

AGENDA
INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
April 19, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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| 1) | APPROVAL OF AGENDA | 1 min. |
| 2) | PUBLIC COMMENT
<i>Public Comment Note: This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to address the Authority on any issue. The person speaking is asked to sign-in on the General Public Comment Form for submittal to the Clerk of the Board. Please include your first and last name, a mailing address or a phone number (in the event we need to contact you). When your name is called, step up to the podium and give your name for the audio record. If you are unable to utilize the podium, you will be provided a microphone at your seat. <u>Citizens testifying are asked to limit testimony to three minutes.</u></i>

<i>The Authority will not typically respond to your comments this same evening; however, they may ask some clarifying questions.</i> | 10 min. |
| 3) | PUBLIC HEARING EXPRESS ROUTES (Dennis Bloom) | 15 min. |
| 4) | CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT (Billie Clark) | 5 min. |
| 5) | SET 2018-2021 TIP PUBLIC HEARING DATE (Eric Phillips) | 10 min. |
| 6) | 2018-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN POLICY POSITIONS
(Ann Freeman-Manzanares) | 45 min. |
| 7) | GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT | 10 min. |
| 8) | AUTHORITY ISSUES | 10 min. |
| 9) | ADJOURNMENT | |

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**INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2017**

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Dennis Bloom, 705-5832

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Consideration of Eliminating
Routes 592 and 609 on June 30, 2017

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- 1) **The Issue:** Conduct a public hearing to consider the elimination of the demonstration Routes ST 592x and IT 609.
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- 2) **Recommended Action:** Receive and consider public comment on April 19, 2017, for the elimination of the 592x and 609.
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- 3) **Policy Analysis:** Agency policy requires a public review process occur before the Authority approves proposals that change a route by 10% or more.
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- 4) **Background:** Intercity Transit began two 'demonstration' routes on September 30, 2013, with 80% funding assistance from two WSDOT Regional Mobility Grants. One was the extension of Sound Transit's Route 592 to Olympia/Lacey from their regular DuPont to Seattle service (\$1.1M Operating). The second was Intercity Transit Route 609, service between Tumwater and Lakewood (\$2.4M Operating/\$1.7M Capital).

These demonstration routes have been used to evaluate market feasibility and the need for new Express service from Tumwater and Olympia to regional bus and rail connections in Pierce County and Seattle. While there are specific trips within each of the schedules that have ridership, overall, both routes have not performed well. The following matrix provides a quick summary:

Route ST 592: Olympia-DuPont	Route 609: Tumwater - Lakewood
Trips/day: 12 (6 AM/NB - 6 PM/SB)	Trips/Day: 21 (10 NB - 11 SB)
Service Hrs./Day: 9.82/Month: 208.68	Service Hrs./Day: 27.33/Month: 510.22
Service Miles/Day: 352.9	Service Miles/Day: 677.4
Avg. Boardings/Trip: 6.3 (2016)	Avg. Boardings/Trip: 4.6 (2016)

While we have adjusted schedules, surveyed riders and promoted the service, ridership over the past couple of years has not meet minimum service standards, nor is Intercity Transit's current operating budget sufficient to continue operating them. The grants expire June 30, 2017.

In anticipation of the grants ending, staff applied for a new Regional Mobility Grant to add 13 trips on Route 612, service between Olympia/Lacey and Tacoma/Lakewood. Some of the proposed trips are closely aligned to current Route 609 trips that have higher than average ridership. We anticipate this can help lessen the impact of the service loss. We understand from WSDOT that our proposal is currently ranked to be funded, awaiting Legislative approval.

No additional grant funding is available for the Route ST 592 extension. However, Sound Transit will continue to operate their ST 592 service between DuPont, Lakewood and Seattle.

Public notice and information about the proposed service reductions have been included in both the March and April Rider News, in the new Transit Guide (effective March 12, 2017), and posted on our website. Vanpool staff have also ridden the service and provided information about incentives for vanpooling as an option for these riders to consider.

