

REVISED AGENDA

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Board Room – 510 Pattison Street SE, Olympia

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CALL TO ORDER

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

15 min.

~~A. Operator Class 25-01 (Michael Midstokke) - Pulled~~

B. Alejandro Soto, Inventory Supervisor (Katie Cunningham)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1 min.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION #1

30 min.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. State Legislative Review and Update (David Foster & Joanna Grist)

30 min.

B. Winter Bicycle Challenge & BCC May Event Update (Duncan Green)

15 min.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION #2

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5 min.

7. AUTHORITY ISSUES

5 min.

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INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3-A
MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Emily Bergkamp, General Manager, 360-705-5889

SUBJECT: Update on State Advocacy Activity

1) **The Issue:** David Foster and Joanna Grist, our state advocates from Foster Government Relations and Grist Public Affairs, LLC will provide the Authority an update on activities affecting public transportation in the Washington State Legislature.

2) **Recommended Action:** This is an informational item.

3) **Policy Analysis:** Policy EX-0008 “Establishing Organization Relationships” asserts Intercity Transit shall maintain and strengthen relationships with jurisdictions to ensure Intercity Transit takes advantage of the resources made available by, and the experience of, federal, state, and regional transportation agencies. Intercity Transit employs Foster Government Relations and Grist Public Affairs, LLC to assist staff in keeping up to date with Washington State Legislature activities.

4) **Background:** David Foster and Joanna Grist, our state advocates from Foster Government Relations and Grist Public Affairs, LLC will discuss the current issues facing the Washington State Legislature and the Governor’s Office and how they relate to Intercity Transit. They will focus on current and future State funding issues involving the Washington State Department of Transportation, and other State agencies. They will also discuss current and future State policies that have an impact on our ability to partner with state government. In addition, they will briefly address how Intercity Transit can maintain connection with our state legislators.

Intercity Transit has contracted with Foster Government Relations and Grist Public Affairs, LLC since 2016. David Foster and Joanna Grist are our primary contacts with the firms.

5) **Alternatives:** N/A.

6) **Budget Notes:** Intercity Transit’s contract with Foster Government Relations and Grist Public Affairs, LLC is \$48,000 a year.

7) **Goal Reference:** Consistent advocacy with the Washington State Legislature will help achieve all goals of the agency.

8) **References:** N/A.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3-B
MEETING DATE: April 02, 2025

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Duncan Green, Bicycle Community Challenge Representative

SUBJECT: 2025 Winter Bicycle Challenge and BCC Update

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- 1) **The Issue:** Brief the ITA on the results of the 2025 Winter Bicycle Challenge, and progress on the 38th Annual Bicycle Commuter Challenge coming up in May.
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- 2) **Recommended Action:** For information and discussion.
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- 3) **Policy Analysis:** Intercity Transit made encouragement and promotion of transportation options a key part of its mission. This includes non-motorized alternatives like bicycling. The agency took over the administration of the Bicycle Commuter Contest in 2006.
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- 4) **Background:** The Winter Bicycle Challenge (WBC), which runs the full month of February, had good participation again in 2025, despite some seriously wintry weather! This year, 270 people participated in the event. We rode nearly 19,000 miles on a total of 1,787 days, introducing many people to the benefits of bicycling even in winter, and adding to participants' and our community's health and well-being. Forty people won prizes in random drawings held each week during the event.

Preparations are ongoing for the 38th Annual BCC in May, including our kick-off event, the Earth Day Market Ride, on Saturday, April 19 this year, and Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 15. This year's theme for the BCC is "Be a Beacon for Bicycling!"

Bicycling is a significant element in Thurston County, and Intercity Transit's incorporation of bicycling into its trip reduction and alternative commute promotion has been well received. Under the agency's guidance, the program has seen increasing participation, enthusiastic sponsorship, strong event attendance and media attention. The BCC broadened and sustained successful partnerships between Intercity Transit, local jurisdictions, the business community, and the general public as well as generated public goodwill.

This is Intercity Transit's twentieth year administering this countywide event. For the seventeenth consecutive year, Duncan Green is coordinating the BCC and related efforts. He receives assistance from the other members of Intercity Transit's Marketing and Communications staff.

5) **Alternatives:** N/A.

6) **Budget Notes:** The cost of the Bicycle Community Challenge is largely staff time for one position. The annual budget for the BCC is \$25,000.

7) **Goal Reference:** **Goal #2:** *"Provide outstanding customer service."* **Goal #4:** *"Provide responsive transportation options within financial and staffing limitations."*

8) **References:** N/A.