## Marketing & Communications Update

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## Looking back

### COVID-19 Activities:

- Service changes: required schedule changes in booklets and website updates
  - 2020 5
  - 2021 5, plus express service restoration
  - 2022 3 or 4?
- Rider Alerts
- Social Media 30 COVID-19 posts
- News Releases 9
- Onboard & Facility signage



### <u>Rider Alert</u>

#### Routes 62A/B

#### Effective: Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021

Routes 62A/B operate every 15 minutes between the Olympia Transit Center and Marvin Rd. to help reduce passenger loads and aid in social distancing.

The schedules posted at this stop are not complete. For the most up-to-date departure times visit:

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Website	Intercitytransit.com/bus/routes

Trip Planner Intercitytransit.com/bus/tri	rip-planner
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 Smartphone OneBusAway (app) Google Maps

Phone Intercity Transit Customer Service\*
360-786-1881
Weekdays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Weekens: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

\* Customer Service in the Olympia Transit Center will be closed until INTERCITY further notice. For assistance, please call 360-786-1881.

#### FACE MASKS REQUIRED BEYOND THIS POINT



Face masks that cover your nose and mouth are required per Federal and State requirements. They must be worn while riding or waiting for public transit at a bus stop, shelter or transit center. Failure to comply may result in denial of boarding, removal or civil penalties.

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#### OLYMPIA TRANSIT CENTER FRANKLIN STREET STOP

Departing Routes: 47, 60, 64, 66



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#### FOR ADDED SAFETY

We ask you to please wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose and mouth while on board.



Non-medical masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth can be used.

Thank you for helping prevent the spread of coronavirus.

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STAY HOME—SAVE LIVES Essential Trips <u>ONLY</u>

#### Gov. Inslee has banned all non-essential travel in his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order.

We are taking extraordinary steps to maintain critically needed transportation services and protect the health and safety of riders and our employees. Only essential travel, such as trips to the grocery store, pharmacy and medical appointments, are allowed. We ask you to comply with this order in support of the six foot social distancing recommendations to keep our employees and individuals who must travel, safe.

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MASKS REQUIRED

Per Federal Order, proper face masks must be worn while riding transit and inside buildings.



### CUSTOMER SERVICE LOBBY & RESTROOMS <u>WILL BE CLOSED</u> Until further notice March 17, 2020

During the closure you will be able to:

- Take buses to and from OTC.
- Contact Customer Service by phone (360-786-1881) and email (customerservice@intercitytransit.com for assistance.

During the closure you will not be able to:

- Use restrooms at OTC.
- Enter the lobby.

## Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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#### FACE MASKS REQUIRED TO RIDE

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The following *do not* fulfill the requirements of the Order:



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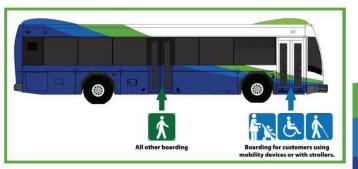
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Intercity Transit has reduced bus service due to

### All Routes

In order to protect our operators and insure social distancing, please board through the rear doors.

People requiring accessible boarding, using mobility devices or parents with strollers can board through the front doors.



Effective: Friday, April 3, 2020 until further notice All bus service <u>will end between 8:30</u> and 9 p.m. until further notice.

Customers whose <u>essential trips</u> are not supported by this reduced level of service can contact Customer Service at 360-786-1881 to see if we can accommodate their needs.

Route #	Last Outbound Time from OTC	Last Inbound Time
12	8:00 p.m.	7:39 p.m. (from Labor & Industries)
13	7:45 p.m.	8:09 p.m. (from Labor & Industries)
41	8:00 p.m.	8:33 p.m. (from Evergreen)
48	7:45 p.m.	8:09 p.m. (from Evergreen)
62A	8:00 p.m.	7:37 p.m. (from Orion/Willamette)
62B	7:30 p.m.	8:10 p.m. (from Pacific/Rockcress)
65	7:56 p.m.	8:22 p.m. (from Marvin/Spencer)
66	7:45 p.m.	8:26 p.m. (from Corporate/College)
68	7:45 p.m.	8:01 p.m. (from Lacey Transit Center)
94	6:45 p.m.	8:04 p.m. (from Wal-Mart)

<u>SCHEDULES:</u> intercitytransit.com/bus/routes MORE INFORMATION: intercitytransit.com/rider-alerts



### **WELCOME** We're happy to see you!

- Please wear your masks properly, covering your nose and mouth, while on transit property.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Once you've received assistance or used the restroom, please exit the building to make room for others.