The Transit Authority set April 19th for a public hearing. Requested action for the Authority is currently scheduled for May 3, 2017. Staff anticipates implementing changes to Express service on July 2, 2017, (grant funded).

5) **Alternatives:** N/A.

6) **Budget Notes:** Additional vehicle service hours are currently not identified in the 2017 Budget or Strategic Plan. Any additional service hours, if needed, would require a budget adjustment.

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

8) **References:** Public comments will be provided to the Authority at the start of the hearing.

Proposed July 2 schedule changes (Route 609 and Route 612)

Public Process Schedule

- ✓ March 1, 2017: Request ITA set Public Hearing date: April 19, 2017. Proposed changes posted to web/social media, notification in updated Transit Guide.
- ✓ March 7-9, 13-14: Outreach/handouts to Rt 609 and 592 customers.
- ✓ March 15: ITA – staff presentation of proposed changes.
- ✓ March 20: Citizen Advisory Committee: staff presentation.
- April 19: Public Hearing, Intercity Transit (Olympia) 5:30 pm
- May 3: – ITA - Request for Action on changes.

Express: Weekday Northbound

Public Comment Invited: Express Routes 592 & 609



Intercity Transit's demonstration service for the extension of Sound Transit Route 592 (Olympia/DuPont with continuing

service to Seattle) and Intercity Transit Route 609 (service between Tumwater/Lakewood) is coming to a close. State grant funds for these two demonstration routes, which began in late 2013, will end June 30, 2017.

Intercity Transit wants to hear from you about the completion of this demonstration service, how these changes might impact your use of Intercity Transit services, and gather information on possible future adjustments to our Express service.

The public is invited to comment and/or attend a public hearing at our Transit Authority meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 p.m., 526 Pattison St. SE, Olympia.

Need special accommodations at the hearing? Please call 360-705-5860 3 days prior.

Other Ways to Comment

- Email: tellus@intercitytransit.com
- Comment line: 360-705-5852
- Mail: Public Comment - Intercity Transit
PO Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507

Written or phoned in comments must be received by 4 p.m. April 19, 2017 to be considered.

					Option 1		Option 2				
Look for Route Number	Tumwater: Labor & Industries	Tumwater: Israel & Nikolas	Olympia Transit Center / Bay M	Olympia: Capitol & 11th	Lacey Transit Center / Bay L	Lacey: Martin Way P&R	Lacey: Hawks Prairie P&R	Lakewood Station	Lakewood: SR512 P&R	Tacoma Dome Station - Zone G	Tacoma 10th & Commerce
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605	---	---	---	---	---	5:40	---	6:02*	6:05*	6:20*	6:30
609	5:30	5:34	---	---	---	---	5:52	6:17*	6:20	---	---
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609	7:20	7:24	---	---	---	---	7:42	8:12*	8:15	---	---
605	---	---	7:35	7:39	7:50	7:55	---	8:22*	8:25*	---	8:45
609	7:50	7:54	---	---	---	---	8:12	8:42*	8:45	---	---
605	---	---	9:00	9:04	9:15	9:20	---	9:47*	9:50*	---	10:10
612	---	---	9:45	9:49	10:00	---	10:05	10:27	10:30	10:45	10:55
605	---	---	10:30	10:34	10:45	10:50	---	11:17*	11:20*	---	11:40
612	---	---	11:15	11:19	11:30	---	11:35	11:57	12:00	12:15	12:25
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Option 1: Lacey Transit Center
Option 2: Hawks Prairie P&R

There is some positive news. Intercity Transit has applied for new state grant funds that, if awarded, will be used to specifically fund additional trips on Route 612, service between Olympia/Lacey and Tacoma/Lakewood. Some of the new trips are similar to Route 609 trips that have better ridership on them. This could lessen the impact of the service reduction. If the grant funds are awarded, the new trips could be added to the schedule as early as July 2017.

