

Intercity Transit Sustainability Fact Sheet



At Intercity Transit, we believe public transportation is a cornerstone of community vitality, sustainability, and

environmental stewardship. We uphold these qualities through our commitment to sustainable practices, leadership principles, mobility, and accessibility. Sustainability is integral in our daily practices and long-term objectives. We believe sustainability must consider people, planet, and prosperity.

Practicing sustainability at Intercity Transit is a multi-pronged approach that involves a commitment to our Environmental & Sustainability Policy, implementing an Environmental & Sustainability Management System, and supporting the initiatives lead by an active Sustainability Committee. Most importantly, sustainability is successful and effective because it is embraced by Intercity Transit leadership and employees.

Environment & Sustainability Management System

An Environmental & Sustainability Management System (ESMS) is a tool that helps us achieve our economic, environmental, and sustainability goals. It helps us:

- reduce our operation's environmental impact;
- protect our valuable resources;
- ensure our compliance with regulations; and
- encourage process improvements and innovation.

ESMS is a proven business model for effective management, and is designed to meet an international standard (the 14001 standard of the International Organization for Standardization, or ISO). ESMS helps reduce operating costs, avoid or minimize any harm to our environment, and makes Intercity Transit a healthier place to work.

Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Our policy upholds our ongoing commitment to be a leading public steward in environmental and sustainability practices.

We commit to:

- continual improvement
- comply with all environmental laws, regulations, and industry standards
- communicate our policy to employees and those who work on our behalf
- prevent pollution
- incorporate sustainable practices in all areas of our operation
- maintain an Environmental & Sustainability Management System (ESMS)

We focus our ESMS efforts on conserving and protecting valuable resources and minimizing activities, products, and services that could have an adverse impact on the environment.

Goals:

- Reduce the environmental and personal health impacts of the chemicals we use by the inventory and safe storage of chemicals and fluids.
- Reduce the environmental, natural resources, and financial impacts of fuel use through efficient vehicle operation, technology and equipment advances, and use of green fuels.
- Prevent spills and eliminate pollution from entering stormwater runoff by operating a clean environment, managing chemicals, and practicing preventative behaviors.
- Prevent or reduce the environmental and health impacts of spills by practicing preventative behaviors and having plans and materials in place to mitigate damage should a spill occur.





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Sustainability Committee

Our Sustainability Committee provides recommendations and activities that support our internal sustainability efforts. The committee works on programs to reduce waste output, water and energy use, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions from internal operations and employee actions.

Other Earth-Friendly Practices



To help preserve the environment we:

- purchase biodiesel-electric coaches (20 percent of our current bus fleet);
- use biodiesel blend in all buses and vans;
- recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum cans, batteries, tires, fluorescent lamps, and more;
- recycle vehicle byproducts including antifreeze, oil filters, and metals;
- recap tires and reuse motor oil (re-refined off site);
- compost yard, plant, and food waste;
- encourage employees to use green commute options (about 20 percent currently participate);
- have staff bicycles available for work-related travel;
- conserve water by recycling bus wash water and using high-efficiency toilets and low-flow aerators in faucets throughout the agency; and
- conserve energy by participating as a 100 percent partner in Puget Sound Energy's Green Power Program, installing motion-sensor lights in several areas of its facilities, and using solar-powered lights in low-lit sheltered bus stops.

Sustainability Achievements

We have received awards for our sustainability achievements over the years, including:

- 2012 League of American Bicyclist silver-level Bicycle Friendly Business designation
- 2012 American Public Transportation Association "gold" status for our sustainability commitment
- 2012 Olympia Thurston County Chamber of Commerce Green Business of the Year Award
- 2008-2013 Thurston County Green Business Designation
- 2009 Best Mid-size Public Transportation System Award
- 2003 Washington State Department of Ecology Environmental Excellence Award
- 2002 Governor's Commute Smart Award
- 2001 Clean Cities Award

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