

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of May 21, 2025, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Approved the collective bargaining agreement between Intercity Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1765 (ATU). *(Heather Stafford)*
- Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with Avaap USA, LLC (Avaap), Workday Inc. and Trapeze EAM, for ERP/EAM project implementation and software, for a total combined amount of \$15,567,981, which includes 10% contingency and ten years of software maintenance and support, not including sales tax. *(Jeff Peterson)*
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Sourcewell Contract No. 121223, to purchase Stertil-Koni Vehicle lifts from Stertil-Koni USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,375,300, which includes sales tax and applicable tariff surcharges. *(Noelle Gordon)*
- Declared the following vehicles as surplus: Operations Supervisor Vehicle 1300; Vanpool Vehicle 2616; and Coach Vehicle 405. *(Noelle Gordon)*
- Conducted a Public Hearing on the 2026-2029 Transit Improvement Plan and the 2026-2030 Draft Capital Improvement Plan.

Other Items of Interest:

- Julie DeRuwe introduced **Beau Fahr, Facilities Supervisor** and **Jarod Burke, Facilities Specialist**.
- Alejandro Soto introduced **Kenny Revel, Lead Inventory Specialist**.
- Kevin Karkowski introduced **Jeremy Claussen, DAL Dispatch Specialist**
- Intercity Transit's Legal Counsel, Jeff Myers, provided an update regarding the litigation IT joined challenging the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration's unlawful action imposing new conditions on previously awarded grants without congressional approval.

General Manager's Report:

- The Senior Management Team and Senior Staff members attended a planning session on Friday, May 9, to discuss and prioritize various agency projects in the coming year. This was a helpful exercise to not only ensure all capital projects were accurately reflected in the Draft Capital Improvement Plan, but to identify areas of collaboration and possible support and resources needed. This internal group will meet again in July, with the goal of holding a planning session with ITA members in the fall.
- The South Sound Climate Convention, planned and presented by the Thurston County Climate Action Team, in which Intercity Transit was a sponsor, took place on Saturday, May 17, 2025,

at The Evergreen State College in Purce Hall. Bergkamp was a speaker on a panel session titled “Land Use and Active Transportation: Where We Live and How We Move Matters.” With transportation being one of the largest sources of GHG emissions, panel participants spoke to questions of:

- How does land use drive decisions about how we move in our community?
- What are the ground-level changes necessary for active transportation to work for all of us?
- What will it take to have a transit-supportive community?

Bergkamp joined other community leaders, including current ITA member and Olympia City Councilmember Robert Vanderpool, former ITA member and Lacey City Councilmember Robin Vasquez, former ITA member and Olympia City Councilmember Clark Gilman, and WSDOT Active Transportation Planner Chris Hawkins for a thought-provoking conversation. Special thanks to Development Assistant Fiona Sheehan who attended the conference in a learning capacity, and ensured there were Intercity Transit brochures and outreach information available for all convention attendees.

- Bergkamp, ITA Vice Chair Sue Pierce, Grants Program Manager Jessica Gould and Chief Marketing, Communications, & Outreach Officer Nick Demerice, attended APTA’s annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The Legislative Conference is an opportunity for public transportation industry professionals across the nation to make their presence felt and voices heard in Washington, DC. The Conference helps educate APTA members on important federal legislation and policy initiatives and provides an opportunity to shape the industry’s positions and federal advocacy agenda. The Intercity Transit delegation’s meetings with legislators went very well, including successful visits with Senators Murray and Cantwell along with Congresswomen Glusenkamp-Perez & Strickland. [Dale Learn](#), our federal advocate from Gordon Thomas Honeywell, did a great job as always arranging these visits and providing support throughout our time in DC. In true “transit nerd” fashion, the delegation sampled some of our nation’s finest transit options by riding WMATA’s Metrorail as its main mode of transport during their time in our nation’s capital.
- Operator Class 25-01 graduates May 23 and 18 new Operators will hit the road independently starting Sunday, May 25. Congrats to Jacqueline, Romeo, Richard, Heather, Kelly, Paul, Kevin, Wanda, William, Jean, Tanya, Eryn, Derek, Edwin, David, Andrew, Steve and Matthew on their accomplishment!
- The annual 2024 State of Washington Single Audit is underway, examining Intercity Transit’s internal controls over, and compliance with, federal requirements. The audit also determines whether the state properly accounts for federal funds. Intercity Transit has a long track record of clean audits showcasing the commitment of all staff to ensuring we are good stewards of public resources. The audit is published annually by the Office of Financial Management.