

# INTERCITY TRANSIT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

## 1. Intercity Transit Will Protect the Environment

Intercity Transit will act to protect the environment through compliance regulations and practices, and use of materials that do NOT adversely impact the natural environment.

Intercity Transit will fully comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations and industry standards.

Intercity Transit will take corrective action or mitigate negative impacts when actions causing a negative environmental impact occur or are unavoidable.

Intercity Transit will reduce waste, use recyclable materials, and buy materials with recycled content to the maximum extent possible.

Intercity Transit will strive to exceed minimum compliance with environmental regulations by continual improvement of our environmental performance through cost-effective innovation and self-assessment.

Intercity Transit will increase the awareness of environmental issues among employees and the community, and will communicate progress and actions to the Intercity Transit Authority members, elected officials, agency employees, and the general public.

Intercity Transit will develop and document practices to prevent pollution.

## 2. Intercity Transit Will Incorporate Sustainability in All Areas of Operations

Intercity Transit commits to incorporating sustainability in all areas of its operations, including:

- The use of biodiesel or other renewable fuels to minimize the use of fossil fuels and reduce harmful emissions.
- The purchase of vehicles with low emissions and maximum fuel efficiency.
- The incorporation of “green” building practices into future capital projects and/or renovation of existing facilities, with a goal to strive for LEED gold, but in the least LEED silver.
- The consideration of environmental impacts and protection and the reduction of energy usage in the design, construction, and operation of all facilities and services.
- The training of employees on environmental protection and sustainability practices.
- The implementation of a program to minimize waste, to reuse and recycle products, and to preferentially purchase materials with recycle content.
- The conservation of water at agency buildings and facilities.
- The formation of partnerships with our jurisdictions and other area agencies to reduce our community’s reliance on single-occupancy automobiles and to take actions to reduce carbon emissions.

## 3. Intercity Transit Will Implement and Maintain an Environmental and Sustainability Management System Consistent with the ISO 14001 Standard

Intercity Transit will implement and maintain an ISO-14001-certified Environmental and Sustainability Management System. With this Policy and consistent with ISO14001 requirements Intercity Transit makes a commitment to:

- Continual improvement and prevention of pollution;
- Compliance with applicable legal requirements and with other requirements to which the organization subscribes which relate to its environmental aspects; and
- To communicate this Policy to all persons working for or on behalf of the organization.

Intercity Transit will periodically review its environmental protection procedures and practices to ensure they are the most effective means of protecting the environment and implementing sustainable practices.

## 4. Intercity Transit Will Expand Implementation of Sustainable Practices

Intercity Transit will continue to expand its implementation of sustainable practices, continue as a model and leader in this area, and will continue to strive to improve and expand excellent multi-modal public transit services.

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