#### **AGENDA**

#### INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY Wednesday, October 2, 2024 5:30 P.M.

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

| ST | AFF INTRODUCTIONS A. Operator Class 24-05 (Michael Midstokke)  | 10 min.            |
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| 1. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA   | 1 min.             |
| 2. | PUBLIC COMMENT   | 3 min.             |
| 3. | NEW BUSINESS A. Draft 2025 Budget Presentation / Set Public Hearing (Jana Brow) B. January 2025 Service Change Equity Analysis / Set a Public Hearing (Rob LaFontaine) | 15 min.<br>20 min. |
| 4. | COMMITTEE REPORTS - None   |                    |
| 5. | GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT   | 5 min.             |
| 6. | AUTHORITY ISSUES   | 5 min.             |

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#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3-A MEETING DATE: October 2, 2024

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Jana Brown, Chief Financial Officer, 360-705-5816

Emily Bergkamp, General Manager, 360-705-5889

SUBJECT: 2025 Draft Budget and Set Public Hearing

1) The Issue: Introduce the Draft 2025 Budget and set the Public Hearing date.

- **Recommended Action**: Set the public hearing for the 2025 draft budget for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Final adoption is proposed for December 4, 2024.
- 3) Policy Analysis: It is the policy of the Intercity Transit Authority to review and accept comments from the public prior to adopting the annual budget. The draft budget document relies on the Capital Improvement Plan and coordinates with the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan identifies the Authority's plan regarding service levels, which is the prime driver of proposed expenses for 2025.
- **Background**: Staff will present elements of the draft 2025 budget to include capital projects, new initiatives, new staff, on-going projects from the previous fiscal period, and operational expenses. Staff will also discuss potential grant opportunities, which align with the Strategic Plan, and their impact on the budget.

The proposed Operating budget for 2025 is \$90.6 million, which includes \$3.9 million for rollover projects.

The proposed Capital budget for 2025 is \$70.7 million, which includes \$7.5 million in new projects and \$63.2 million for rollover projects.

The total proposed 2025 expenditure budget including staff recommended new projects/positions is \$161.4 million.

The major elements of Intercity Transit's 2025 budget are:

Sales tax revenue for 2025 has been conservatively budgeted, representing what
has been collected thus far in 2024, which represents a 2% decrease of the 2023
actuals.

- Continue construction to renovate the Pattison Street maintenance facility
- Zero Emission Hydrogen Demonstration
- Agency ERP/EAM Software System Replacement
- Life Cycle Vehicle Replacements
- Continue pursue of grant funded BRT and Corridor Program
- Lacey Intersection Smart Sensor Project
- Transfer Centers and Bus Stop Improvements
- Add 5 new positions:
  - 3 Operations Supervisors, 1 Village Vans Coordinator, and 1 Facilities Tech III
- 5) Alternatives: N/A.
- 6) Budget Notes: The Authority will review the draft budget at their October 2, 2024, meeting. A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024. The Draft Budget package is available for public review and comment on Intercity's public facing webpage. The budget is scheduled for adoption at the December 4, 2024, Authority meeting.
- 7) Goal Reference: The annual budget impacts all agency goals.
- 8) References: 2025 Draft Budget





Olympia, Washington

# **2025 DRAFT Budget**

#### **Mission Statement:**

Provide and promote transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, and prosperous community

# 2025 Budget

Fiscal Year January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

| Emily Bergkamp   | General Manager                          |
|------------------|--|
| Dena Withrow     | Operations Director                      |
| Heather Stafford | Administrative Services Director         |
| Jonathan Yee     | Fleets & Facilities Maintenance Director |
| Peter Stackpole  | Development Director                     |

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# **2025 Intercity Transit Authority**

| Clark Gilman, Chair        | City of Olympia              |
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| Debbie Sullivan            | City of Tumwater Mayor       |
| Brian Hess                 | City of Yelm Councilmember   |
| *VACANT*                   | Citizen Representative       |
| Sue Pierce                 | Citizen Representative       |
| Justin Belk                | Citizen Representative       |
| Mark Neuville              | Labor Representative         |

#### **2025 Strategic Plan Goals**

- Assess the transportation needs of our community throughout the Public Transportation Benefit Area
- 2. Provide outstanding customer service
- 3. Maintain a safe and secure operating system
- 4. Provide responsive transportation options within financial and staffing limitations
- 5. Integrate sustainability into all agency decisions and operations to lower social and environmental impact to enhance our community and support the Thurston County Regional Climate Mitigation Plan
- 6. Encourage use of our services, reduce barriers to access and increase ridership
- 7. Build partnerships to identify and implement innovative solutions that address mobility needs, access, and equity, as a service provider and as an employer
- 8. Integrate resiliency into all agency decisions to anticipate, plan, and adapt given the critical functions of transit operations

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# SPACE SAVED FOR BUDGET MESSAGE

# SPACE SAVED FOR PASSED BUDGET RESOLUTION SLATED TO BE APPROVED ON DECEMBER 6, 2023

| Budget Summary - Cash Basis                                       |            | DRAFT 2025<br>Budget |
|---|------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance  |            | \$245,700,000        |
| Add:  |            |                      |
| Operating Revenues: Sales tax                                     |            | 84,459,607           |
| Operating Revenues: VP fares Operating Revenues: interest income, |            | 492,000              |
| misc.   |            | 5,507,936            |
| Grant Revenue - Operating   |            | 3,990,022            |
| Grant Revenue - Capital   |            | 31,652,990           |
| Total Revenues  |            | 126,102,555          |
| Less: Operating Expenditures Operating                            | 86,741,000 |                      |
| Operating - Rollover projects                                     | 3,901,300  |                      |
| Total Operating Expenditures                                      | -,,        | 90,642,300           |
| Capital Expenditures  |            | , ,                  |
| Capital - New   | 7,510,060  |                      |
| Capital - Rollover  | 63,237,698 |                      |
| Total Capital Expenditures  |            | 70,747,758           |
| Total Expenditures  |            | 161,390,058          |
| Ending Cash Balance   |            | 210,412,497          |
| Less Operating Reserve (25% of operating expenditures)            |            | (22,660,575)         |
| Ending Unreserved Cash Balance                                    |            | \$187,751,922        |

#### **REVENUES**

#### **Operating Revenues**

Vanpool revenues for 2025 have been set based on the past three-year results. This assumes some recovery of the activity lost in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic when many of the Vanpool groups made the move to work from home.

#### **Non-Transportation Revenue**

Interest Income is increasing with the strong reserves and due to the interest rate rising. Amtrak Depot operations are funded through contracts with local jurisdictions and Agency operating revenues.

#### Sales Tax

The 2025 budget assumes Sales Tax collections will not increase from what was collected in 2024.

#### **State and Federal Support**

Includes grant funding for:

- High Performance Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Program
- Zero Emission Hydrogen Demonstration Project to include Vehicles, fueling equipment and facility upgrades
- Pattison Street Restoration and Expansion
- NE Lacey Operational Improvements
- Replacement of Fixed Route and Vanpool vehicles
- Operating dollars for Smart Corridors, Walk N Roll, Express Connections and marketing and communications

#### **CAPITAL**

#### **Administrative Buildings**

Pattison Street Property continued renovation of the existing Maintenance Building and parking improvements.

