

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of September 17, 2025, ITA/CAC Joint Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Four Seasons Concrete Construction, LLC for the construction of 147 bus stop pads, in the amount of \$2,487,587.61, inclusive of a 5% contingency. *(Rob LaFontaine)*
- Received a presentation from Rob LaFontaine on the May 2026 System Redesign PH 3 Project Timeline.

Other Items of Interest:

- Rob Rinehart introduced **Nick Meyer, Senior Web Developer, and Brian Jones, Network Systems Analyst.**
- David Chaffee introduced **Nathan Foisy, Vehicle Detailer.**
- CAC, ITA and staff recognized and celebrated the achievements of the **2025 State Rodeo Participants.**
- Bergkamp reviewed the 2025 CAC Self-Assessment.
- Bergkamp provided a 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Concept review.

General Manager's Report

Recruitment is underway for new members of our Community Advisory Committee. Applications are due October 3, 2025. An on-line application is available on the CAC page of Intercity Transit's webpage, and printed applications are available upon request for applicants who prefer that method. Candidates selected by the ITA will be interviewed Friday, November 7, and appointments made at the December 3, ITA, meeting.

Routes 600 and 610 took their maiden voyages Sunday, 9/7, as part of the service change to enhance our regional commuter services. The reception has been positive with initial data showing ridership levels slightly above the 620. Route 610, known as the Lacey Connector, receives funding from WSDOT's Regional Mobility Program serving multiple stops seven days a week, including:

- LTC
- HPPR
- Lakewood Sounder Station
- Berkeley St. Near JBLM's Madigan gate
- Stops along Capitol Way in Olympia

Route 600, known as the Lakewood Commuter, provides weekday connections between the OTC and the 512 Park and Ride, with limited stops at connection points including Martin Way Park and Ride and the Lakewood Sounder Station.

Operator Class 25-02 graduated Friday, September 12, and are now out on the road. This group started and ended with 20 students and were well known for their positive outlook and hard-working attitude.

Bergkamp is attending the **Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative's (TCMC) Annual Retreat** Friday, September 19. The retreat serves as a strategic planning session that brings the collaborative together to have discussions on climate mitigation progress and needs, with an emphasis on regional coordination.

New Operator Class 25-03 started their careers with us on Monday, September 15 with 16 students.

We invite the community to hitch a ride with IT to **Tumwater Falls Fest Saturday, 9/27**. You don't need to live near a bus stop to give us a try, simply park at the Department of Revenue at Point Plaza and ride Route 13 for free. And if you're combining your bus ride with a bike ride, or biking all the way, our Walk N Roll team will be providing free bike valet parking.

Week Without Driving starts on Monday, Sept. 29 and ends Sunday, Oct. 5. We encourage you to take the pledge and try riding the bus, walking, or riding your bike instead of driving. For more information and to sign up, visit www.weekwithoutdriving.org.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board*