

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the February 17, 2021 Authority Meeting

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with [SCR 8402](#) extending certain gubernatorial orders issued in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Action Items:

- Authorized the General Manager to execute a Task Order with SCJ Alliance in the amount of \$58,377.11. *(Tammy Ferris)*
- Authorized the General Manager to negotiate the final terms and enter into a contract with Avail Technologies Inc. for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$7,239,500. *(Jeff Peterson)*
- Authorized the General Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with IBI Group increasing the total contract amount by \$160,937 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$363,145. *(Jeff Peterson)*
- Authorized the General Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lacey identifying processes, roles and responsibilities related to the implementation of Transit Signal Priority and Smart Corridors. *(Eric Phillips)*

Other Items of Interest

- Welcomed Aaron Hughes, Network Systems Analyst *(Rob Rinehart)*.

General Manager's Report:

On Wednesday, February 10, Thurston County Public Health held a vaccination clinic for a portion of IT staff who were considered under Phase 1A. We are awaiting additional doses to be allocated to the county for the second half of that group to be vaccinated. They anticipate the remainder of our frontline employees will receive their first dose in late March.

The steel columns for the Pattison Street project arrived February 16. Our contractor, Forma, offered the opportunity for Authority members to recognize this major milestone by signing the last steel column to be erected. Forma estimates it will be sometime around the first half of April. Authority members interested in participating should contact Pat Messmer or Ann Freeman-Manzanares.

A funding request was submitted to the State Senate Transportation Committee and the House Transportation Committee to help fund Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Pattison Street project. Freeman-Manzanares met with Representatives, as well as individuals on the Transportation Committees, so they are aware of our project. If an opportunity becomes available to testify, she will reach out to Authority members.

Freeman-Manzanares gave a huge thank you to IT's drivers, operations supervisors, and staff in maintenance, communications, customer service, and facilities for allowing IT to operate exceptionally well through the multi-day snow event this past week.

The “snowmagedon” of February 2019 (which hit the same month and day) taught us valuable lessons, and staff took the opportunity to debrief that event and took action to ensure we continued to improve our snow response. Intercity Transit fared fairly well. Each event is different and this one played out exactly as the weather forecasters suggested.

This snow event was messy but IT staff was prepared:

- There was no major damage.
- Some service was canceled to the 512 Park-and-Ride.
- Main roads were addressed well by the jurisdictions. Tumwater and Olympia mentioned clearing snow routes.
- Neighborhoods were tough to get into and out of but that’s expected.
- Staff worked with dialysis centers to ensure their parking lots were passable, and they were.
- Communications were better than ever. We benefited from a COVID-era improvement where we opened a TEAMS channel in Dispatch for information sharing.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board