#### **Communication & Information Systems**

Replace and implementation of new technologies to include an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System, Vehicle Telematics, Facilities Maintenance Management System, Emergency response and transit center and customer information navigation.

#### **Guideways**

BRT modeling and smart corridor assessment

#### **Maintenance Buildings**

Zero Emission Hydrogen Demonstration Project to include Fueling Equipment and facility upgrades, Alternative Fuel design, electronic line detectors and the UST large vault repair project.

#### **Passenger Stations**

Lacey Transit Center Stormwater repair and restroom improvements, Amtrak/Centennial Station stormwater restoration and building improvements, NE Lacey Operation Terminal Facility roundabout.

#### Revenue Vehicles

Dial-A-Lift and Vanpool Vehicles replacements based on Intercity Transit's replacement schedule and Zero Emission Hydrogen Demonstration bus purchases.

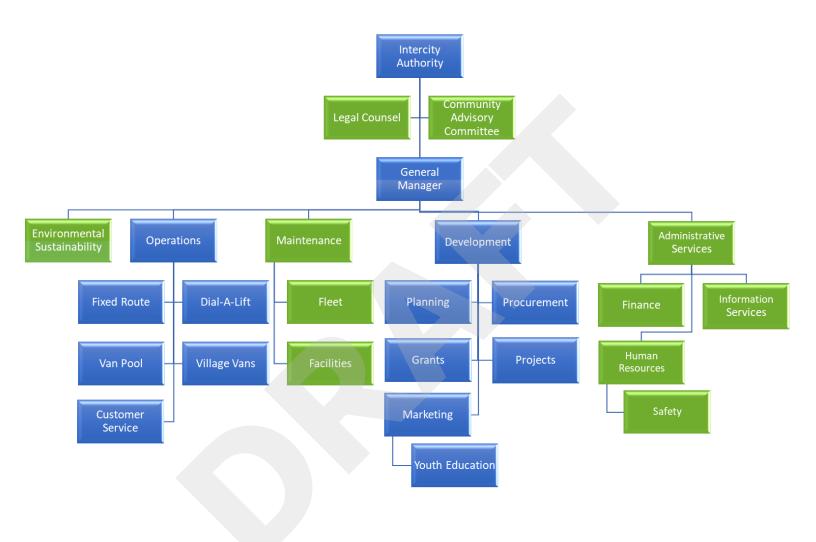
#### **Service Vehicles**

Vehicle Replacements based on replacement schedule.

#### Other

Facility capital equipment and improvements due to associated improvement projects and bus stop facility improvements.

## **Intercity Transit Organizational Chart**



#### **Intercity Transit Departments & Divisions**

#### **Administrative Services Department**

#### **Finance Division**

The Finance Division performs the function of recording and maintaining the Agency's financial transactions and files in conformance with state and federal accounting regulations and generally accepted accounting principles. Finance provides payroll; accounts payable; accounts receivable; fixed assets; cash management, budget, and general ledger services for the Agency. Finance develops and maintains internal controls over these functions to safeguard Agency assets. Finance produces internal and external financial reports including coordinating the National Transit Database (NTD) report. They coordinate the annual state audit and assist with financial forecasting and modeling. Finance prepares the Agency's annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), budget and monitors revenues and expenditures through the year. Agency-wide services and expenses such as liability and property insurance, administration of the Agency's deferred compensation plans, and the Cut Commute Committee are included in their budget.

#### **Human Resources Division**

The Human Resources Division is tasked to maximize the effectiveness of Intercity Transit's primary resource, its employees. This is accomplished by hiring and retaining highly effective people who are committed to the services of public transit through professional recruitment procedures, prudent compensation analysis, respectful labor-management relations as well as pro-active labor contract administration. The Human Resources Division is also responsible for employee and customer accident and claims administration and the implementation of a federally required comprehensive drug and alcohol program that includes post-accident and random testing of employees. The Human Resources Division coordinates with the Finance Division in managing payroll and employee benefit programs. Agency-wide services and expenses such as the receptionist function, office supplies, and centralized office equipment are also administered by the Human Resources Division and are included in its budget. Since 2020, the Human Resources Division has been responsible for COVID leave management, maintaining compliance with local and state health department guidelines, and contact tracing within the agency.

#### **Information Systems Division**

The Information Systems Division administers, manages, and supports the Agency's information technology needs. This includes the network, servers, telephones, security cameras, desktop and laptop PCs, websites, and applications across seven different physical locations. Beyond the

information technology's industry standard products like VMware vSphere, Cisco networking equipment, Microsoft Windows (both client and server), Active Directory, Exchange, and SQL Server, they also support several transit specific applications such as Fleet-Net, Via Transit, and CAD/AVL. For all these products, IS staff provides systems analysis, project management, and help desk level support. Finally, the IS department is responsible for managing cybersecurity risks and deploying mitigation strategies.

#### **Safety Division**

The Safety department supports all departments by providing safety oversight including risk assessments, root cause analysis of accidents and incidents, creation and review of all safety related documents, and agency-wide safety trainings.

#### **Executive Department**

#### **Executive Division**

The Executive Department is responsible for the overall direction, supervision, and coordination of Agency activities to ensure consistency with policies prescribed by the Transit Authority. They are responsible for the coordination of knowledge, effort, and resources between all departments to achieve Agency goals and mission. The Department is responsible for development and administration of agency plans, services, programs, and policies and procedures. They promote linkage of transit and community development. And they ensure and develop communication processes between employees, departments, the Authority, the Community Advisory Committee, and the community.

#### **Development Department**

#### **Development Division**

The Development Department oversees the Planning, Procurement/Capital Projects, Marketing/Communications/Outreach Divisions as well as the Grant Program administration and reporting activities. This includes the management and oversight of major agency planning and capital projects and programs pursuant to Federal and State grant funding and agency priority projects.

Department staff coordinate, manage, and monitor compliance with state and federal funding requirements including contracting, reporting, and project oversight of required programs including annual audits and reporting, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial review, environmental compliance, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Title VI compliance. Staff also support the agency's public communications and outreach with riders

and the community. The Development Department also coordinates the support, execution and completion of projects entered into or supported by interagency agreements and contracts.

#### **Planning Division**

The Planning Division is responsible for planning, developing, monitoring, and evaluating Intercity Transit fixed route services, and preparing operator work assignments. Division staff also provides short- and long-range planning services, including preparing and coordinating the agency's annual Transit Development Plan and other annual reporting on services and facilities including National Transit Database (NTD) reporting. The division coordinates closely with regional and local jurisdictions to review and update comprehensive land use and transportation plans, works with both public agencies and private sector developers to ensure new developments accommodate and meet transit customer needs, including bus stop locations, and participates in regional transportation demand management efforts to help reduce single occupant vehicle trips. Planning also maintains and updates the agency financial model and revenue forecasts based on service and capital projections in coordination with the Finance Department and consistent with the adopted Long-Range Plan to support the agency's annual and long-range budget planning processes.

