

AGENDA
INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2011
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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| 1. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA | 1 min. |
| 2. | PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF INCREASING
OLYMPIA EXPRESS SERVICE FOR THE JUNE 12 SERVICE
CHANGE <i>(Dennis Bloom)</i> | 25 min. |

ADJOURNMENT

**INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM NO. 2
SPECIAL MEETING DATE: April 20, 2011**

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Dennis Bloom, 705-5832

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Consideration of Increasing Olympia Express Service for the June 12 Service Change

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- 1) **The Issue:** Conduct a public hearing to consider Olympia Express service changes that could be implemented starting June 12, 2011.
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- 2) **Recommended Action:** Receive and consider public comment on April 20, 2011, for limited Olympia Express service enhancements.
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- 3) **Policy Analysis:** The Authority must approve proposals that make significant service changes. This element is a step in the process leading up to that decision.
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- 4) **Background:** Pierce Transit (PT) will reduce their Olympia Express weekday service trips in June from 16 one-way trips to eight one-way trips per day. Pierce Transit stated that a 50% reduction of service is expected to be implemented on June 12, 2011. The need for the reduction is the result of significant financial impacts due to declining sales tax revenues and the recent defeat of a sales tax ballot measure.

However, on March 7, PT implemented an emergency weekday service reduction measure associated with the loss of their bus fleet refueling station. They reduced their Olympia Express weekday trips in half and requested assistance from Intercity Transit to operate eight of the weekday trips. On April 18, PT will again resume operating all 16 trips until the mid-June service change.

Given the upcoming loss in PT service and potential impact to Intercity Transit's own weekday Olympia Express service, a public hearing will be held. The public and Olympia Express customers are being encouraged to provide comment about these impacts.

Intercity Transit will consider whether to replace any of PT's weekday service trips that will be cut. Any service changes proposed for the June 12 service change will come before the Transit Authority for adoption on May 4, 2011.

5) **Alternatives:** N/A

6) **Budget Notes:** Additional express service hours are currently not identified in the 2011 Budget or Strategic Plan. Any additional service hours, if needed, would require a budget adjustment.

7) **Goal Reference:** Goal#4: *"Provide responsive transportation options."*

8) **References:** "Service Options for Replacing Pierce Transit's Olympia Express Trips." Any Public comments received by April 20th for this service change will be distributed to the Authority at the start of the public hearing.

Consideration of Service Options for June 12, 2011

- a) Operate all PT trips that will be cut (8 one way trips or 4 round trips).**
Coaches needed: 2 additional vehicles (currently not in our fleet).
Estimated Annual cost: \$355,156 (4,178 Vehicle Service Hours)
- b) Replacement of a trip with the largest service span between trips.**
Largest gap is 2 hours (PT dropping 5:30 pm northbound trip)
 This would also add a southbound trip (from Tacoma) at 7:55 pm.
Coach needed: 0 (can be accomplished with existing fleet)
Estimated Annual Cost: \$70,444 (829 Vehicle Service Hours)
- C) Do not replace any PT trips that are planned to be cut at this time.**

IT Operated Trips During PT Emergency Service Reductions & Estimated Cost

IT Temporarily Operated PT Trips: 8 Trips per Wkday (4 per route)

Route	Per Day				Days	Annual			
	RSH	VSH	RSM	VSM		RSH	VSH	RSM	VSM
Wkdays: 601*	4.9	8.1	135.2	253.0	254	1,253	2,057	34,341	64,262
Wkdays: 603A	5.0	8.4	130.0	250.0	254	1,274	2,121	33,020	63,500
Total	10.0	16.5	265.2	503.0	254	2,527	4,178	67,361	127,762
Deadhead (* Rt 601 truncated)		6.5 39.90%		237.0 47.10%					
Estimated Cost									
Per Day		\$1,398							
March 7 - April 15		\$41,948							
Annual						\$355,156			

Av Boardings	Per Day	Per Trip
601	48	11.9
603A	63	15.6

(Miles and hours are estimates and rounded)

IT Route 603: 32 Trips per Wkday

Route	Per Day				Days	Annual			
	RSH	VSH	RSM	VSM		RSH	VSH	RSM	VSM
Wkdays: 603	43.3	47.6	1,053.7	1,146.3	255	11,042	12,147	268,694	292,307
Estimated Cost									
Per Day		\$4,049				\$1,032,453			

