

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the Authority Meeting November 18, 2020

In order to comply with the Governor's guidance to "Stay Home and Stay Healthy" and in keeping with the Governor's Proclamation 20-28 Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was held remotely.

Action Items

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Authorized the General Manager to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for a one-year contract extension between Intercity Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1765.

General Manager's Report:

- Twelve applications were received for the Surplus Van Grant Program. Cindy Waterhouse, Vanpool Manager, will bring recommendations to the Authority at the December 2, 2020 ITA meeting. As in years past, staff will invite the selected recipients to the January 2021 ITA meeting to share information about their organization and how they intend to use the vans.
- Like the county, the state, and beyond, Intercity Transit is seeing a surge of people needing to quarantine because of potential exposure. We have an array of potential service plans depending on how this situation evolves, and what available staffing looks like which includes keeping the service as is, potentially decreasing or increasing service, so it's a bit of a wait and see game.
- The agency is sharing this message:
 - With COVID cases on the rise, please do not travel on Intercity Transit if you are sick or experiencing COVID-like symptoms.
 - Anyone being tested or who was in contact with someone who has tested positive should not travel.
 - It's important for anyone in this situation to quarantine as directed by their doctor or public health officials.
 - For more information about keeping yourself, others and our drivers healthy while riding the bus, please visit our website at www.intercitytransit.com.
- While in the midst of the pandemic, IT has been able to bring on new staff. HR staff is currently working with potential Operator candidates, however, testing facility capacity is an issue because the capacity of those facilities is limited.
- There has been a positive response regarding the reopening of the Olympia Transit Center, and we are very pleased to be in a position to reopen the island.
- Intercity Transit is hoping to have the capacity both in Maintenance and Operations to be able to operate a lighted (Parade) bus to bring some light to the darkness in

December, even though there are no parades scheduled this year. In years past, in addition to the various parades, the lighted bus has gone to the Children's Hands on Museum, the Tumwater Tree Lighting, and the Lighted Boat Parade. This year the lighted bus is not stopping anywhere for fear of drawing a crowd. Intercity Transit is going to focus on joyful sightings of the lighted bus and hope it brings a smile to the community.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board