#### **Procurement Division**

The Procurement and Capital Projects Division develops and administers capital construction contracts and spearheads other major agency-wide projects including federal compliance and reporting. The team manages procurements of goods and services including contract development and oversight and supervision of vendors, consultants, and contractors. Procurement maintains agency-wide tracking tools for project oversight, develops agency-wide procedures for the proper acquisition of goods and services, including development of procurement and contract documents. Procurement also leads or assists others in contract administration and project oversight, procures and maintains facility and vehicle parts, fuel, and operating supplies inventory. The Inventory team is responsible for entry and audits of the agency's inventory, vehicle component, and work order systems within the Fleet-Net database. Inventory staff is also responsible for the administration of the warranty claims systems.

#### Marketing, Communications & Outreach Division

The Marketing, Communications & Outreach Division produces agency public information materials and promotes awareness and use of Intercity Transit services. The division oversees the website and real-time customer communications via (GovDelivery), printed materials, public information pieces, and social media. Marketing, Communication & Outreach staff coordinates marketing, advertising, communications, and outreach programs, supports media relations, and represents the

agency to the news media and our community partners to promote services and in response to agency needs. This Division also administers Intercity Transit's Youth Education Program including Walk-N-Roll, the Thurston County Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) and Earn-A-Bike program and bike shop staffed by volunteers.

#### **Maintenance Department**

#### **Maintenance Administration Division**

The Maintenance Department is a key support team for Intercity transit. The Office of the Director and Maintenance Administration Division provide guidance and administrative support for the Fleet and Facility Maintenance Divisions asset management activities in providing safe and reliable vehicles, facilities and bus stops for employees and passengers. Agency-wide, the Director and Maintenance Administration Division coordinate delivery of support services with other Departments and formulate and implement agency goals consistent with the mission of Intercity Transit. The Office of the Director plays a key role in the administration of the bargaining agreement between International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) and Intercity Transit and in maintaining a positive working relationship with union leaders and represented employees.

#### **Facilities Maintenance Division**

The Facilities Division is responsible for the Agency's buildings and grounds, building systems, furnishings, and all Intercity bus stops. Included in these responsibilities are all staff facilities at the Pattison Base, Olympia and Lacey transit centers, Amtrak Centennial Station, and Park and Ride facilities at Martin Way and Hawk's Prairie. The Facilities team is also responsible for many of the agency's compliance programs, including hazardous materials management, storm water management, fire protection systems, elevator inspections, and recycling programs. As a part of overall facility support, this division also manages several contracts for maintenance and support services including custodial, landscaping, elevator maintenance, security, and fire protection services. The Facilities Division also supports other Departments in the management and implementation of agency projects.

#### Fleet (vehicle maintenance) Division

The Fleet Division's primary focus is to provide safe and reliable vehicles and equipment for use in service delivery to the public, and in support of all other agency business and community activities. The division is involved in the selection and procurement of vehicles and parts, supplies, tools, and equipment. Fleet Staff continuously monitor and evaluate products and work methods to achieve a high level of productivity, efficiency, and sustainability. The Division constantly strives to enhance vehicle performance and safety to provide a clean, safe, reliable, and efficient environment for internal and external customers.

#### **Operations Department**

#### **Operations Division**

The Operations Department is the service delivery arm of Intercity Transit. The Operations Division includes the Office of the Director which provides guidance and administrative support for the Transportation, Coach Operator, Dial-A-Lift Administration & Operations, Van Operator, Vanpool Program Services, Customer Service, and Village Vans Divisions. Agency-wide, the Director coordinates service delivery with other Departments, and formulates and implements agency goals consistent with the mission of Intercity Transit. The Office of the Director plays a key role in the administration of the bargaining agreement between ATU and Intercity Transit and in maintaining a positive working relationship with union leaders and represented employees.

#### **Transportation Division**

The Transportation Division is supported by a Fixed Route manager, Operations supervisors, Operations scheduling coordinators, and Operations trainers. The primary function of the Division is to effectively meet 100% of Intercity Transit service commitments 362 days a year. Services provided by the Division include the operation of all Fixed Route services and special event services. Transportation also provides support services to other Departments within the Agency in the form of staff training, staff assistance, and assistance with special projects.

#### **Coach Operator Division**

The Coach Operator Division consists of over 270 coach and extra board operators who provide Fixed Route service to customers.

#### **Dial-A-Lift Administration & Operations Division**

The Dial-A-Lift Administration & Operations Division includes staff members who support the activities of the Dial-A-Lift program. The primary function of the Division is to deliver quality specialized transportation service to the riding public within the legal parameters established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Division also works closely with other agencies to develop and implement demonstration projects. The Dial-A-Lift Administration & Operations Division provides guidance to the Agency on the potential ramifications of decisions as they relate to the ADA and acts as a liaison between the local special needs community and the agency through such mediums as public forums.

#### Van Operator Division

The Van Operator Division consists of over 50 van operators who provide Dial-A-Lift service to customers.

#### **Vanpool Services Division**

The Vanpool Services Division administers, manages, and coordinates Intercity Transit's vanpool program, providing vanpool vehicles for approximately 150 groups of commuters who have at least one end of their commute in Thurston County. The Division provides day-to-day support to vanpool participants; to include recruitment and retention of participants, and training volunteer coordinators, drivers, and bookkeepers. WSTIP Vanpool Risk Management program is maintained, providing driver training and refresher training. A regional ride-matching service for commuters seeking carpools or vanpools is also administered by this Division, as well as the Community Van and Surplus Van grant programs, providing transportation solutions for nonprofit organizations and community groups.

#### **Customer Service Division**

The Customer Service Division, located at the Olympia Transit Center, provides public information about transit services. Other functions include Greyhound ticket sales, schedule and brochure delivery, maintenance of lost and found items, and field trip planning.

#### **Village Vans Division**

The Village Van Division provides transportation for low-income individuals encountering transportation barriers related to sustaining or gaining employment within our service area. This volunteer-based program provides job shadowing for volunteer drivers who are interested in a variety of careers. The volunteer opportunity also provides support from Village Vans staff in job application processes, cover letter and resume writing and interviews. Intercity Transit employs staff for ongoing development and operation of the program. The Village Vans Division is funded by grants, in collaboration with local funding, uniting with social service agencies to assist volunteers working towards economic independence.