Av Boardings	Per Day	Per Trip
603	615	19.2

Olympia Express Trips and Boardings

Proposed Pierce Transit trip cuts effective June 12, 2011

Boardings per Express Trip, Jan-Mar 2011

NORTHBOUND (To Lakewood/Tacoma)

Nr	Agency	Route	Trip#	Start	Location	End	Location	p/Trip*	IT/Trip*	
1	IT	603	1360	5:20 A	MW P&R	6:10 A	Tacoma	12.8		
2	IT	603	1361	5:45 A	MW P&R	6:35 A	Tacoma	10.0		
3	IT	603	1362	5:40 A	OTC	6:50 A	Tacoma	15.0		
4	IT	603	1363	6:10 A	OTC	7:20 A	Tacoma	21.5		
5	PT	603A	n/a	6:35 A	} 50	OTC	7:30 A	Tacoma	22.9	16.8
6	PT	603A	n/a	7:00 A		OTC	7:55 A	Tacoma	20.3	
7	PT	603A	n/a	7:30 A	} 45	OTC	8:25 A	Tacoma	24.8	17.1
8	IT	603	1364	7:45 A		OTC	8:55 A	Tacoma	14.3	
9	PT	603A	n/a	8:00 A	OTC	8:55 A	Tacoma	12.0		
10	IT	603	1365	9:00 A	OTC	10:10 A	Tacoma	26.8		
11	IT	603	1366	10:30 A	OTC	11:40 A	Tacoma	22.6		
12	IT	603	1367	12:00 P	OTC	1:10 P	Tacoma	21.7		
13	IT	603	1368	1:30 P	OTC	2:40 P	Tacoma	27.6		
14	IT	603	1369	3:00 P	OTC	4:10 P	Tacoma	28.2		
15	IT	603	1370	4:05 P	OTC	5:25 P	Tacoma	38.1		
16	PT	601	n/a	4:15 P	OTC	5:33 P	Gig Harbor	20.3		
17	IT	603	1375	4:35 P	LTC	5:40 P	Tacoma	15.5		
18	IT	603	1371	4:35 P	} 30	OTC	5:55 P	Tacoma	34.2	8.5
19	PT	601	n/a	4:53 P		OTC	6:11 P	Gig Harbor	16.0	
20	IT	603	1372	5:05 P	OTC	6:25 P	Tacoma	33.3		
21	PT	601	n/a	5:25 P	OTC	6:43 P	Gig Harbor	12.9		
22	IT	603	1373	5:35 P	} 2hr	OTC	6:45 P	Tacoma	25.7	10.5
23	PT	601	n/a	6:30 P		OTC	7:31 P	Gig Harbor	14.6	
24	IT	603	1374	7:30 P	OTC	8:30 P	Tacoma	16.7		
All Trips								508		
IT Trips								364		
PT Trips								144		
Discontinued PT Trips								78	52.9	

PT = Proposed weekday trip to be cut.

} 30 = Span of minutes until the next trip.

* Passengers per Trip (p/Trip):

Average boardings based on PT or IT operated trip.

* IT has operated these trips since 3/7/11 under PT emergency conditions.

Olympia Express Trips and Boardings Proposed Pierce Transit trip cuts effective June 12, 2011

SOUTHBOUND (To Lacey/Olympia)

Nr	Agency	Route	Trip#	Start	Location	End	Location	p/Trip*	IT/Trip*	
1	PT	601	n/a	5:06 A	Gig Harbor	6:20 A	OTC	15.1	17.3	
2	PT	601	n/a	5:36 A	} 34 Gig Harbor	6:50 A	OTC	12.1	11.7	
3	PT	601	n/a	6:00 A		6:15 A	7:14 A	OTC		19.9
4	IT	603	1376	6:15 A		Tacoma	7:25 A	OTC		37.1
5	PT	601	n/a	6:31 A	Gig Harbor	7:49 A	OTC	18.9		
6	IT	603	1377	6:45 A	Tacoma	7:55 A	OTC	31.9		
7	IT	603	1391	6:50 A	Tacoma	7:48 A	LTC	13.0		
8	IT	603	1378	7:05 A	Tacoma	8:15 A	OTC	25.9		
9	IT	603	1379	7:35 A	Tacoma	8:45 A	OTC	22.5		
10	IT	603	1380	9:05 A	Tacoma	10:15 A	OTC	23.2		
11	IT	603	1381	10:30 A	Tacoma	11:40 A	OTC	18.3		
12	IT	603	1382	12:00 P	Tacoma	1:10 P	OTC	20.3		
13	IT	603	1383	1:25 P	Tacoma	2:45 P	OTC	25.9		
14	PT	603A	n/a	2:54 P	Tacoma	4:02 P	OTC	26.8		
15	IT	603	1384	3:10 P	} 41 Tacoma	4:30 P	OTC	18.6	9.3	
16	PT	603A	n/a	3:24 P		3:51 P	4:28 P	OTC		10.9
17	PT	603A	n/a	3:51 P		Tacoma	4:55 P	OTC		17.7
18	IT	603	1385	4:25 P	} 65 Tacoma	5:55 P	OTC	24.1	18.3	
19	PT	603A	n/a	4:48 P		5:30 P	5:55 P	OTC		22.5
20	IT	603	1386	5:30 P		Tacoma	6:55 P	OTC		31.4
21	IT	603	1387	6:00 P	Tacoma	7:15 P	OTC	17.9		
22	IT	603	1389	6:30 P	Tacoma	7:45 P	OTC	13.2		
23	IT	603	1390	6:55 P	Tacoma	8:10 P	OTC	16.0		
24	IT	603	1388	8:40 P	Tacoma	9:45 P	OTC	10.8		
								All Trips	494	
								IT Trips	350	
								PT Trips	144	
								Discontinued PT Trips	68	56.6

