

RIDER NEWS

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Back to School? We Can Help You Get There!

Summer is coming to an end and back to school is just around the corner! We provide safe, reliable transportation to help you or your student get there. Our buses can transport your family to **43 schools** throughout Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm. A **youth monthly pass** costs just **\$15** and is a great deal for students age 6-18. A monthly pass provides unlimited rides anywhere, not just school!

Evergreen, Saint Martin's University, and South Puget Sound Community College students pay nothing at the farebox with a student ID and a current term sticker. Students just show their ID when boarding the bus and can ride wherever Intercity Transit goes (service to Tacoma/Pierce County requires additional fare). The college programs are paid with student fees and activities funds through contracts with Intercity Transit.

Not sure what route to take to your school? Visit our website and use our online trip planner! Just enter your beginning and ending locations, time of travel, and the planner will give you the schedule and route information (including any walking details) for your trip.



You're Invited: Walk N Roll Bike Shop Open House

Ever wonder what happens to some of the abandoned and unclaimed bikes in our area?

The lucky ones end up at the Walk N Roll Bike Shop, located at 209 Thurston Ave NE

inside of the Parrott & Son Machine Shop. At the shop, bikes are carefully restored and parts are repaired or replaced.

This important work is done by volunteers who are dedicated to getting these bikes back out on the road. Once the bikes are in excellent working order, they are put back into the hands of local



middle school students after eight hours of bike safety instruction.

Come learn more about the Bike Shop and how to volunteer at one of our upcoming open houses:

- **Wednesday, September 7**
from 4-7 pm
- **Saturday, September 10**
from 1-4 pm

Light refreshments will be provided. If you can't make it for an open house, drop by anytime during open shop (Wednesdays, 1-5 pm and Saturdays, 11-4 pm).

For more information, contact walknroll@intercitytransit.com or **360-705-5855**.

Our Fleet: Great Maintenance Pays Off



Our maintenance team works around the clock to maintain a fleet of over 400 vehicles. Annually, our buses travel about eight million miles in our community to provide safe, clean, and reliable bus service to local residents. Each bus we purchase is expected to last about 15 years providing daily service and typically has more than one million miles logged before they are replaced.

Maintaining and updating our bus fleet is one of many things we do to ensure we are meeting your needs and keeping up with changing technology. Sometimes technology isn't exactly as advertised. For example, our most recent purchases of buses included diesel-electric hybrids.

We are very proud of these buses and our community's support of the environment. Unfortunately the diesel-electric hybrid buses haven't been as efficient or cost-effective as we initially thought. Recent advances in engine research and development have made new conventional diesel buses significantly more efficient than previous models, with potentially lower emissions.

How do we know this? Our maintenance team tracks every detail of every bus in the fleet and monitors industry research and information. By making several adjustments to our fleet maintenance and management process during the last year we were able to travel an additional 64 thousand miles using 4300 less gallons of fuel! We continue to pursue the highest quality, most cost effective, and environmentally sound vehicles to ensure we get you where you need to go.

Sunday-Level Service on Labor Day



We will operate on Sunday-level service on **Labor Day, Monday, September 5**. You can get schedule information online, in the

transit guide, and at Customer Service.

Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from **9 am to 7 pm** on the holiday. The Business Office will be closed.

Service Update Saturday Dash Service

Saturday, September 3 is the last Saturday the Dash Operates this year. Saturday service resumes again in April 2017.

New Transit Guides coming soon for September 11 regional service changes.

Nightline, Weekend Service Resumes in September

Nightline, the weekend late-night service between Downtown Olympia and The Evergreen State College campus resumes on Friday, September 23, 2016. This service operates Friday and Saturday nights until 3:30 am and on Sundays until midnight.

Nightline bus service is provided under a contract with The Evergreen State College to support student access between downtown Olympia and the Evergreen campus during the regular school year.



Nightline service is open to the public as are all Intercity Transit routes. Regular fares apply. For more information call the

Greener Commuting Program at **360-867-6352** or visit evergreen.edu/commute/bus. You can also contact Customer Service at **360-786-1881**.

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