### **Draft 2025 Budget - Operating Expenditres as of 10/1/2024**

| <b>Project Type</b> | Item   | FY2025       |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Proposed New</b> | ADOPS Audio/Visual Redesign                  | \$150,000    |
| Projects            | Dial-A-Lift (DAL) Van Replacement            | \$3,707,856  |
|                     | Lacey Intersec Smart Sensors                 | \$2,000,000  |
|                     | Non-Revenue Vehicles & Equipment             | \$1,596,931  |
|                     | RidePro Employer Statement Module            | \$37,658     |
|                     | Vanpool Replacement Vehicles                 | \$840,480    |
|                     | Vehicle Replacement Contigency               | \$262,135    |
|                     | Total  | \$8,595,060  |
| Rollover Project    | Agency ERP SW System                         | \$7,000,000  |
|                     | Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Design       | \$650,000    |
|                     | Alternative Technology Project Management    | \$350,000    |
|                     | Amtrak Restroom Remodel                      | \$250,000    |
|                     | Amtrak Site Stormwater Swale Restoration     | \$85,000     |
|                     | Amtrak Staff Room Improvements               | \$12,000     |
|                     | BRT & Corridor Capital Program               | \$5,708,000  |
|                     | Building Condition Assessment                | \$200,000    |
|                     | Bus Stop Facility Improvements               | \$2,282,438  |
|                     | Cascade-WNR Bicycle Program                  | \$124,800    |
|                     | Centennial Amtrak Station Security System    | \$10,000     |
|                     | Core Infrastructure & Communications         | \$385,000    |
|                     | Driver Barriers/HVAC system                  | \$1,200,000  |
|                     | EOC Communications                           | \$65,000     |
|                     | ERP Research and Review (Consultant)         | \$350,000    |
|                     | Facilities Maintenance Management System     | \$50,000     |
|                     | Facility Capital Equipmt & Improvmts         | \$430,000    |
|                     | Hydrogen Demonstration Project               | \$6,098,261  |
|                     | Hydrogen Pilot Project                       | \$8,572,174  |
|                     | LTC Restroom Remodel                         | \$850,000    |
|                     | LTC Stormwater Repair & Improvmts            | \$600,000    |
|                     | Maintenance Shop Equipment                   | \$3,056,030  |
|                     | NE Lacey Operation Terminal Fac (Roundabout) | \$945,653    |
|                     | Offsite parking                              | \$75,000     |
|                     | Pattison Furn, Fixtures, Equipmt & Tech      | \$2,495,787  |
|                     | Pattison Rehab & Expansion                   | \$19,739,390 |
|                     | Smart Corridor                               | \$1,422,465  |

| Rollover Project | Strategic Comm/Community Engagement            | \$250,000            |
|------------------|--|----------------------|
| Konover i roject | Traffic Engineering Services                   | \$47,000             |
|                  | Transit Center & Core Customer Info Navigation | \$2,000,000          |
|                  | Transit Signal Priority (TSP)                  | \$325,000            |
|                  | Translation Services                           | \$20,000             |
|                  | UST Large Vault Repair                         | \$15,000<br>\$15,000 |
|                  | Vehicle Telematics                             | \$300,000            |
|                  | Website enhancements                           | \$90,000             |
|                  | Total  | \$66,053,998         |
| Operational      | Admin Serv/Finance - Operating Expenses        | \$108,650            |
| Expenses         | Admin Serv/Finance - Training                  | \$30,000             |
| ZAPCIISCS        | Admin Serv/HR - Operating Expenses             | \$131,000            |
|                  | Admin Serv/HR - Training                       | \$70,000             |
|                  | Admin Serv/IS - Training                       | \$71,500             |
|                  | Admin Serv/Safety - Operating expenses         | \$1,550              |
|                  | Admin Serv/Safety - Training                   | \$13,000             |
|                  | Agency Wellness Activities                     | \$10,500             |
|                  | Agency-Wide Safety Compliance and Training     | <br>\$18,850         |
|                  | Amtrak Background Checks                       | \$150                |
|                  | Amtrak Operational Expenses                    | <br>\$120,400        |
|                  | Amtrak parking lot maint service               | \$5,000              |
|                  | Amtrak property taxes/insurance                | \$3,500              |
|                  | Annual Authority Planning Session              | <br>\$11,500         |
|                  | Annual Recognition Banquet                     | \$23,500             |
|                  | Annual State/Federal Audits                    | \$82,000             |
|                  | Bicycle Community Challenge                    | \$24,500             |
|                  | Buildings/Grounds Maintenance                  | \$822,000            |
|                  | CAC/Authority Support                          | \$11,875             |
|                  | Catch Basin Cleaning Contract                  | \$40,000             |
|                  | Central Supplies                               | \$87,100             |
|                  | Cloud Subscriptions                            | \$1,586,000          |
|                  | Credit Card Processing Fees                    | \$15,000             |
|                  | Custodial Services                             | \$610,000            |
|                  | Cut Commute Committee                          | \$65,000             |
|                  | Cybersecurity                                  | \$75,000             |
|                  | Development/Dev - Operating Expenses           | \$4,000              |
|                  | Development/Dev- Training                      | \$13,500             |
|                  | Development/Planning - Training                | \$20,000             |

| Operational | Development/Procurement - Operating Expenses  | \$5,150              |
|-------------|---|----------------------|
| Expenses    | Development/Procurement - Training            | \$43,500             |
| Lxpelises   | Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)           | \$43,500<br>\$17,500 |
|             | Drug & Alcohol Program                        | \$36,500             |
|             | Elevator Maintenance Contract                 | \$22,000             |
|             | Emergency Management                          | \$2,000              |
|             | Employee Medical Programs                     | \$2,000              |
|             | Employee/Volunteer Recognition                | \$29,000             |
|             |   | _                    |
|             | Equipment Rental (agency)                     | \$86,000             |
|             | Executive - Operating Expenses                | \$10,500             |
|             | Executive - Training                          | \$30,000             |
|             | Executive/Marketing - Training                | \$25,000             |
|             | General Agency Insurance                      | \$2,286,854          |
|             | General Wage Adjustment                       | \$500,000            |
|             | IS Communication Infrastructure               | \$213,000            |
|             | IS Enterprise Application Support             | \$114,000            |
|             | IS Infrastructure and Operations              | \$382,000            |
|             | IT Local Roadeo                               | \$15,000             |
|             | ITA/CAC Training & Development                | \$15,850             |
|             | Landscaping Services                          | \$250,000            |
|             | Legal Notices                                 | \$2,000              |
|             | Legal Services                                | \$110,000            |
|             | Maint seasonal temp help                      | \$49,000             |
|             | Maintain Coaches operating expenses           | \$8,660,500          |
|             | Maintain DAL vans operating expenses          | \$1,262,800          |
|             | Maintain Staff Vehicles operating expenses    | \$190,600            |
|             | Maintain VP operating expenses                | \$1,207,500          |
|             | Maintain VV operating exp                     | \$15,200             |
|             | Maintenance/Facilities - Training             | \$30,000             |
|             | Maintenance/Maint Admin - Operating Expenses  | \$2,350              |
|             | Maintenance/Maint Admin - Training            | \$27,000             |
|             | Maintenance/Vehicle Maint - Training          | \$125,000            |
|             | Marketing Support for Agency Services         | \$311,500            |
|             | Marketing/WalknRoll- Training                 | \$14,000             |
|             | Membership Dues                               | \$145,000            |
|             | Operations/Customer Serv - Operating Expenses | \$14,450             |
|             | Operations/Customer Serv - Training           | \$12,000             |
|             | Operations/DAL - Operating Expenses           | \$4,000              |