The 'draft' schedules for north and south bound Express service are included here as initial proposed changes for July. These may be updated as we consider schedule options.

For details about the proposed changes, please see Intercity Transit's website: www.intercitytransit.com - "March Rider News" and "Public Invited to Comment."

Updated 4/7: Proposed Implementation July 2, 2017

Express: Weekday Southbound

					Option 2		Option 1				
Look for Route Number	Tacoma 10th & Commerce - Zone D	Tacoma Dome Station - Zone C	Lakewood: SR512 P&R	Lakewood Station	Lacey: Hawks Prairie P&R	Lacey: Martin Way P&R	Lacey Transit Center / Bay L	Olympia: Capitol & 11th	Olympia Transit Center / Bay M	Turnwater: Israel & Nikolas	Turnwater: Labor & Industries
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609	---	---	5:57	5:59	6:20	---	---	6:35*	---	6:50*	6:55
609	---	---	6:27	6:29	6:50	---	---	7:05*	---	7:20*	7:25
603	6:10	6:17	6:35	6:37	---	---	---	7:15*	7:20	---	---
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INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM NO. 5
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2017

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority
FROM: Eric C. Phillips, AICP, Development Director, 705-5885
SUBJECT: Schedule 2018-2021 TIP Public Hearing

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- 1) **The Issue:** Provide an opportunity for public participation in the process of programming federally funded projects and scheduling a public hearing on the draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
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- 2) **Recommended Action:** Schedule a public hearing for May 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the draft Intercity Transit 2018-2021 TIP.
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- 3) **Policy Analysis:** Federal regulations require Intercity Transit (grantee) to offer the opportunity for public participation in the process of programming federal funds used for future capital projects. Scheduling and noticing a public hearing on the 2018-2021 TIP is an appropriate means of encouraging public participation and is consistent with Intercity Transit policy and past practice. In addition to a formal public hearing Intercity Transit provides information on the process and solicits public input via Rider Information onboard buses and by posting information on the website.
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- 4) **Background:** The draft 2018-2021 TIP is consistent with projects that are identified in Intercity Transit's long range capital and budget planning model (an internal planning document), the *2016-2021 Transit Development Plan*, and the *2017-2022 Strategic Plan*. Both of these documents are published and available on the agency website. The agencies TIP is the first step in the annual cycle of reviewing and updating Intercity Transit's planning documents and identifying projects that need to be programmed into the state and federally required State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Additionally, this process provides an opportunity to encourage public input and participation for the programming of federally funded projects.

Program elements in the draft 2018-2021 TIP include:

- Preventive maintenance of vehicles in IT's fleet during the years 2018-2021;
- Final Design of the Pattison Maintenance, Operations and Administration facility expansion and rehabilitation project;
- Construction of Phase 2 – Pattison Expansion and rehabilitation project to include the Vanpool Service Center;
- Purchasing of heavy duty coaches (25) to replace ones that have been in service beyond their expected useful life;
- Purchasing replacement and expansion vanpool vans;
- Continuing Youth Education Program(s) that fosters potential for using transit and/or active forms of transportation;
- Constructing bus stop enhancements, including ADA improvements, in partnership with local agencies;

- Funding for operating services and capital replacement of vehicles within the Seattle- Tacoma Everett metropolitan area utilizing “earned share” formula funds for approved projects supporting vanpool vans and commuter coach operations.

This year the Phase 2 Pattison Facility Expansion Project- is identified in the TIP in anticipation of securing Federal Funding to support the completion of that project within the TIP period. Total funding need for this project (not including the portion currently under construction – UST) is \$27.46 million.

