

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
a brief recap of the May 15, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Conducted a Public Hearing on the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. *(Jessica Gould)*
- Conducted a Public Hearing on the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan. *(Jana Brown)*
- Heard testimony from several members of the public who are in opposition to the new roundabout at Martin Way, Duterrow and Meridian Roads.

Other Items of Interest:

- Cameron Crass introduced newly promoted Fixed-Route Manager, **Michael Midstokke**.
- Jonathon Yee introduced **David Drew, Facilities Analyst**.
- Received a presentation from Senior Planner Matt Kenney on the 2023 Title VI Passenger Intercept Survey.

General Manager's Report:

Bergkamp gave a special thanks to all Intercity Transit Board members, volunteers and staff who participated in the Annual Planning Session on Friday, May 10, 2024. The session provided an opportunity to revisit elements of IT's long-range plan and how upcoming service changes continue the work towards creating a truly transformational transit system that will serve generations to come. She also thanked Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board, Pat Messmer, for all the coordination that goes into making a planning session a success.

Rain or shine, Bergkamp invites fellow bicyclists to join a fun morning ride in the local celebration of National Bike to Work Day, **Thursday, May 16**. This "Early Bird" (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) event promotes bicycling as a healthy option for getting to work or just getting ready for your day. Visit the Bike Refresher Stations with free treats, bike swag, and your morning coffee. Bike stations are supported by Intercity Transit and our amazing local bike shops and other businesses, volunteers, and organizations. To find the location of the refresher stations visit the Bicycle Community Challenge website. Thursday is also the interagency bike ride. People from state and local agencies ride to Tumwater Historic Park. Everyone meets at noon to enjoy free snacks, a prize drawing and a group photo. Bring a bag lunch.

The Earth Day Market Ride, held on April 20, 2024, kicked off the beginning of the Bicycle Community Challenge with a whopping 180 participants. Bergkamp attended the event and enjoyed the ride and beautiful weather with her neighbors, members of the community and several co-workers including Nick Demerice, Jeff Peterson, Bill Nevue and his family, David Ocampo and his daughter, Lee Peterson and his wife Jessica, A Puri, Kerri Wilson and her kiddo Wilder. We also had a great showing from the Community Advisory Committee, Rachel Wilson, David Payton, and Garrett Fueling. Bergkamp gave a big shout out to Duncan Green, BCC coordinator for the past 16 years, on the successful kickoff of the 37th BCC!

New Operator Class 24-03 started Monday, May 13, 2024, welcoming nine new smiling faces. You'll meet them at a future meeting when they're introduced.

May 15, 2024, is Peace Officers Memorial Day and to commemorate National Police Week, Executive Assistant and Public Records Officer Amanda Collins, along with Operator Nicole Jones, collected employee signatures on banners which were delivered to our local law enforcement partners, along with some tasty treats. This was Intercity Transit's way of showing gratitude and appreciation for our local law enforcement partners in their continued aid and support of our daily transit operations.

We are so fortunate to have a true partnership with local law enforcement. In fact, last year, Olympia Police Department honored IT with their "Community Partner" award. Now it's Intercity Transit's turn to share that gratitude back with them and their amazing local law enforcement colleagues.

It is said that bravery is not the absence of fear but action in the face of fear. We know when we call for support, our law enforcement partners consistently respond, making sure we get the assistance that best meets our needs.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board