

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the June 2, 2021 Authority Meeting

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-28.15 Safe Start/Roadmap to Recovery.

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Adopted the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for projects with anticipated Federal funding.
- Authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Gillig to provide coach replacement seat pads in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000, including sales tax.
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with ALS to renew the contract for Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Services for a period of one year in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,940, including sales tax.
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a Task Order with SCJ Alliance in the amount of \$242,000.
- Approved the process and timeline for the 2021 Community Advisory Committee Fall recruitment and selected three members of the Authority to participate on the Ad-Hoc Committee: *Justin Belk, Don Melnick, Debbie Sullivan, and alternate Clark Gilman.*

General Manager’s Report:

The OTC-2 building in downtown Olympia opened to the public on June 1, 2021. Greyhound continues serving the site and sales are anticipated to begin onsite September 13, 2021.

The current new Operator class graduates in mid-July, and we anticipate having enough staff to reintroduce the Olympia Express service on July 19, 2021.

Reminder – Intercity Transit is under the Federal mask mandate at all of our public facilities as well as all employee areas through September 13, 2021.



The Washington State Health Care Authority honored 34 agencies statewide recognizing outstanding Wellness Programs, and Intercity Transit was again a recipient of the Zo8 Award.

It’s been a challenge during this time of COVID, however, our Wellness Committee has been creative, focusing on the physical and emotional well-being of staff. The Wellness Committee adapted their programs to include social distancing by adding virtual events, such as:

- The Summer Walking Challenge
- Two Self-Care Challenges
- March Into Motion – Movement Challenge
- Heart Healthy Virtual Walks on Teams

- Provided Healthy Snacks for our front-line workers
- Created a Facebook page to keep people connected
- Virtual Healthy Cooking Class
- Farmer's Market tokens for those who contribute to the Wellness program.

We are really proud of the work the Wellness Committee does to support employees and to gain this recognition. **Let's congratulate them! A big shout-out to the Wellness Committee members: *Shannie Jenkins, Chair; Nancy Trail, Vice Chair; Katie Cunningham, Treasurer; Ally McPherson, Secretary; Joy Gerchak, Jessica Gould, Brian Nagel, and Larry Smathers.***

Everyone is invited (*invitation attached*) to attend the **Mountain View Elementary Traffic Garden Grand Opening** being held **June 9, 2021, from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m., located at 1900 College Street SE in Lacey.**

The miniature streetscape is a safe and fun place for youth to learn and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety skills. Mountain View's physical education teacher will use the Traffic Garden for the 4th and 5th grade bike unit and will be open to the public during non-school hours. The Traffic Garden is a partnership between Child Care Action Council's Safe Kids Thurston County, Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll Program, North Thurston Public Schools, and Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The project is being funded by a grant from State Farm. This is the first Traffic Garden in Thurston County, and we hope this project will inspire more in the future.

Attached are photos of the Traffic Garden at Mountain View. It's not complete yet but will be soon. Stay tuned...

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board