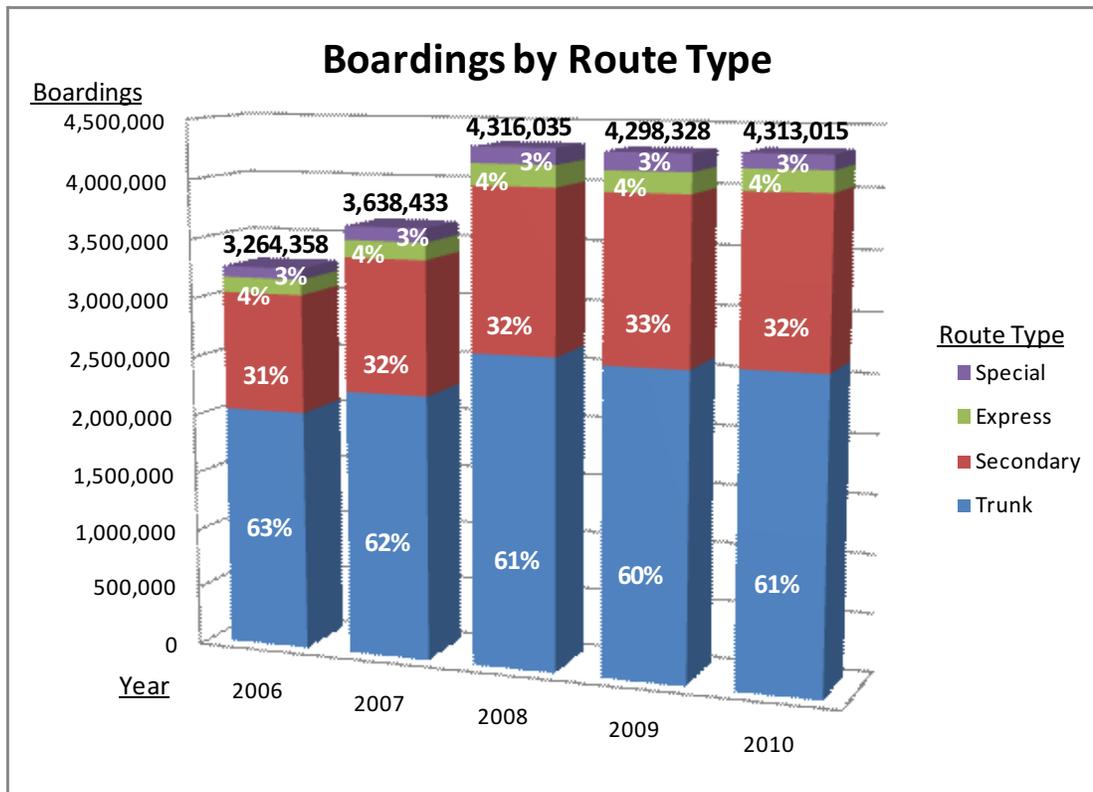
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Intercity Transit Route Type

Special = Local: Dash, NightLine (wkends), other circulator routes

Express = Olympia Express (limited stops between Thurston-Pierce Counties)

Secondary = Local: neighborhood collector

Trunk = Local: higher frequency/arterial collector