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I-2117's Impacts on Intercity Transit



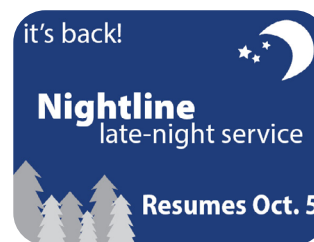
Initiative 2117 would repeal the 2021 Climate Commitment Act (CCA), which funds the Move Ahead Washington legislation that allocates \$3 billion for public transit over 16 years.

If passed, the initiative would eliminate a projected \$143 million in funding for Intercity Transit over the next 14 years:

- \$64 million in operating costs for bus and Village Vans transportation services.
- \$24 million for Dial-A-Lift (paratransit) services for the elderly and people with disabilities.
- \$48 million for zero emission vehicles and necessary charging infrastructure.
- \$5 million to provide faster service along Martin Way.
- \$2 million for active transportation safety and education.

These investments would improve mobility for those who need it most, provide real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and improve safety in our community.

Welcome back Nightline!



Nightline, our after-hours service to The Evergreen State College (Evergreen), will make its much anticipated return starting Oct. 5 after being put on pause due to

the pandemic. Known as Route 41 on weekdays, Nightline will offer [late-night/early-morning service](#) between Evergreen and downtown Olympia on weekends throughout Evergreen's school year. The service will operate every 60-minutes from 12 to 3 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Anyone is welcome to ride Nightline, and, like all our bus service, there is no fare. Buses will make the same stops as Route 41 plus five more in the downtown core before returning to the Olympia Transit Center.

Nightline operates:

- Fall: Weekends from Oct. 5 through Dec. 22.
- Winter: Weekends from Jan. 11 through March 23.
- Spring: Weekends from April 5 through June 15.

Stormwater Improvements Ahead



Work to improve drainage and pavement at Lacey Transit Center (LTC) and Amtrak Centennial Station will begin soon. The LTC project will repair grates in the driveway that cover stormwater infrastructure.

The Amtrak project will restore the existing stormwater system to its original design, ensuring we meet stormwater requirements.

We anticipate work will begin in late October or early November, depending on when our contractor, Northwest Cascade, Inc., can get the necessary materials. We will provide updates on our website as more information becomes available.

October is Walk to School Month



With encouragement from Walk N Roll, the cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater proclaim October 2024 Walk to School Month! Walking, biking and rolling to school builds community, promotes good health, relieves traffic congestion, and helps improve air

quality around our schools.

Drivers can help ensure everyone arrives to school safely by driving 20 miles per hour in school zones and stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.

Walk N Roll partners with schools in the Olympia, Tumwater and North Thurston school districts to help them organize Walk N Roll to School events in October and throughout the year. Learn how Walk N Roll can support your school by emailing us at walknroll@intercitytransit.com.

Join us in celebrating Walk to School Month by walking or rolling to school. Visit our website at intercitytransit.com/services/walknroll/encouragement to see if your child's school is participating.

We're Here to Help!



When you're riding the bus, remember that the driver is there to help. If you have questions, concerns or need assistance, you can approach them. They're happy to assist you when it's safe to do so.

"Be Safe. Be Seen." this Season

Fall's short, wet days make pedestrians and bicyclists less visible. Our drivers look for riders waiting at unlit bus stops, but they need your help!



Help ensure you get seen by our drivers and others by:

- **Wearing bright-colored or reflective clothing.** Drivers can see you 500 feet away when you wear reflective clothing compared to just 55 feet when wearing dark colors.
- **Adding some shine.** Put reflectors on your shoes, backpack, purse, bicycle spokes, jacket sleeves, or pant legs. Reflectors in a visible location will help drivers see you in the dark.
- **Lighting yourself up.** Carry a flashlight, flashing safety strobe, or use your cell phone. Help drivers see you by standing up, moving or waving as the bus approaches your stop.

Remember these tips when you're waiting for the bus, walking in a crosswalk, or while riding your bike. Visit intercitytransit.com/besafe for more ways you can "Be Safe. Be Seen." this season.



Bus Riding 101: Travel Training Tip

Be prepared when riding the bus! Take a few minutes to check the weather and gear up accordingly. As the days get shorter, be sure to wear reflective clothing so you can be seen in the early morning and late evening hours.

Need more tips? Our Travel Trainers are here to help! Call 360-705-5879 to schedule an appointment.

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