

Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of the November 6, 2024, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Conducted a public hearing on the Draft 2025 Budget. *(Jana Brown)*
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a Task Order with Stantec Architecture, Inc. in the amount of \$275,000. *(Jonathan Martin)*
- Declared Operations vehicle 1227, a 2018 Ford Explorer 5-passenger vehicle, as surplus. *(Noelle Gordon)*
- Scheduled a public hearing for the 2025-2030 Draft Strategic Plan for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. *(Emily Bergkamp)*
- Discussed the interview questions to be presented to the Community Representative candidates on November 22, 2024. *(Emily Bergkamp)*

Other Items of Interest:

- David Chaffee introduced **Joshua Yearout, Technician 1**

General Manager's Report:

The agency celebrated Customer Service week, October 21-25, which saluted our dedicated and knowledgeable Customer Service division. Festivities included an open house, Intercity Transit swag giveaways for customers, and a staff potluck.

Bergkamp, Rob Lafontaine Deputy Director of Planning and Drew Goffeney Sr. Planner participated in TRPC's half day transportation leaders visioning meeting on October 23. At the meeting, TRPC shared their High-Capacity Transportation project findings, and a panel of regional transportation providers, including Bergkamp and Goffeney from Intercity Transit, and other professionals from Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, Rural Transit and Amtrak discussed possible future high-capacity options.

Intercity Transit continued the tradition of employees wearing work-appropriate Halloween costumes on October 31. Employees dressed up in a wide variety of amazing costumes, showing our community we can deliver our mission in a way that brings a smile to their face.

Last week, we celebrated Denise Paul's retirement after almost 17 years of service to the community. Paul started her career at Intercity Transit in 2008 as a Coach Operator, before becoming a Customer Service Representative where she worked for the past seven years making sure customers got the most out of our services. In both roles, Paul consistently advocated for her customers and co-workers alike, always putting others' needs before her own. Many of us were aware that she has dealt with significant health challenges over the past few years, making her transition to retirement even more important as she focuses on herself for a change. We will miss Paul's steadfast presence, hard work, and compassion.

On November 8, 14 candidates will be interviewed to fill 6 open positions on the Community Advisory Committee. The combined ITA/CAC ad-hoc committee will complete the interviews and make recommendations to the Authority at the December 4 ITA meeting. Similarly, interviews for Don Melnick's Community Representative position, whose term ends at the end of this year, will take place on Friday, November 22. We all look forward to the outcome of these important recruitments.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board