|          | WalknRoll Education Programs  Total            | \$60,350<br><b>\$86,741,00</b> 0 |
|----------|--|----------------------------------|
|          | Vehicle Fleet Support                          | \$549,750                        |
|          | Vanpool Incentive Program                      | \$16,500                         |
|          | Utilities                                      | \$591,000                        |
|          | Tuition - Non Represented                      | \$2,700                          |
|          | Tuition - IAM                                  | \$2,000                          |
|          | Tuition - ATU                                  | \$5,000                          |
|          | Transit Appreciation Day/Recognition           | \$35,000                         |
|          | System Planning and Analysis                   | \$200,000                        |
|          | State & Fed Advocacy Services                  | \$154,000                        |
|          | Service and Community                          | \$5,000                          |
|          | Security Contract                              | \$1,046,183                      |
|          | Salaries/Wages & Benefits                      | \$63,064,188                     |
|          | Safety/Accident Mitigation                     | \$10,000                         |
|          | Regulatory Reporting Requirements              | \$50,000                         |
|          | Recruitment & Selection                        | \$89,500                         |
|          | Planning Operating Expenses                    | \$5,000                          |
|          | Pension Committee                              | \$10,000                         |
|          | Parking Lot Maint Services                     | \$5,000                          |
|          | Organizational Development                     | \$90,500                         |
|          | Operator/Supervisor uniforms                   | \$225,000                        |
|          | Operations/VV - Training                       | \$4,500                          |
|          | Operations/VV - Operating Expenses             | \$4,000                          |
|          | Operations/VP - Training                       | \$21,500                         |
|          | Operations/VP - Operating Expenses             | \$14,250                         |
|          | Operations/Transportation - Training           | \$57,750                         |
|          | Operations/Transportation - Operating Expenses | \$14,200                         |
|          | Operations/Operations - Training               | \$10,700                         |
| Expenses | Operations/Operations - Operating Expenses     | \$6,600                          |

# **Staffing by Department & Division**

| Finance Division                                    |  |
|---|--|
| Deputy Director -Chief Financial Officer            |  |
| Finance Manager                                     |  |
| Finance Supervisor                                  |  |
| Lead Payroll Specialist                             |  |
| Accounting Specialists                              |  |
| Subtotal - Finance Division                         |  |
| Human Resources Division                            |  |
| Administrative Services Director                    |  |
| Deputy Director -Human Resources                    |  |
| Human Resources Administrative Assistant            |  |
| Senior Human Resources Analyst                      |  |
| Human Resources Analyst                             |  |
| Human Resources Specialist                          |  |
| Subtotal - Human Resources Division                 |  |
| Information Services Division                       |  |
| Deputy Director - Chief Information Officer         |  |
| Information Services Manager                        |  |
| Information Services Senior Technician              |  |
| Information Services Technician                     |  |
| Information Services Help Desk Technician           |  |
| Information Services Senior Database Developer      |  |
| Information Services Database Developer             |  |
| Information Services Senior Network Systems Analyst |  |
| Information Services Network Systems Analyst        |  |
| Information Services Cybersecurity Program Manager  |  |
| Information Services Cybersecurity Analyst          |  |
| Information Services Senior Web Developer           |  |
| Subtotal - Information Services Division            |  |
| Safety Division                                     |  |
| Chief Safety Officer                                |  |
| Senior Training & Safety Coordinator                |  |
| Training & Safety Coorinator                        |  |
| Subtotal - Safety Division                          |  |

| Executive Division                               |   |
|--|---|
| General Manager                                  |   |
| Deputy General Manager                           |   |
| Environmental Sustainability Manager             |   |
| Executive Assistants                             |   |
| Subtotal - Executive division                    |   |
| al Executive Department                          | 5 |
| velopment Department                             |   |
| Development Division                             |   |
| Development Director                             |   |
| Administrative Assistant                         |   |
| Grants Program Manager                           |   |
| Subtotal - Development Division                  |   |
| Planning Division                                |   |
| Deputy Director Planning Manager                 |   |
| Senior Planner                                   |   |
| Associate Planner                                |   |
| Senior Planning Scheduler                        |   |
| Planning Scheduler                               |   |
| Subtotal - Planning Division                     |   |
| Procurement Division                             |   |
| Deputy Director - Procurement & Capital Projects |   |
| Procurement & Capital Projects Manager           |   |
| Construction Project Coordinator                 |   |
| Senior Procurement & Project Coordinator         |   |
| Procurement/Project Mgmnt Coordinator            |   |
| Inventory Supervisor                             |   |
| Lead Inventory Specialists                       |   |
| Inventory Specialists                            |   |
| Subtotal - Procurement Division                  |   |

| Marketing Division                           |    |
|--|----|
| Marketing, Communications & Outreach Manager |    |
| Senior Mktg Communicatios Coordinator        |    |
| Marketing & Communications Coordinator       |    |
| Marketing & Communication Representative     |    |
| WalkNRoll Program Supervisor                 |    |
| WalkNRoll Program Representative             |    |
| WalkNRoll Program Assistant                  |    |
| Bicycle Commuter Challenge Coordinator       | 0  |
| Subtotal - Marketing Division                | 10 |
| al Davida was at Davidus and                 | 22 |
| al Development Department                    | 32 |
| nintenance Department                        |    |
| Maintenance Administration                   |    |
| Director of Fleet & Facilities               |    |
| Facilities Manager                           |    |
| Fleet Manager                                |    |
| Maintenance Supervisors (Fleet)              |    |
| Senior Training & Safety Coordinator         |    |
| Maintenance Analyst                          |    |
| Facilities Specialist Supervisor             |    |
| Facilities Analyst                           |    |
| Maintenance Admin Assistant                  |    |
| Subtotal - Maintenance Admin Division        | :  |
| Facilities Maintenance Division              |    |
| Lead Facilities Specialists                  |    |
| Facilities Specialists                       |    |
| Facilities Technicians I                     |    |
| Facilities Technicians II                    |    |
| Facilities Technicians III                   |    |
| Subtotal - Facilities Division               |    |
| Fleet (Vehicle Maintenance) Division         |    |
| Vehicle Detailers                            |    |
| Service Workers                              |    |
| Support Specialists                          | •  |
| Technicians                                  |    |
| Subtotal - Vehicle Maintenance Division      |    |
|  |    |
| al Maintenance Department                    |    |

| Operations Division                                |  |
|--|--|
| Operations Director                                |  |
| Deputy Director - Operations                       |  |
| Operations Assistant                               |  |
| Subtotal - Operations                              |  |
| Transportation Division                            |  |
| Fixed Route Manager                                |  |
| Transportation Supervisors                         |  |
| Senior Scheduling Coordinator                      |  |
| Service Impact Supervisor                          |  |
| Scheduling Coordinators                            |  |
| Operations Trainers                                |  |
| Subtotal - Transportation Division                 |  |
| Dial-A-Lift Admin & Operations Division            |  |
| DAL Dispatch Specialists                           |  |
| DAL Travel Training Coordinators                   |  |
| DAL Supervisor                                     |  |
| DAL Manager  |  |
| Subtotal - Dial-A-Lift Admin & Operations Division |  |
| Coach Operators Division                           |  |
| Coach Operators                                    |  |
| Subtotal - Coach Operators Division                |  |
|  |  |
| DAL Operators Division                             |  |
|  |  |

| Vanpool Division                      |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Vanpool Manager                       | 1           |
| Vanpool Coordinator                   | 1           |
| Senior Vanpool Coordinators           | 4           |
| Subtotal - Vanpool Division           | 6           |
| Village Vans Division                 |             |
| Village Vans Supervisor               | 1           |
| Village Vans Coordinator              | 2           |
| Subtotal - Village Vans Division      | 3           |
| Customer Services Division            |             |
| Customer Service Manager              | 1           |
| Customer Service Supervisor           | 2           |
| Customer Service Representatives      | 9           |
| Subtotal - Customer Services Division | 12          |
| Total Operations Department           | 394         |
| Agency To                             | otals 546.5 |
|                                       |             |

#### INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM NO. 3-B MEETING DATE: October 2, 2024

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Rob LaFontaine, Planning Deputy Director, 360-705-5832

SUBJECT: January 2025 Service Change Equity Analysis, Set Public Hearing

- 1) The Issue: Establish a public hearing and corresponding comment period for three planned changes to bus service anticipated to take effect in January 2025.
- **2)** Recommended Action: Authorize a public hearing on the 'January 2025 Major Service Change Summary and Draft Equity Analysis' for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 5:30 PM.
- **Policy Analysis:** In accordance with our updated 2024 2027 Title VI Program, major changes in bus service require formal adoption of a written equity analysis; a publication intended to identify adverse impacts from proposed changes in bus service and any proportionate disparity to minority and low-income populations. The adoption process for the Analysis includes a public comment period, review and consideration from Intercity Transit's Community Advisory Committee, and a public hearing with the Intercity Transit Authority Board.
- **4) Background:** The growth of available Operators by late 2024 is projected to provide sufficient resources to support an approximate increase of 15,000 annual hours in fixed route bus service. Correlating with the incoming Operators is a proposal to augment existing service levels by improving frequency on two existing routes (#42 and #67), as well as introduce a new fixed route intended to operate in the vicinity of the Washington State Capitol Campus. Each of the elements of the proposed change in service are consistent with Intercity Transit's 2018 Long-Range Plan. By Intercity Transit policy, a proposal to increase the volume of service on an existing route more than fifty percent, or the introduction of a new fixed route to a geographic area are considered major changes to the existing service and require an elevated process to analyze and publish the demographic impact of the changes prior to being implemented by staff.
- **Alternatives:** Decline staff's request to schedule a public hearing or defer the tentative public hearing date and time to a different period.
- **Budget Notes:** A decision to schedule and hold a public hearing on October 16, 2024, does not result in a significant impact to budgeted expenses for FY2024. If

the proposed changes in service are implemented in January 2025, they are estimated to increase annual fixed route service hours by 15,000, or 5%. This increase to operating expenses is reflected in the draft 2025 Annual Budget.

- 7) Goal Reference: Goal #1: "Assess the transportation needs of our community throughout the Public Transportation Benefit Area." Goal #2: "Provide outstanding customer service." Goal #4: "Provide responsive transportation options within financial and staffing limitations." Goal #6: "Encourage use of our services, reduce barriers and increase ridership." Goal #7: "Build partnerships to identify and implement innovative solutions that address mobility needs, access and equity as a service provider and as an employer."
- 8) References: Intercity Transit's 2018 Long-Range Plan; Intercity Transit's 2024-2027 Title VI Program

#### Minutes INTERCITY TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 19, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the hybrid August 19, 2024, meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Eliane Wilson; Clair Bourgeois; David Payton; Garrett Fuelling; Harrison Ashby; JoAnn Scott; John-Paul Fox Seidel; Marilyn Scott; Nicole Smit; Rachel Wilson; and Ursula Euler.

**Absent:** Vice Chair Ty Flint; Betty Hauser; Doug Riddels; Lloyd Peterson; Rachel Weber; and Trina Primm.

**Staff Present:** Amanda Collins; Emily Bergkamp; Andrew Scarborough; Peter Stackpole; and Zach Heinemeyer.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/A by CLAIR BOURGEOIS and JOANN SCOTT

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Wilson introduced Authority member, Clark Gilman, as the ITA representative attending the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/A by JOANN SCOTT and CLAIR BOURGEOIS

#### **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

- A. August 21, 2024, ITA Meeting Rachel Weber
- B. September 4, 2024, ITA Meeting Rachel Wilson
- C. September 18, 2024, ITA Meeting All
- D. October 2, 2024, ITA Meeting Need Volunteer

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Hazard Mitigation Plan** – (*Zach Heinemeyer*)

Zach Heinemeyer serves as a Training and Safety Coordinator for Intercity Transit. He provided an overview of the agency's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and its role in emergency preparedness.

Heinemeyer introduced the concept of Hazard Mitigation Planning, which is a proactive long-term plan developed to reduce the impact of disasters before they occur. Planning for hazard mitigation is a collaborative effort involving state, tribal, and local leaders to understand risks from natural hazards and prepare effective strategies to mitigate them.

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Intercity Transit's HMP helps ensure community safety and sustainability in the future. Additionally, Heinemeyer discussed the importance of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The HMP helps increase awareness of hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities. Then, actions are identified to reduce risks, allocate resources effectively, and prioritize communication with state and federal officials. Ultimately, promoting awareness of hazard risks within the community.

Heinemeyer shared that Intercity Transit's commitment to emergency management is outlined in its Strategic Plan and Thurston County's Emergency Management Plan. Intercity Transit's goals three and eight both support the development and implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Goal three states: "Maintain a safe and secure operating system." and Goal eight states: "Integrate resiliency into all agency decisions to anticipate, plan and adapt given the critical functions of transit operations." Intercity Transit is listed under three emergency support functions (ESFs) in Thurston County:

- **ESF 1** (Transportation): Provides windshield damage assessments and transport during emergencies.
- **ESF 6** (Emergency Assistance, Housing, Human Services): Assists with transporting special populations to shelters.
- **ESF 15** (External Affairs): Supports public communication and cohesive messaging during emergencies.

The HMP outlines six proposed mitigation initiatives in order of priority, these initiatives are potential projects to pursue with appropriate funding, but adopting the plan does not guarantee their implementation. Heinemeyer noted that adoption of the plan makes Intercity Transit eligible to receive mitigation funds that could be applied for and utilized towards these initiatives.

- 1. Updating the **Emergency Operations Plan** and developing a **Continuity of Operations Plan**
- 2. Providing **emergency preparedness training** for employees.
- 3. Investigating the feasibility of a **mobile command center**.
- 4. Exploring alternate power sources for the Olympia Transit Center.
- 5. Evaluating and prioritizing **nonstructural seismic retrofits** for the maintenance building.
- 6. Assessing structural seismic retrofit options for the same building.

