and Technical Education and Charlene Sandifer, Career Center Specialist, took a tour of IT's Walk N Roll (WNR) Bike Shop and they plan to start partnering with WNR staff to host Envision students at our bike shop. We also toured the Maintenance facility and gave an open invitation for students to return for a visit.

National Transit Employee Appreciation Day was on March 18, and we will continue to celebrate all week long, honoring Intercity Transit's frontline employees who work hard to ensure we can provide vital transportation services to the community. Our Operators (drivers), Operations Supervisors, Maintenance and Facilities staff go above and beyond to keep us moving.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board