

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
a brief recap of the August 7, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, September 18, 2024, to conduct a joint hybrid meeting of the Authority and the Community Advisory Committee. *(Emily Bergkamp)*
- Adopted the 2024-2027 Title VI Program as presented. *(Rob LaFontaine)*
- Adopted the 2023 Annual Report and 2024–2029 Transit Development Plan, as presented. *(Rob LaFontaine)*
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a Task Order with KPFF in the amount of \$392,732. *(Tammy Ferris)*
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 121223, to purchase Stertil-Koni Mobile Column Vehicle Lifts and related equipment from Northwest Lift & Equipment in the amount of \$554,700, including sales tax. *(Noelle Gordon)*
- Declared property as surplus. This list includes items from Fleet Maintenance Division which are surplus to our needs. The total value of the items listed in Exhibit A is estimated at \$2,000. *(Noelle Gordon)*

Other Items of Interest:

- Michael Midstokke introduced **Operator Class 24-04**.
- Jen Amendala introduced **Ayub Yasin, Accounting Specialist**.

General Manager's Report:

Intercity Transit staff and volunteers hosted an information table at “Lakefair 50+ in the Park” on Saturday, July 19. This yearly event features a great variety of live entertainment, vendors, activities, prizes and giveaways, and a great event celebrating our community’s seniors that offers an opportunity to share information about Intercity Transit’s services with them.

New Operator Class 24-03 graduated on July 19 and are on the road. If you’ve seen training buses out and about, they’ve all been behind the wheel learning the ropes.

Bergkamp and several DAL and Travel Training staff attended the summer Bus Buddy picnic, organized by Bus Buddy Coordinator Scott Schoengarth. It was a great way to celebrate the program’s accomplishments and share a meal.

Bergkamp, Nick Demerice, Chief Marketing, Communications and Outreach Officer, and Sr. Marketing, Communications, and Outreach Coordinator Nicky Upson, attended the Economic Development Council’s “Hootenanny” to celebrate the Economic Courage displayed by Thurston County businesses this year.

This event recognizes organizations that have demonstrated resilience, determination, and triumph in today's dynamic business landscape.

Bergkamp had the opportunity to meet and share a meal with Thurston County Manager, Leonard Hernandez, who then took a tour of our Administration & Operations building. A great community connection to make!

Bergkamp shared how awesome it was to get back to traditional Transit Appreciation Day (TAD) festivities last week, which is an annual celebration of all transit employees, recognizing milestone work anniversaries and outstanding employee accomplishments. Some of Bergkamp's most memorable moments from the celebration were seeing retirees and employees' family members enjoying all the food, games, and dunk tank fun. Special thanks to Chair Gilman and Vice Chair Mejia for sharing some inspiring words with employees, and for all Board members and CAC members in attendance. TAD has a long-standing tradition of being an event organized by a committee of employees, for employees, and the committee this year did a great job – so a big thank you goes to this year's TAD committee, led by PRO Amanda Collins.

Collins also arranged for an IHOP breakfast for swing and graveyard shift Maintenance employees later that night, which they enjoyed with Maintenance leadership, Bergkamp, and other members of the Senior Management Team.

Bergkamp shared her pride to be a part of this agency – and TAD is just one-way Intercity Transit gets to celebrate the amazing service we provide to the community, together. Every IT employee, through their service to our community, cares about and responds to the mobility needs of those who rely on us. And through that service, all Intercity Transit staff, no matter the department they work in, are true professionals and subject matter experts helping to co-create a transformational public transit system.

This weekend is the Washington State Roadeo, and as usual, IT has Operator and Maintenance Team competitors! Multiple staff, and our biggest fan from the ITA, Sue Pierce, will head over to Ben Franklin Transit in the Tri Cities, to cheer on our employees. The Roadeo is followed by the Washington State Public Transportation Conference, which provides transit agencies across the state opportunities to explore and discover innovations in the field of public transportation as we continue moving forward together.

Thurston County Auditor, Mary Hall, took time out her busy schedule to meet with Bergkamp and Rob LaFontaine to discuss upgrades to the bus stop at their Ballot Processing and Voter Center, which is on the list of stops to be upgraded as part of the Bus Stop Improvements project. Thurston County received a grant to create a paved walkway from the bus stop to the Voter Center, which is complete and looks great. Auditor Hall also provided a tour of the ballot processing center, and if you've never taken the time to do this, Bergkamp highly recommends it. It is amazing to see the work our local election workers undertake to ensure democracy is in motion. It was both humbling and impressive to learn about what they are able to do under the leadership of Auditor Hall and her award-winning staff.

Subsequent to the site visit and prior to the issuance of the final Triennial Review report, Intercity Transit provided sufficient corrective action for a deficiency of excessive fixed-route bus spare ratio, which officially closed the deficiency effective May 20, 2024. This earned Intercity Transit the final status of "not deficient" following the final report of the review.

The annual State Audit taking place now, is coordinated with the SAO by Jen Amendala and Jana Brown from the Finance Department. The exit conference is scheduled for September 5, 2024.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board