

**Authority Meeting Highlights**  
***a brief recap of the December 7, 2022, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting***

**Wednesday night, the Authority:**

- Adopted the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. (*Ann Freeman-Manzanares*)
- Adopted the 2023 Budget. (*Jana Brown*)
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Via Mobility LLC in an amount of \$1,380,000, for a new platform to manage our DAL paratransit services. (*Jeff Peterson*)
- Approved the Intercity Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan as amended. (*Jason Hanner*)
- Canceled the Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Authority meeting. (*Ann Freeman-Manzanares*)
- Authorized the General Manager to issue a change order to Schetky in the amount of \$2,322,000, for changes to the Dial-A-Lift order consisting of twenty-eight (28) replacement vehicles. (*Katie Cunningham*)
- Directed Intercity Transit's TRPC representative to authorize, reject or abstain from an action that would authorize the TRPC Chair and Transportation Policy Board Chair to sign a letter of opposition to siting a new airport in Thurston County. (*Ann Freeman-Manzanares*)
- Appointed the following individuals to three-year terms to the Community Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 2023: *Harrison Ashby, Clair Bourgeois, Jeremy Mott, Doug Riddels, and Trina Primm*; and appointed *Alejandro Garcia* to a one-year youth position beginning January 1, 2023.

**Other Items of Interest:**

- Sean Barrett introduced the **New Operator Class 22-05**.
- Jonathon Yee introduced **Larry Smathers, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor; and Sean Lindemeier, Larry Ingram, Jay Lance, Vehicle Detailers**.
- Emily Bergkamp introduced **Dena Withrow, Operations Deputy Director**.
- Julie DeRuwe introduced **Staci Revel, Facilities Tech 3**.

**General Manager's Report:**

Freeman-Manzanares recognized the outgoing Community Advisory Committee members. The Board and staff appreciate *Naythan Raymos, Natalie Smith, Gene Angel, David Bonauto, Jonah Cummings and Joan O'Connell* for their dedication and contributions to the organization. And she welcomes all of the new members joining in January.

Intercity Transit received maximum points on their federal grant applications through TRPC. The IT projects approved for funding last week were \$660,408 for Transportation Alternatives Urban Medium for the WalkNRoll program; \$735,250 for the East Martin Way Gateway Project. IT did not receive funding for the right-of-way portion of that work, however, will continue to seek funding to be able to move forward.

In addition, IT received the prioritized lists for state funding, however, we will not know if they are funding the timelines for sure until the end of session. We have \$5,046M for the 2023-2025 biennium for Pattison Rehabilitation; \$1.2M for rear-door boarding and real-time passenger information; and

hoping for funding for a Zero Emission Demonstration Project. IT is working with CTE on an alternative fuels transition plan (or transition plan). That plan, and the funding availability should dove-tail nicely.

IT honored Rosa Parks' Day last week with a poster and a rose on the front seats of all buses.

Vanpool went live December 1 with the new payment software system. Vanpool staff have been implementing the new fare structure manually, so this is an exciting step forward for customers and staff. Vanpool staff will provide an update of the program in 2023.

The three Jingle Buses (two coaches and one DAL vehicle) are out on the street. Also, the lighted bus turned out beautiful. IT participated in the Lacey Lighted Parade on Monday, December 5. We will continue to show the lighted bus off by taking it out on loops throughout the community and finding areas, such as the transit centers and a few other places in an attempt to share the joy with the community for the remainder of the month. While gorgeous, the lighted bus is more delicate than our average heavy-duty coach, so it won't be out in heavy rain, snow or wind and we need to keep the speed relatively low. But IT will do its best to spread the joy.

*Freeman-Manzanares shared a customer comment. A caller gave a BIG commendation to one of our new Operators, Walter Hunt who was driving Bus #411, on Route #68 on Saturday, November 5, 2022, when he came upon a gentleman walking on the sidewalk near Lacey Collision, who fell to the ground with an apparent seizure. The caller was directly in front of the bus and just pulled his car into an area opposite Lacey Collision when he looked up to see an IT bus pull to the curb. The caller says the Operator carefully pulled to the curb, set the brakes, and turned on his 4-ways and then flew off the bus running towards the man having the seizure. By this time the caller was also on the scene and together they helped the man remain safe. A Lacey police officer drove by, and they were able to flag him down and the officer took over from there. The caller couldn't stop talking about the professionalism of the Operator and how he managed to quickly and efficiently help this man. The caller was grateful for the Operator's conduct, and he said it renewed his "hope for humanity." The caller hopes this commendation will reach Walter's Supervisor because he deserves to be recognized for going way above his duties as an Operator.*

Freeman-Manzanares also gave a shout out to IT's hiring team – Human Resources, Emily Bergkamp, Cameron Crass and Kevin Karkoski for hiring the best of the best and ensuring we continue to go above and beyond and provide this community with the service they deserve.

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board