Heinemeyer then reviewed the overall timeline by outlining steps taken so far and future stages in the submission and approval process. The steps completed so far are in preparation to submit the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to Washington State and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

- **Stage 1 Complete**: Forming the planning team and drafting the HMP.
- **Stage 2 Complete**: Pre-review by Thurston County Emergency Management to minimize potential revisions from the state or FEMA.
- **Stage 3 Complete**: Internal review by the marketing team.
- Stage 4 Complete: Public comment period (July 29 August 12).
- **Stage 5**: Presenting the plan to the CAC (currently in progress).
- **Upcoming stages**: Submitting the HMP for review by Thurston County and Washington State Emergency Management, followed by submission to FEMA.
- **Final stage:** Ongoing monitoring and revisions to the plan, with a review set for 2029.

Heinemeyer concluded the presentation by inviting questions from the audience and explaining that hazard mitigation is an evolving process that will require constant review as

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community needs change. The approval of the plan will help ensure the safety, resilience, and preparedness of our transit system in the face of potential hazards.

Rachel Wilson asked about the initial feedback we received from Thurston County's Emergency Response Team.

Heinemeyer replied that the feedback was minimal but important. Thurston County recommended adding specific verbiage, based on FEMA's suggestion, to explicitly state that the proposed mitigation initiatives would be pursued once the plan was approved. Although this seemed implied, FEMA will want clear language confirming this commitment.

Ursula Euler asked Heinemeyer to give an example of how collaboration between jurisdictions and Intercity Transit would work in creating a hazard mitigation plan, and if he had specific emergencies in mind?

Heinemeyer responded that plan creation involves multiple factors. Thurston County conducts a hazard risk assessment to identify the biggest risks, such as floods, earthquakes, volcanic lahars, and tsunamis. Additionally, the county's hazard mitigation plan includes goals set collaboratively by stakeholders and community partners. The mitigation initiatives are developed to align with these goals while addressing the most significant risks in the area. This collaborative process ensures all parties work toward reducing those risks.

#### **B. CAC Self-Assessment** – (*Emily Bergkamp*)

Bergkamp reviewed the 2024 CAC self-assessment, which is an annual process where the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) evaluates its effectiveness. Typically conducted in spring, this year's assessment was delayed until summer. The assessment is a valuable tool for CAC members to provide feedback on how well they feel the committee is serving the community and if there are any changes or new topics they would like staff to address.

Due to disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, assessments were paused in 2020, and remote-only meetings led to lower attendance. After transitioning to hybrid meetings last year, a post-COVID survey was conducted. Now, the meeting schedule is more established, and attendance has increased.

The survey is distributed via SurveyMonkey, and all members are encouraged to participate to reach the goal of 100% participation. The survey link will be sent out on August 20th, and responses are due by September 6th. The results will be compiled and shared with both the ITA and CAC at their upcoming joint meeting.

Bergkamp noted that the action item for tonight is for CAC members to complete the survey by the deadline. Staff will email the survey link, and any concerns about the timeline can be addressed.

Bergkamp invited questions from the committee.

Rachel Wilson applauded the effort for committee members to reflect on their performance and asked if there will be an opportunity for Intercity Transit staff to provide their perspectives on the committee's performance, including constructive criticism, during the self-assessment process?

Bergkamp replied While this isn't typically part of the process, a conversation with staff about their feedback can be arranged. The survey is designed to assess the CAC's purpose, but staff can come prepared to share information at the joint meeting.

Amanda Collins, Staff Liaison, added that the CAC handbook and documentation will also be shared with the survey link to help members reflect on the committee's goals and purpose.

#### **CONSUMER ISSUES**

Clair Bourgeois stated that she has been talking to several people on the bus and many folks are wanting to know about the upcoming service change and specifically if route 68 could be shortened because it is a lengthy route.

Bergkamp announced that upcoming service changes will take effect on Sunday, September 8th. The marketing team is preparing to release updates through Rider News, social media, and changes to the route pages on the website. Intercity Transit will return to 100% pre-pandemic service levels, with late-night service restored on routes 12, 13, 41, Nightline, 62A, 62B, 65, and 66. This has been well-received by business owners and Evergreen College students. Additionally, "The One" express service, running from the Martin Way Park and Ride to the Capitol Mall, is operational. Funded by the State of Washington, "The One" serves as a pilot project to gather data for a potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. Staff are confident that stable staffing will allow for safe expansion in the future, and adjustments to "The One" will be made to meet current commuter needs.

Bergkamp mentioned that a major service change is planned for September 2025 to fulfill commitments from Intercity Transit's 2018 long-range plan. Although Planning Deputy Director Rob LaFontaine has presented several concepts for service enhancements, nothing has been finalized yet. The next year will involve extensive public engagement to gather feedback on these potential changes.

Bourgeois also commented that she noticed route 68 does not mention transfer of The One, but mentions all other routes transfers

Bergkamp responded that she will send a message to the planning department.

JoAnn Scott asked if The One is only on weekdays.

Bergkamp clarified that "The One" express service now operates on weekends but starts after 11 a.m., which is inconvenient for those wanting to reach downtown early. She speculated that the issue could be related to frequency, as the route requires multiple buses on Martin Way. This can lead to "leap-frogging," where too many buses at the same stops interfere with each other, as "The One" route gets priority. Bergkamp plans to follow up with Rob LaFontaine, the Planning Deputy Director, to address the issue.

Clair Bourgeois asked if the bus route from Olympia to Tacoma Mall was being brought back.

Bergkamp shared that since the pandemic, Intercity Transit has focused on connecting people to other regional transit systems, such as Pierce Transit and Sound Transit, via the 512 Park & Ride and Lakewood Station. Additionally, Intercity Transit is pursuing grant opportunities to

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increase service between Lacey and JBLM. Enhancing the frequency of Route 620 and expanding service to JBLM will improve connections to Pierce County.

Eliane Wilson asked about late-night service and if frequency is increasing.

Bergkamp shared that we are increasing the span of service to 11pm, but frequency will remain the same.

JoAnn inquired about people camping near bus stops and who she should call.

Bergkamp responded that concerns about bus stops should be reported to Customer Service. In such cases, Operations Supervisors will visit the locations to address the issues, although this can sometimes be challenging. Intercity Transit also collaborates with local jurisdictions based on the bus stop's location. Bergkamp noted that Intercity Transit has had positive outcomes working with the City of Olympia's Homelessness Response Team.

Clair Bourgeois provided a positive comment about folks receiving DAL service. Clients are very pleased with the eligibility process.

Bergkamp commented that the Dial-a-Lift team is being more consistent with their eligibility process and that she will make sure the team hears this feedback.

Marilyn Scott discussed a situation affecting a local senior-living complex where DAL drivers are not going up to client's doors and may be showing up in a wrong spot due to unclear navigation. Scott is concerned that drivers are just calling folks and possibly leaving without making contact with clients.

Bergkamp collected the name of the apartment complex and will have DAL staff follow up with the property manager to figure out a solution and communicate this with DAL drivers. She shared that some options could include a designated pickup zone, like those that are utilized at grocery stores and colleges.