A summary of the proposed schedule and process highlights for this year’s TIP review and adoption process is as follows:

- **April 19, 2017** – Brief ITA on schedule and request Public Hearing Date.
- Public Participation and outreach – April 20 – June 6, 2017
- **May 17, 2017** – Public Hearing on Draft TIP
- **June 7, 2017** – Consideration of 2018-2021 TIP for adoption
- June 8, 2017 – Submit Approved TIP to MPO and State, Update and Enter Projects in STIP (Early July is the typical deadline for local jurisdiction to forward their approved TIP to the MPO for inclusion in the RTIP)

Projects are identified in the draft TIP for public review and comment and consideration for ITA adoption on June 7, 2017. They are also subject to review by the Thurston Regional Planning Council and Puget Sound Regional Council (for projects that include secured or anticipated PSRC Earned Share formula funds), for inclusion in the respective regional TIP (RTIP). Federally funded projects must also be included by IT through TRPC/PSRC for federal and state approval in the STIP prior to actual funding being available. 2018-2021 TIP projects total more than \$89.8 million with more than \$58.4 million of federal funding planned.

5) **Alternatives:**

- A. Scheduled a public hearing for May 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
TRPC sets a schedule for jurisdictions to submit their agency TIPs as early as possible in July. To meet the TRPC schedule requires a public hearing at the ITA May 17, 2017, meeting and adoption at the regular June 7, 2017, meeting to allow an ample public review period as well as time to submit to TRPC within the regional schedule for review.
- B. Defer action.

6) **Budget Notes:** The TIP reflects projects that could be considered for 2018 through 2021 annual Intercity Transit budgets.

7) **Goal Reference:** The TIP process project elements support agency goals: **Goal #1:** “Assess the transportation needs of our community throughout the Public Transportation Benefit Area.” **Goal #4:** “Provide responsive transportation options within financial limitations.”

8) **References:** Exhibit 1 – Draft 2018-2021 TIP
Exhibit 2 - Planned TIP News Release.

IT #	Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL 2017-2020	Federal	Type	Local	Total	Project Status	
1	IT 1601 Capital Preventive Maintenance (PSRC earned share and Apportionment)	\$5,766,570	\$5,881,901	\$5,999,539	\$6,119,530	\$23,767,541	\$19,014,033	Sec. 5307 IT Apportionment & PSRC Earned Share	4,753,508	23,767,541	Planned & Secured 5307	Anticipated Formula 5307/5340 Including PSRC Earned Share
2	IT 1603 Vanpool Vans - Replacement & Expansion (PSRC est.)	\$1,623,806	\$1,435,545	\$2,391,759	\$2,250,428	\$7,701,538	\$3,850,769	Sec. 5307 & PSRC Earned Share	3,850,769	7,701,538	Planned & Secured (includes PSRC 5307 & 5339 Earned Share)	Secured & Anticipated PSRC 5307 Earned Share Funding
3	IT 1604 Bus Stop Enhancements & Accessibility - TRPC - FHWA Transfers (TAP & CMAQ)	\$460,000	\$0	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$830,000	\$717,950	FHWA (TAP) transfer to FTA	\$112,050	\$830,000	TRPC Awarded and planned Federal Funds	Anticipated TRPC Award of federal TAP funds
4	IT 1605 Walk-N-Roll Youth Education Programs - TRPC - FHWA Transfers (CMAQ & TAP)	\$80,000	\$88,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$248,000	\$214,520	FHWA (CMAQ in 2016) transfer to FTA	\$33,480	\$248,000	TRPC Awarded and planned Federal Funds	Anticipated TRPC Award of federal 15 TAP funds
5	IT 1606 Vanpool & Fixed Route Operations (PSRC est)	\$1,463,274	\$1,492,540	\$1,492,540	\$1,492,540	\$5,940,894	\$2,970,447	Sec. 5307 & PSRC Earned Share	\$2,970,447	\$5,940,894	Planned & Secured (includes PSRC 5307 Earned Share portion)	Secured & Anticipated PSRC 5307 Earned Share Funding
6	IT 1701 Replacement, heavy duty coaches - order in 2017-19	\$2,143,850	\$3,292,002	\$7,205,369	\$7,205,369	\$19,846,590	\$15,877,272	Sec. 5307, 5339 & PSRC Earned Share est.	\$3,969,318	\$19,846,590	Planned & Secured (includes PSRC 5307 and 5339 Earned Share)	Secured & Anticipated 5307/5339 including PSRC Earned Share Funding
7	IT 1702 Pattison Maintenance, Operations & Admin. Facility Expansion and Rehabilitation (Final Design and Engineering phase only)	\$2,550,000	\$1,500,000			\$4,050,000	\$2,025,000	Sec. 5339 & State RMG and Local	\$2,025,000	\$4,050,000	Planned Not secured New Project Approval Required	Anticipated PSRC 5307 & 5339 Earned Share Funding
9	IT 1801 **Pattison Maintenance, Operations & Admin. Facility Expansion & Rehabilitation - Ph. 2 Construction	\$440,000	\$2,560,000	\$7,800,000	\$16,663,203	\$27,463,203	\$13,731,602	State RMG & Sec. 5339 Federal (local Apportionment & PSRC)	\$13,731,602	\$27,463,203	DESIGN Funded, some 5339 funds ready for application - RMG project selected	State RMG - Project selected -Anticipated PSRC 5339 Earned Share Funding & 5339 Local Apportionment
Total Federal Funded Projects		\$14,527,500	\$16,249,988	\$25,114,207	\$33,956,070	\$89,847,766	\$58,401,592		\$31,446,174	\$89,847,766	Secured and Estimated Federal Funding Sources	