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## A Day in the Life

- Rider Alerts
- Social Media
- Rider News
- Web Updates
- News Releases
- Brochures and other promotional materials
- Graphic Design
- ...And now, marketing campaigns



**Purpose:** Increase awareness about shift to digital transit guides.

### **Campaign Goals:**

 Educate riders how to access digital schedules and obtain printed schedules if they need them (available for download on each route page, via online order form, or by contacting Customer Service).



Key Messages -

- Giving customers more access to information.
- Easier to find information on their route(s).
- Don't have to be tech savvy to use it.
- Customer service is here to help.
- Don't worry, we're not leaving anyone behind.
- Printed schedules are available online and upon request.



## Going Digital: Phase 1

COING DIGITAL Transit Guides Are Now Online Passenger fined \$1,846

#### for bringing McMuffins to Australia

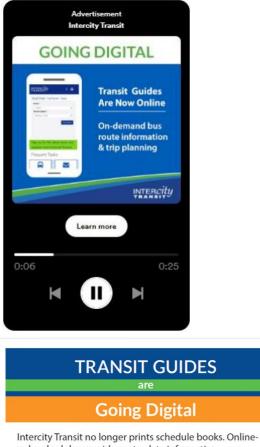
The undeclared meat was sniffed out by a biosecurity dog named Zinta.

By Michelle Stoddart and Sam Sweeney August 02, 2022, 4:16 PM

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Intercity Transit no longer prints schedule books. Onlineonly schedules provide up-to-date information, save resources, and reduce waste.

\*Printed schedules available upon request from Customer Service.



Until recently, Intercity Transit printed thousands of Transit Guides each year. We found during the pandemic that digital schedules allow us to respond quickly to changing circumstances and provide you up-to-date information. To support our transition from printing schedule books, we improved the website, making it more user-friendly and providing more detailed information. The June 2022 service bookdet was our final printed schedule book. Upon request, you can still get printed schedules for the routes you ride (information on reverse).

> Online Schedules and Routes Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera to plan your trip

Or visit: intercitytransit.com/plan-your-trip/routes





### **Current Campaign: Going Digital**





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### **Results (week 1):**

- Display ads
  - 75,000 impressions
  - 195 clicks across tactics
- Website
  - 31% increase in traffic
  - 39% increase in new users
  - 24% more sessions
  - 12% more page views.
  - 528 visits to the going digital webpage



**Purpose:** Introduce customers to myStop App.

### Campaign Goals:

1. Create awareness about new, more reliable app.

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- 2. Educate riders how to use app.
- 3. Generate app downloads.

### Key messages:

- Accurate
- Reliable
- User-friendly
- Customizable
- Specific to IT
- Available for Android and Apple













### Upcoming Campaign: Operator Recruitment

### **Campaign Goals:**

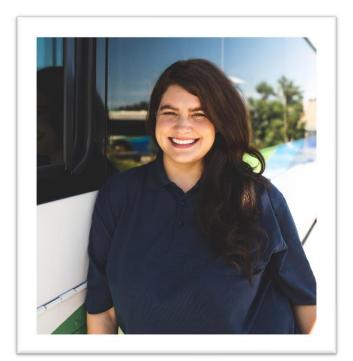
- 1. Increase operator recruitment.
- 2. Establish IT as an employer of choice.

### **Target Audiences:**

- Younger/newer to workforce seeking a career, not just a job
- Second-act career seekers, especially exiting military
- Others looking to make a switch (e.g., school bus drivers, truck drivers, delivery drivers, warehouse workers, gig drivers, service industry workers)

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# Upcoming Campaign: Operator Recruitment









## **Upcoming Campaign: Vanpool Promotion**

Starting this fall

- Social Media and Digital Ad campaign
- Educational Materials including rack card and web content
- Direct Mail campaign



### Questions?

