

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the October 19, 2022, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Declared Vanpool Vehicle 2620 as surplus. (*Katie Cunningham*)
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a one-year contract, with four one-year renewal options, with CTE to provide a Zero Emissions Analysis in the amount of \$318,904, which includes an approximate 10% contingency. (*Katie Cunningham*)
- Directed staff to conduct interviews with all ten candidates who applied for the Community Advisory Committee open positions. (*Ann Freeman-Manzanares*)

Other Items of Interest:

- Julie DeRuwe introduced ***Shawn DaPrano, Facilities Tech 3.***
- Emily Bergkamp and Izi Lemay provided an update on the Village Vans Program.
- Intercity Transit's Federal Advocate, Dale Learn, of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, provided an update on activities affecting public transportation in Washington D. C.

General Manager's Report:

Regarding the 2022 OTC pedestrian improvement budget items, staff will request an additional \$100,000 be added to that project budget to complete the work on that site. Staff continues to work with engineers to define the scope and cost related to bringing the 29-year-old facility fully up to standard. Staff is focusing on the final corner that has yet to be redeveloped at Washington and Olympia, ensuring good pedestrian and ADA access, as well as dealing with several other areas that are showing their age and potentially negatively impacting pedestrians and those utilizing mobility devices. In the interest of full transparency and rather than coming back in mid-2023, since we're getting the information now, we want to highlight that request and incorporate it into the 2023 budget and seek approval at the December ITA meeting.

Freeman-Manzanares thanked the Authority and Community Advisory Committee members who volunteered to test the new CAD/AVL "MyStop" application. Many staff members in the organization are working to make sure it is ready to be released to riders in the next couple of months. We're advertising "MyStop" in the November Rider News with a link to a video that provides instruction on how to use the app. The link will soon be available at intercitytransit.com/mystop.

Since 2004, the Authority has granted a total of 86 surplus vanpool vehicles to nonprofits and governmental entities serving the community. The Authority awarded 15 vehicles in 2021, which was a huge number for IT; 7 vehicles in 2020; and 4 vehicles in 2019. It's a wonderful tradition to grant vans in December and hear the grantees tell their inspiring stories in January. Unfortunately, this year is the first time since 2008 that we do not have surplus vanpool vehicles eligible to use in this way. The surplus vanpool vehicles we have are federally funded and not an eligible use for federally funded surplus of vehicles.

Freeman-Manzanares gave a huge shout out to Jonathon Yee, Jessica Gould, and Thera Black, for diving into the alternative fuels world and gathering a tremendous amount of information, developing many relationships and helping IT move forward in a holistic and thorough way with this project. It has been amazing and years in the making. We have been working in partnership with Pacific Northwest Laboratories, WSU, utility companies and many associations. Staff submitted a response to a Request for Information from the Department of Energy's Hydrogen Energy Earthshot in July of 2021 so they would know of our interest and make sure to further connect us throughout this alternative fuels space. This was not an easy RFI to respond to, but we're currently considered a competitive part of the Pacific Northwest Association's request for information for the development of hydrogen in the Pacific Northwest. We submitted that application in August 2022 and had a follow up interview on October 10 and continue to stay connected. In addition to those efforts and in preparation for the completion of alternative fuels analysis, we submitted pilot opportunity grants to the state Regional Mobility Grant Program as well as the Green Transportation Grant Program for both vehicles and infrastructure.

Staff is working on the Grand Opening of the Pattison Street facility which will take place on Thursday, November 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board