

Olympia Transit Center Enhancement Project

The Olympia Transit Center, the primary transit facility in Thurston County, is undergoing changes to keep up with the growing use of local and regional transit services. Intercity Transit, owner and operator of the downtown Olympia facility, is preparing to make improvements.

What? The Olympia Transit Center (OTC) is Intercity Transit's primary operating hub for its local and commuter express routes. The OTC also provides facilities for three other connecting regional transit systems – Sound, Mason, and Grays Harbor transit systems.

The new facility, to be located on the southeast corner of the existing property, will include additional bus bays for Intercity Transit operation and the addition of Greyhound passenger and freight services. It will also include a new pass and ticket sales outlet, passenger waiting areas, and expanded bicycle facilities.

The new building will house some of Intercity Transit's administrative staff and also include public meeting space.

Why? The OTC has operated above capacity for years. Ridership has grown 77 percent since 2003 necessitating greater capacity. The OTC currently handles 4,460 passenger boardings and 460 bus departures each weekday, supporting 4.5 million local transit trips each year.

This long-planned project is possible due to federal funds secured in 2008 and 2009. Incorporating Greyhound was part of the original plans when the OTC was built in 1994. The project is anticipated to be complete in 2015.

Funding Intercity Transit has secured two federal earmarks for the project: \$343,000 for design; and \$2,232,500 for construction of the facility plus an additional federal grant for \$464,592. The total funding for this project is \$4,013,725 with \$3,040,092 in federal funds and \$973,633 in local funds.



Project Goals

The Olympia Transit Center Enhancement Project's primary goal is to create one central facility that provides local and regional transportation services for area citizens and commuters. This will be accomplished by:

- Providing adequate operating capacity for Intercity Transit and other connecting transit systems;
- Providing space for a private intercity bus company to operate on the premises;
- Adding bus bays, customer and administrative space, security features, and multi-modal amenities to meet growing public use;
- Incorporating sustainable features, and meeting or exceeding LEED Silver design; and
- Engaging the community on the project.



Consultants

Intercity Transit has contracted with **SRG Partnership** (design services) with offices in Seattle & Portland. SRG, an award winning architectural firm, specializes in public facilities work. Sub-consultants on the project include **Parsons Brinckerhoff** (structural & civil engineering, transit planning, and environmental assessment), **GeoEngineers** (geotechnical), **Swift Company** (landscape architecture), **Rushing** (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing), and **Davis Landon** (cost estimating).



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