## Authority Meeting Highlights a brief recap of the February 16, 2022, Authority Meeting

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act guidelines in the Governor's Proclamation 20.28.14.

## Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Welcomed new Board member, Councilmember Robin Vazquez from the City of Lacey.
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order with Johnson Controls for security and access control in an amount of \$213,000 which includes estimated sales tax and an approximate 5% contingency.
- Elected City of Olympia Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Gilman as Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority.
- Elected Citizen Representative Justin Belk as Vice Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority.
- Completed committee assignments as follows:

--Thurston Regional Planning Council:

Alternate

--Transportation Policy Board:

Alternate

--Pension (401K) Committee:

--High-Capacity Transportation Committee
Alternate

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## Other Items of Interest:

- The Authority and staff bid farewell to Authority member, Carolyn Cox, who served on the Authority for four years.
- Steve Krueger provided an update on the 2022 Procurement Workplan.
- Cameron Crass introduced the Operator Class 22-01: Amelia Chirhart, Hunter Ellis, Valerie Woodman, Zachary Rose, Robert Wolfe, Andrew Bailey, Jonathan Merithew, Walter Hunt, April Hummell, Mariano Torres; and Robert Andrews, Operations Trainer.
- Jonathon Yee introduced Chris Twiggs, Vehicle Maintenance Tech.

## **General Manager's Report:**

Freeman-Manzanares expressed her appreciation to the very talented and engaged Community Advisory Committee, and she specifically thanked them for spending their Valentine's Day evening with Intercity Transit at their February 14<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting. She said the CAC are a generous group and IT is really lucky to have them working with us.

Thurston County Public Works is updating their ADA Transition Plan. They are seeking input from people living with disabilities and their support people, to better identify the challenges they have getting around Thurston County. We are providing the link directly to our Dial-A-Lift customers and ask that everyone take the survey and share the link with others who might want to participate. **To** participate in the survey, click: <a href="https://new.maptionnaire.com/q/8yc9yyn3wpb6">https://new.maptionnaire.com/q/8yc9yyn3wpb6</a>

There is a very favorable transportation package going through the state legislature. Because it is a short, 60-day session, we didn't know if they were going to get this far with the transportation package.

There is \$5M identified for the rehabilitation of Intercity Transit's maintenance building in addition to supporting a myriad of other transportation and active transportation programs. We are hopeful and will continue to follow this along. The House will hold a hearing on February 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Five brand new buses were delivered over the last week, and we are expecting five more within the month. This will conclude the order of 63 buses that were ordered after the successful ballot measure in 2018. Intercity Transit is definitely in a "state of good repair."

There was a fire in an apartment building early on the morning of Saturday, February 12 and the Olympia Fire Department contacted Intercity Transit for assistance. There was an individual in that building refusing to allow OFD entry and wielding a knife. While OFD called in assistance from the SWAT team to address the situation, they evacuated the remainder of the building and IT served as a warming station for those individuals and transported them to the fire station until the situation was resolved.

Thank you to all who joined the tour of the Pattison Street construction site on January 31. We'll plan another tour, likely in the second quarter of the year.

Intercity Transit is in the midst of the Winter Bicycle Challenge, and we are hosting a Walk N Roll Winter Scavenger Hunt. The scavenger hunt is fun for the entire family and all Thurston County residents are invited to participate. If you ride your bike, you can log your rides in the Winter Bicycle Challenge! Get started by downloading your scavenger hunt.

IT Operator, Leata Roberts, who assisted an individual contemplating jumping off of the Sleater-Kinney overpass is being presented with a Challenge Coin from the Olympia Police Department on Friday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pattison Street Facility. This is a very nice recognition of her bravery and compassion for helping this individual. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The number of staff needing to either isolate or quarantine due to COVID is trending downward. IT was hit very hard in January which challenges our ability to keep service on the street. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the trend continues...forever. We, like so many others, are focusing heavily on recruiting great co-workers interested in serving the community. We could use everyone's assistance in that recruitment effort so we can get back to our pre-COVID levels of service then focus on expanding service. If you know of someone, please send them our way.

An important reminder to the Board and the community - as many are contemplating dropping masking requirements, Intercity Transit is still under a federal masking mandate at transit facilities and on transit vehicles. The Transportation Security Administration Masking Mandate is effective through March 18th.

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