Scott stated that there are other possible solutions such as better marking the buildings because she noted that other delivery services also have a difficult time finding the correct address. Scott also requested if a pickup zone is established that there be adequate seating for those who are waiting for their ride.

No further consumer issues.

#### **REPORTS**

- **July 17, 2024, ITA Report** Ursula Euler reported on the ITA meeting, highlighting the following:
  - Public Hearings: Two hearings were held for the Transit Development Plan and Title VI Program. No in-person testimony, but written comments received included requests for expanded services, routes, schedules, and concerns about the Martin Way Roundabout.
  - Vanpool Program: The incentive policy was discussed and modified following staff recommendations.
  - o **Property Acquisition:** Approved purchase of a \$240,000 property for a 7,200-square-foot parking lot adjacent to the Olympia Transit Center.

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- Vehicle Replacement: Approval was sought for replacing Vanpool Vehicles with hybrid Toyota Sienna and Camry models. Euler also shared her concern about supply chain issues leading to decreased price competition.
- o **Janitorial Services:** Contract for janitorial services approved.
- **CAC Selection:** ITA members were appointed to serve on the ad hoc committee and select new CAC members.
- Late Evening Service: ITA member Justin Belk agreed with the CAC's call for late night service. He highlighted the need for late evening bus service to support downtown Olympia residents and workers.
- **August 7, 2024, ITA Report -** Eliane Wilson attended the meeting and reported the following meeting highlights:
  - o **Bus Stop Improvements:** Presentation on enhancements and designs for challenging bus stop locations.
  - o **Mobile Lift:** Approved the purchase of a mobile lift for temporary use in the interim maintenance facility.
  - o **Annual Report:** Received a brief on the 2023 Annual Report and 2024-2029 Transit Development Plan, which will be submitted to WSDOT.
  - Title VI Program: Final adoption of the Title VI Program, to be submitted to the FTA.
  - o **Joint Meeting:** Decision to host the CAC for a joint meeting on September 18th.
- General Manager's Report Bergkamp provided the General Manager's report including:
   2025 Budget Preparations

Intercity Transit's Chief Financial Officer, Jana Brown, is currently guiding the agency through its annual budget preparation. Bergkamp notes that we are incredibly lucky to have Jana at the helm of our 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 the City of Poulsbo. Since she started, she's been working tirelessly to help us mature in our budgeting and financial practices.

At the end of July, Jana hosted a 2025 budget kickoff meeting with department leaders. Department budgets are due by August 20 for first internal review. After that, 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. Bergkamp stressed that the timeline is very important because an ITA resolution must be approved by December to spend funds starting on Jan. 1, 2025. Intercity Transit's annual budget is also an important tool that ensures we meet 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.

#### State Roadeo

IT's State Roadeo competitors did an amazing job representing Intercity Transit in both the driving and maintenance competitions this past weekend. Bergkamp shared her gratitude for the hard work and dedication they led with to compete on behalf for the agency. She also commended the coordination and planning efforts of the State Roadeo Planning Committee, which includes Intercity Transit's own Service Impacts Supervisor

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David Dudek, Operations Supervisor Bill Miller and his wife Shanika as committee members.

Bergkamp congratulated the following competitors on their accomplishments and for representing Intercity Transit:

- 2nd Place Overall Maintenance Competition: Richelle Loken, Sean Malay, & Jonathan Reynolds
- o 2nd Place 35-foot Coach Competition: Fred "Uncle Freddie" Sombrano in his very first State Roadeo appearance!
- o 2nd Place Body on Chassis Competition: Dan Savage
- o 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 Directory 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 commemorated that while Intercity Transit was the runner up for State Grand Champion this year, it had held the title for 7 years straight. Kitsap Transit won the 2024 Grand Champion – and she congratulated them on their outstanding achievement. Sharing the opportunity to hold the Grand Champion title with other transits only showcases how Intercity Transit shares its 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.

#### o Triennial Review Final Report - No Deficiencies

Subsequent to the site visit and prior to the issuance of the final 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.

#### o Annual Audit by the State Auditor's Office (SAO) underway

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.

#### NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2024, at the Intercity Transit Administrative Offices

- ADJOURNMENT at 6:44 pm.

#### TRPC Members & Representatives

City of Lacey Robin Vazquez

City of Olympia
Dani Madrone

City of Rainier
Dennis McVev

City of Tenino John O'Callahan

City of Tumwater Eileen Swarthout

City of Yelm Joe DePinto

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Amy Loudermilk

Nisqually Indian Tribe
David Iyall

**Town of Bucoda** *Miriam Gordon* 

Thurston County Carolina Mejia

**Tumwater School District** *Mel Murray* 

North Thurston Public Schools

Esperanza Badillo-Diiorio

Olympia School District Hilary Seidel

Intercity Transit
Debbie Sullivan

**LOTT Clean Water Alliance** *Carolyn Cox* 

**Port of Olympia** *Amy Evans Harding* 

PUD No. 1 of Thurston County Chris Stearns

#### Associate Members

Economic Development Council of Thurston County Michael Cade

Lacey Fire District #3
Liberty Hetzler

Puget Sound Regional Council Josh Brown

The Evergreen State College William Ward

Timberland Regional Library Cheryl Heywood

**Thurston Conservation District**David Iyall



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#### PRE-AGENDA 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 4, 2024

NOTE: In-person meeting with a remote option.

The TRPC pre-agenda provides our members the opportunity to review the topics of the upcoming TRPC meeting. This information is forwarded in advance to afford your councils and boards the opportunity for discussion at your regular meetings. This will provide your designated representative with information that can be used for their participation in the Regional Council meeting. For more information, please visit our website at www.trpc.org.

Consent Calendar ACTION

These items were presented at the previous meeting or are routine in nature. They are action items and will remain on consent unless pulled for further discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes (Attachment) September 6, 2024
- b. Approval of Vouchers (Attachment) September 2024
- c. 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Annual Update and Resolution 2024-06 (Attachment)

#### **Congestion Management Process**

1st REVIEW

Staff will provide a 1<sup>st</sup> review of the Congestion Management Process (CMP), a systematic and regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion in the Thurston Region.

Call for Projects 1st REVIEW

Staff will update the Council on the 2024 Federal Transportation grant application proposals. This review serves as the first step in the Council's process of selecting grant awards, with final action expected on December 6, 2024.

#### **Member Assessments: Technology Fee Assessment**

1<sup>st</sup> REVIEW

As directed by Council at its last meeting, staff will present draft bylaw changes and policy for Council's consideration of inkling a Tech Fee as part of member assessments. The Tech Fee would help to manage the fund balance and support the agency's required Information Technology infrastructure.

#### 2025 Legislative Priorities

ACTION

Staff will review the recommendations of the Council/Policy Board Legislative subcommittee on priority issues for the region to take to State Legislators for the 2025 session and ask Council to take action on the recommendations.

Report from Outside Committee Assignments Executive Director's Report Member Check In INFORMATION INFORMATION

**INFORMATION**