NOTES: Grant type: Sec. 5307/5339 & PSRC* 5307/5339 Earned Share - Urban area formula program administered by the Federal Transit Administration. Amount is determined by urban area population , population density, and NTD stats for revenue miles traveled. Federal funding match requirements are typically 80/20. Projects with different matching requirements will be noted.*Puget Sound Regional Council

** Pattison Maintenance Operations and Admin. Facility Expansion and Rehabilitation Project assumes a 50/50 match from all sources, Federal Funds may only require a 80/20 match or less.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

April 21, 2017

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Transit Seeks Public Comment on Transportation Improvement Projects

Olympia/Thurston County, WA - Intercity Transit invites public comment on potential federally funded transit projects currently proposed in its 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period will culminate with a public hearing Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Intercity Transit's business office, 526 Pattison Street SE, Olympia. Bus Routes 62A, 62B, and 66 serve this location.

List of projects

The proposed TIP projects could total more than \$89.8 million in combined federal and local funds for projects anticipated for the program period 2018-2021.

Intercity Transit has programmed the following projects for potential funding:

- Preventative maintenance of vehicles in IT's fleet.
- Final design of the Pattison Maintenance and Operations facility expansion and rehabilitation project.
- Construction of Phase 2 – Pattison Expansion and rehabilitation project to include the Vanpool Service Center.
- Purchasing of coaches (25) to replace ones that have been in service beyond their expected useful life.
- Purchasing replacement and expansion vanpool vans.
- Continuing Youth Education Program(s) that fosters potential for using transit and/or bicycling as the primary mode of transportation.
- Constructing bus stop enhancements, including ADA improvements, in partnership with local agencies.

- Funding for operating service and capital replacement of vehicles within the Seattle-Tacoma Everett metropolitan area utilizing “earned share” formula funds for approved projects supporting vanpool vans and commuter coach operations.

The draft TIP represents Intercity Transit’s complete program of federally funded projects for 2018-2021. They include projects also programmed through the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Once the Intercity Transit Authority approves the projects outlined in its TIP, TRPC and PSRC will review them. These regional planning organizations must integrate projects specific to their respective areas into the State Transportation Improvement Program, which is subject to federal and state transportation agency review.

