

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
a brief recap of the April 17, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Washington State Contract 06719, to purchase five (5) replacement 40-foot hydrogen fuel cell electric buses from New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer) in the amount of \$8,950,435, which includes sales tax and an approximate 4% contingency.
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Washington State Contract 05916, to purchase two (2) Ford work trucks from Bud Clary Ford in the amount of \$217,600 including sales tax.
- Scheduled a public hearing for May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the draft Intercity Transit 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Scheduled a public hearing for May 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the draft Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2029.

Other Items of Interest:

- Cameron Crass introduced **Operator Class 24-02, and Sarah Ruffini, Transit Trainer.**
- Nick Demerice introduced **Lyndzie Parker, Marketing & Communications Rep.**
- Peter Stackpole introduced **Fiona Sheehan, Development Assistant.**
- Received **Public Comment** from a member of the community with concerns about the proposed traffic circle at Martin Way and Duterrow/Meridian Roads.

General Manager's Report:

Bergkamp shared that the Intercity Transit's Maintenance Roadeo Team took first place at the Pierce Technician Roadeo last weekend. Their closest competitor, Kitsap Transit, was 200 points behind them in 2nd place, with Link Transit tying up the rear in 3rd place. Congratulations to the Team and their Coach:

- Bryce Reinhardt – Team Coach
- Jonathan Reynolds – Coach Technician
- Sean Malay – Coach Technician
- Richelle Lokin – Coach Technician

On April 6 through 9, Bergkamp, two ITA Board Members, Chair and City of Olympia Councilmember Clark Gilman, Mayor of Tumwater, Debbie Sullivan and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, Nick Demerice attended the [American Public Transportation Association's \(APTA\) Legislative Conference](#). This annual visit provides Intercity Transit the opportunity to visit with legislators from both the House and Senate that represent the communities the agency serves, and who also work for continued support and funding of the essential, lifeline services IT provides.

The group met with staffers from the following legislator's offices:

- Naseem Mehya with [U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell's Office](#)
- Katherine Gillespie with [U.S. Representative Marie Gluskamp Perez Office](#)
- Elizabeth Beltran with [U.S. Representative Marily Strickland Office](#)

The group had a very special opportunity to meet in person with [Senator Patty Murray](#), at the U.S. Capitol Building, inside one of the most beautiful meeting rooms imaginable, where the Committee on Appropriations meets, which she is the Chair. Senator Murray serves on four U.S. Senate Committees and is the first female Senate President Pro Tempore. The group joined fellow Washington State Transit Agencies for our visit, Link Transit, Skagit Transit and Pierce Transit, along with APTA Senior Leadership who bestowed an [Advocacy Champion Award](#) to Senator Murray. The award recognizes members of Congress who led efforts to increase investment in the nation's public transit, passenger rail and multimodal infrastructure and strongly support public transportation.

Bergkamp reminded everyone the Earth Day Market Ride is this Saturday, April 20. Meet your neighbors and enjoy a bike ride to the Farmer's Market. Group rides, including a family-friendly route, start in several different neighborhoods and converge downtown at the Heritage Park fountain. Then the group will ride to the Olympia Farmer's Market. Details can be found at the Bicycle Community Challenge website: [2024 Earth Day Market Ride | BCC \(intercitytransit.com\)](#)

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board