

RIDER NEWS

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Opportunities to Provide Public Comment on Updated Plans



This month, there will be opportunities for you to provide public comment on our annual update of the Transit Development Plan and the Title VI Plan. You can

review the 2024-2029 Transit Development Plan (TDP) and the draft Title VI Plan on our website at intercitytransit.com/about-us/publications. More information about each plan as well as the date of the public hearing is below.

Draft 2024-2029 Transit Development Plan (TDP)

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) describes 2023 operational highlights and outlines how we anticipate using our financial resources over the next six years.

Draft Title VI Plan

The updated 2024-2027 Title VI Program describes Intercity Transit's efforts to design and operate public transit services free of racial discrimination and without a disproportionate adverse impact on low-income and minority populations. Specific to the update for 2024 are first-time definitions of a major service change, as well as policies for measuring and determining racial disparities.

The public hearings will be held at our regularly scheduled Intercity Transit Authority meeting on Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. at our administrative office, 510 Pattison St. SE, in Olympia. The public hearings will also have a virtual attendance option. Visit intercitytransit.com to register.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the public hearings, please call 360-705-5860 at least three days prior to the meeting. Please consider riding bus Routes 62A, 62B or 66 which serve stops nearby.

To request a copy of the draft plans, please contact Customer Service at 360-786-1881 or customerservice@intercitytransit.com.

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In addition to providing public comment at the public hearings, you may also submit comments by:

- Mail: P.O. Box 659 Olympia, WA 98507
- Email: tellus@intercitytransit.com
- Phone: 360-786-1881

All written comments must be received by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 to be considered.

Rider Tip: Text for Next Departure Times



Want to know when your bus will leave? All you have to do is text ITS and the bus stop ID to 321123. You'll receive a text back telling you the next departure

times for your stop!

For example, text ITS0018 to receive the next departure times from the stop shown above. Bus stop ID's can be found on bus stop shelters and signs.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call Customer Service at 360-786-1881.

That's a Wrap: Bicycle Community Challenge Results



This year, over 700 riders logged close to 75,000 miles in the 37th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC)!

Intercity Transit celebrates cycling with the BCC, which encourages the community to participate in bicycling events throughout May to receive rewards.

Approximately 80 teams, from families to large employers took part, with many teams and individuals winning valuable prizes.

Our Bike to Work (or Anywhere) Day hosted six bike refresher stations for people on their way by bike.

Seven riders logged rides every day in May, and the highest-mileage rider pedaled over 1,000 miles in the month!

Thanks so much for being part of the BCC community and keep on pedaling! If you missed the BCC this year, make sure to sign up in 2025! Look for opportunities to participate in next year's BCC by visiting bcc.intercitytransit.com.

Walk N Roll's Learn to Ride Classes



Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll education program is offering two Learn to Ride classes for youth ages 3-12 at Salish Middle School in Lacey.

- **Session #1:** Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

- **Session #2:** Saturday, Aug. 3 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Walk N Roll provides bikes, helmets and friendly instructors. Students will work on balancing, pedaling, stopping, and turning during classes.

Classes are free, but registration is required. Register by emailing walknroll@intercitytransit.com and include the student's name, age and which session they'll be attending. Please note, classes are limited to the first six youth registered.

Come See Us in Parades and at Community Events this Summer



Look for our festive bubble bus at the following parades and events this summer:

- **Tumwater Independence Day**

Parade: Thursday, July 4 in Tumwater along Capitol Blvd.

- **South Sound BBQ Festival:** Saturday, July 13 in Lacey's Huntamer Park.

- **Lakefair 50+ in the Park:** Friday, July 19 in downtown Olympia at Heritage Park.

- **Lakefair Parade:** Saturday, July 20 in downtown Olympia along Capitol Way South.

- **Nisqually Valley BBQ Rally:** Saturday, July 27 in Yelm at Yelm City Park.

Look for information about where to see us next by following us on Facebook (@IntercityTransit) and/or X (@intercitytransi).

Zero-Fare Just Get On and Go



Did you know that our bus service and Dial-A-Lift paratransit service have been zero-fare since the beginning of January 2020? This means your summer adventures are a little bit easier!

You won't pay a fare when you board Intercity Transit buses which makes it easier than ever to just get on and go.

Zero-fare is just one way that Intercity Transit is demonstrating our commitment to the communities we serve. Removing the barrier of fares allows for an equitable transit system for all. Other benefits include reducing delays and simplifying access for all riders.

Intercity Transit's governing board, the Intercity Transit Authority (Authority) plans to continue our zero-fare demonstration project through Jan. 1, 2028. Zero-fare is also reviewed by the Authority as part of Intercity Transit's annual Strategic Planning and budgeting process, to continually assess the benefits and the value it brings to the community. Visit intercitytransit.com/plan-your-trip/zero-fare to learn more about zero-fare and how the Authority made the decision to stop collecting fares for some of our services.

Service on Independence Day



Intercity Transit will operate weekend schedules on Independence Day, Thursday, July 4. Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our administrative office will be closed on the holiday.

Please remember, we do not allow fireworks on our buses. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Intercity Transit ensures no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin consistent with requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Federal Transit Administration guidance in Circular 4702.1B.

For questions, or to file a complaint, contact Intercity Transit Customer Service at 360-786-1881 or by email to TitleVI@intercitytransit.com.