Getting Information

The draft Intercity Transit TIP for federally funded projects is available online at intercitytransit.com or by contacting Intercity Transit’s business office, 526 Pattison Street SE, Olympia, 360-786-8585. The business office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Making Comment

The public may comment at the May 17 public hearing or by writing to the Development Director, Intercity Transit, P.O. Box 659, Olympia, WA, 98507-0659. Intercity Transit must receive written comments by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2017, to be considered. Questions or comments may also be emailed to ephillips@intercitytransit.com or by phone to 360-705-5885.

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INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM NO. 6
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2017

FOR: Intercity Transit Authority

FROM: Ann Freeman-Manzanares, 705-5838

SUBJECT: 2018 - 2023 Strategic Plan Policy Positions

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- 1) **The Issue:** First review of policy issues for the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.
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- 2) **Recommended Action:** Discuss and provide staff direction.
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- 3) **Policy Analysis:** The Strategic Plan is Intercity Transit's primary policy document and Authority direction determines the level of resources and priorities devoted to specific services and projects.
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- 4) **Background:** Every year the Authority defines critical policy issues and establishes direction for staff and the future of Intercity Transit. This typically takes place over several meeting sessions. This is the first of those meeting sessions.

Below is a list of policy issues to consider. Included is a short note regarding Authority direction for 2017. Staff will walk through these issues in more detail at the meeting.

1. Should Intercity Transit maintain service levels in 2017 or consider new or expanded local transit services needed to serve the growing population?

Authority direction for 2017 was to examine and monitor all routes in regards to productivity and issues of coverage.

2. What is Intercity Transit's role in providing regional mobility?

Authority direction for 2017 was to continue to engage with TRPC and WSDOT to consider alternatives for serving JBLM and the I-5 corridor. Approach state and federal funding sources to provide assistance in meeting the public transportation demand on the I-5 corridor. Advocate for HOV lanes and other transit prioritization mechanisms and support the growth of the vanpool program.

3. What role should Intercity Transit play in serving the core areas of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater area?

Authority Direction for 2017 was to continue to work with the state to identify and promote adequate parking for Dash service; including the provision of park and ride spaces at the Olympia Farmers Market during the legislative session. Work with State, local jurisdictions and major employers regarding parking and promote Commute Trip Reduction. Work with area stakeholders to market and cross promote transit in core areas of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater.

4. Is there a role for local express service in the current service area?

Intercity Transit currently operates no local express service. Local express service generally operates in major corridors with service speeds increased by reducing the number of stops and/or by introducing transit priority measures in the corridor.

5. Should transit priority measures – signal priority, queue bypass, bus lanes – be considered?

Authority Direction for 2017 was to continue the implementation of the pilot signal preemption project in the Martin Way and Capital corridors.

6. Should Intercity Transit pursue efforts to coordinate service with local school districts?

Authority Direction for 2017 was to continue Youth Education program and continue to work with schools and youth to teach skills for safe biking, walking and transit use.

7. What level of passenger infrastructure (bus shelter, benches, lighted stops, passenger information) is appropriate?

Authority Direction for 2017 was to continue to implement the grant funded project, in cooperation with the City of Tumwater, to enhance Tumwater Square and pursue engineering for the 2017-2018 grant funded bus stop enhancement project.

8. What additional investments in technology should be made beyond the current Advanced Communications System project?

Authority direction for 2017 was to complete the website upgrades and continue to work with the CAD-AVL system manufacturer to insure performance is meeting expectations.

9. Should Intercity Transit pursue additional park and ride facilities?

Authority direction for 2017 was to pursue joint use agreements to secure park and ride space to serve ridesharing, express bus and local transit service.

10. Should Intercity Transit's current marketing approach and level of effort be continued?

Authority Direction for 2017 was to focus on community outreach and engagement and aggressively market its services.

5) **Alternatives:** N/A.

6) **Budget Notes:** The Strategic Plan provides the basis for the development of the annual budget.

7) **Goal Reference:** The strategic plan provides the basis for all our goals.

8) **References:** [2017-2022 Strategic Plan](#)