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Public Comment Invited on Draft Transportation Improvement Projects



Intercity Transit invites public comment on potential federally funded transit projects proposed in its draft 2022-

2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The comment period is from April 22 – May 18, 2021. The comment period will culminate with a public hearing on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held remotely in accordance with SCR 8402 extending certain gubernatorial orders issued in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency. Opportunities to give public comment by telephone or other remote means are available. Further details concerning how to provide comment at the public hearing by telephone or remote means are posted at intercitytransit.com.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the hearing, call 360-705-5808 at least three days prior to the meeting.

Review a draft copy of the TIP online at intercitytransit.com/agency/plans-publications-fact-sheets or by contacting 360-705-5808.

Other ways to comment

If you cannot provide public comment during the meeting, you can provide comment by:

- **Email:** jgould@intercitytransit.com
- **Phone:** 360-705-5808

- **Mail:** Intercity Transit
Attn: Grants Program Administrator – TIP
Comments
P.O. Box 659
Olympia, WA 98507-0659

All written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 to be considered.

Masks Required on Buses and Transit Property



On Jan. 29, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order requiring everyone to wear face masks while

riding transit and on transportation property, which includes transit centers and bus stops. This Order is different from the Washington State mask order as it is specific to public transportation and clarifies what types of masks fulfill the Order. Further, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a Security Directive on Jan. 31, 2021 to enforce the requirements of the CDC Order mandating masks.

The following are attributes of masks needed to fulfill the requirements of the Order:

- Wearing a mask properly by completely covering the nose and mouth.
- Cloth masks should be made with two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven.
- Masks should be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they should have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers.
- Masks should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.

- Masks should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.
- Clear masks or cloth masks with a clear plastic panel may be used to facilitate communication with people who are hearing impaired or others who need to see a speaker's mouth to understand speech.

The following do not fulfill the requirements of the Order:

- Masks worn in a way that does not cover both the mouth and nose.
- Face shields or goggles (face shields or goggles may be worn in addition to a mask that meets above required attributes).
- Scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, or bandannas.
- Shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose.
- Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through.
- Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as vinyl, plastic or leather).
- Masks containing slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.
- Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight).

Passengers wearing masks that do not fulfill the requirements of the Order will be offered an approved mask or be asked to leave the transit vehicle or property.

In our continued effort to ensure everyone is wearing a mask that fulfills the requirements of the order and wearing a face mask properly, you will see additional signage on buses and at transit centers soon. We will continue to inform passengers and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

For more information about wearing face masks while riding transit and on transportation property, please visit the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>.

Walk N Roll's Youth Bike Challenge

Intercity Transit's youth education program, Walk N Roll, is encouraging kids in Thurston County to stay active and practice bicycle safety skills by joining the Youth Bike Challenge.



Youth who ride their bike 10 days this month will win a prize!

To participate in the challenge, they need to:

- Download a Youth Bike Challenge card at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events/2021-5-31.
- Record the number of miles they ride each day.
- Email the completed challenge card to walknroll@intercitytransit.com by Tuesday, June 1.

Once we've received the challenge card, we'll mail prizes. Youth can also win a bonus prize by sending in a photo riding their bike. Please be aware that by sending in a photo, you give the program permission to use it for public promotion.

Join the Bicycle Commuter Challenge in May



Bicycle for Joy in the 34th Annual Thurston County Bicycle Commuter Challenge (BCC)! Sponsored by Intercity Transit, the BCC provides encouragement and motivation to try getting around by bicycle with individual and team prizes.

Because so many people are either not working or working from home, the BCC is adapting and encouraging people to get out on their bikes just for the health of it! There are many benefits of riding a bicycle including saving money, protecting the planet and having fun.

Outdoor exercise and fresh air are essential to our health and well-being, and bicycling is a great way to put some fun and pleasure into your day. Join the BCC in May to make your biking adventures even more fun.

Log your bike rides at bcc.intercitytransit.com May 1 through May 31 and we'll enter you to win prizes. This year, all bike rides count, whether it is around the block, a trip to the grocery store, or a solo metric century to the border of the county and back. Learn more about the event at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events/2021-5.

Intercity Transit ensures no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin consistent with requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Federal Transit Administration guidance in Circular 4702.1B.

For questions, or to file a complaint, contact Intercity Transit Customer Service at 360-786-1881 or by email to TitleVI@intercitytransit.com.