

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
a brief recap of the August 21, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Adopted Resolution 03-2024 to implement Policy EX-0017 “Advisory Committee Stipend Program” and proposed amendments to the CAC Bylaws to reference stipend eligibility. *(Amanda Collins)*
- Adopted Resolution 04-2024 to accept and approve Intercity Transit’s designated annex portion of the “Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region.” *(Zach Heinemeyer)*

Other Items of Interest:

- Lynne Cunningham provided an update to Vanpool Program.
- Katie Cunningham introduced **Jonathan Martin**, Construction Projects Coordinator and **Brenden Houx**, Sr. Procurement & Project Management Coordinator.
- Alana Neal introduced **Heidi Fox**, HR Analyst.
- David Chaffee introduced **Dustin Korns**, Vehicle Cleaner.

General Manager’s Report:

Chief Financial Officer, Jana Brown, is currently guiding staff through the annual budget preparations. IT is incredibly lucky to have Jana at the helm of the Finance division, as she brings a wealth of financial experience and leadership in local government, grounded in transparency and integrity. Jana joined Intercity Transit in June of 2022. Prior to coming to IT, Jana worked at the City of Olympia where she spent three years as their Accounting Manager, and prior to that she spent 19 years at City of Poulsbo. Since she started, she’s been working tirelessly to help IT mature in the budgeting and financial practices.

At the end of July, Jana hosted a 2025 budget kickoff meeting with department leaders. Department budgets were due by August 20 for first internal review. Next, a preliminary budget will be presented to the Intercity Transit Authority Board (ITA) in early October, followed by a public hearing in early November, and finally, budget adoption by resolution of the ITA in early December. This timeline is very important because an ITA resolution must be approved by December to spend funds starting on January 1, 2025. The annual budget is also an important tool that ensures IT meets the goals and end policies laid out in the Strategic Plan, which also reflect the mission and vision of Intercity Transit, and our commitment to serving the community.

IT’s State Roadeo competitors did an amazing job representing Intercity Transit in both the driving and maintenance competitions last week. They all deserve our gratitude for the hard work and dedication they lead with to compete on behalf for the agency. And, if it weren’t for the coordination and planning efforts of the State Roadeo Planning Committee, which includes Intercity Transit’s own Service Impacts Supervisor David Dudek, Operations Supervisor Bill Miller and his wife Shanika as committee members, the State Roadeo wouldn’t be as successful as it is.

Please congratulate the following competitors on their accomplishments and for representing Intercity Transit:

- 2nd Place Overall Maintenance Competition: Richelle Loken, Sean Malay, & Jonathan Reynolds.
- 2nd Place 35-foot Coach Competition: Fred “Uncle Freddie” Sombrano – in his very first State Roadeo appearance!
- 3rd Place Body-on-Chassis Competition: Dan Savage
- Honorable Mention 40-foot Coach Competition: Clinton Jimenez

The following Intercity Transit employees and family members were essential volunteers with the State Roadeo, as judges and in other roles: Operations Supervisor Rob Wood, Family Member Susan Wood, Fixed-Route Manager Michael Midstokke, Operations Deputy Director Cameron Crass, Intercity Transit Authority Board Member Sue Pierce, Operator Janet Depoe, Maintenance Director Jonathon Yee, Human Resources Deputy Director Alana Neal, Customer Service Supervisor Russell Gilsdorf, Family Member Lillian Dudek, and Administrative Services Director Heather Stafford.

Bergkamp also commemorates that while Intercity Transit was the runner up for State Grand Champion this year, IT held the title for 7 years straight. Kitsap Transit won the 2024 Grand Champion – and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement. Sharing the opportunity to hold the Grand Champion title with other transits only showcases how Intercity Transit shares roadeo knowledge with others to help them learn and grow, which improves the overall competition on the State Roadeo stage and the public transit industry overall.

The word “champion” not only describes the winner of first place in a competition but is also used as a description for individuals who are warriors and fighters. While “winning it all” is nice, Intercity Transit is a champion because our Roadeo Competitors are willing to put themselves in the ring, repeatedly, and simply to compete, regardless of the outcome. They are all warriors in our hearts and are true front-line fighters for the mobility needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. We are all so proud of them.

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

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board*