

Minutes
INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilman called the December 7, 2022, meeting of the Intercity Transit Authority to order at 5:30 p.m. This meeting was held remotely, with an in-person component at the Pattison Street facility.

Members Present: Chair and City of Olympia Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Gilman; Vice Chair and Citizen Representative Justin Belk; Thurston County Commissioner Carolina Mejia; City of Lacey Councilmember Robin Vazquez; City of Tumwater Mayor Debbie Sullivan; City of Yelm Councilmember Brian Hess; Citizen Representative Don Melnick; Citizen Representative Sue Pierce; Labor Representative Paul Tischer.

Staff Present: Ann Freeman-Manzanares; Ally McPherson; Pat Messmer; Eric Phillips; Jonathon Yee; Emily Bergkamp; Brian Nagel; Daniel Van Horn; Michael Maverick; Jessica Gould; Steve Krueger; Jana Brown; Katie Cunningham; Rob LaFontaine; Heather Stafford Smith; Nicky Upson; Jeff Peterson; Jason Hanner; Matt Parker; Sean Barrett; Julie DeRuwe; Sean Lindemeier; Larry Ingram; Jay Lance; Larry Smathers; Dena Withrow; Staci Revel; Joy Gerchak; Cindy Waterhouse; Tammy Ferris; Ramon Beltran.

Others Present: Jeff Myers, Legal Counsel; Walter Smit, Ursula Euler, and Edwina Waehling, Community Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M/S/A by Sullivan and Melnick to adopt the agenda as presented.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

- A. **New Operator Class 22-05** (*Sean Barrett*)
- B. **Larry Smathers, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor** (*Jonathon Yee*)
- C. **Sean Lindemeier, Larry Ingram, Jay Lance, Vehicle Detailers** (*Jonathon Yee*)
- D. **Dena Withrow, Operations Deputy Director** (*Emily Bergkamp*)
- E. **Staci Revel, Facilities Tech 3** (*Julie DeRuwe*)

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was M/S/A by Sullivan and Vazquez to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** November 2, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. **Payroll for November:** \$3,215,407.97
- C. **Accounts Payable November:** Warrant numbers 35778-35845; numbers 35848-35951; and numbers 35956-35993 for a total amount of **\$3,148,699.83**; and Automated Clearing House Transfers in the amount of **\$9,193.96** for a monthly total of **\$3,157,893.79**.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 2 of 12

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). Jason Hanner, CSO/Safety Program Manager presented for approval an updated PTASP. The Intercity Transit Authority Board approved the original Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan on September 16, 2020. On November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was signed into law. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law amends FTA's safety program at 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) by adding to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements. Staff has incorporated these changes into IT's Agency Safety Plan.

The requirements are an update to our safety committee to include reviewing and approving the agency safety plan and any updates. Includes a section on infectious Disease Control outlining what strategies we use to mitigate exposure. Included in this section is all the work Intercity Transit has done to mitigate COVID. It also requires us to create a risk reduction program, which was already included in the old plan, however, it was not labeled as a risk reduction plan, so we added a title to it. Staff was also required to include a de-escalation training for maintenance, operations and any personnel responsible for safety. Staff took it this one step further and will require it for all employees.

After the Plan was amended it was reviewed and approved by IT's 15-member Safety Committee (Director of Administrative Services, Director of Operations, Director of Fleet and Facilities, Deputy Director of Information Systems, Chief Safety Officer, Facilities Manager, Training and Safety Coordinator, one non-represented employee, one customer service representative and one operations trainer, two ATU operator representatives, one IAM maintenance representative, one fueler and one facility specialist.

It was M/S/A by Sullivan and Mejia to approve the updated Intercity Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

B. Dial-A-Lift Purchase Change Order. Katie Cunningham, Procurement Coordinator submitted a change order issued to Schetky Northwest to modify Intercity Transit's order of 28 replacement Dial-A-Lift vehicles.

In September of 2021, Intercity Transit placed an order with Schetky for a total of twenty-eight (28) propane Aerotech Light Duty Ford (E-450) replacement Dial-A-Lift vehicles under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Contract 06719.

Shortly after the order was placed, production on the Aerotech model was discontinued as a result of supply chain issues and chassis shortages. Therefore, Intercity Transit worked with Schetky to review and evaluate a substantially similar

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 3 of 12

vehicle model from the same manufacturer, the Advantage propane Light Duty Ford E-450 cutaway, which has been determined will meet our requirements.

Concurrently, the vehicle manufacturer, Forest River, requested a price increase under DES Contract 06719 based on increased manufacturing, goods, and labor costs. DES reviewed the request and approved a 50.08% price increase for this vehicle category under Contract 06719.

Therefore, a change order is needed to modify the vehicle and options from the Aerotech model to the Advantage model and incorporate the new DES contract pricing. These changes will result in an approximate 46.2% increase in the amount of \$82,900 to the price of each vehicle. The amended purchase price per vehicle will be \$262,067 which represents an overall increase of \$2,322,000 to the order. The new total for twenty-eight (28) vehicles will be \$7,337,866.

Intercity Transit has reviewed the new vehicle model and pricing and concurs with DES's assessment that it is fair and reasonable. While Schetky continues to experience pandemic-related vehicle production delays, the issuance of this change order will hold Intercity Transit's pricing through 2023, and our place in the production line in an effort to remain in alignment with our vehicle replacement schedules. Accordingly, staff recommends approval of the change order to the Dial-A-Lift vehicle order of twenty-eight (28) vehicles in the amount of \$2,322,000.

It was M/S/A by Melnick and Sullivan to authorize 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.

- C. DAL Route Scheduling & Management Software.** Jeff Peterson, Procurement Coordinator, submitted a request to purchase a route scheduling and management software program to support the Dial-A-Lift paratransit service.

Intercity Transit has been utilizing the Routematch scheduling platform to manage our DAL services since 2006. Implementation of our new Computer Assisted Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) solution included integrating the Routematch solution into the hardware provided by our CAD/AVL provider. Unfortunately, and following recent acquisitions by another firm, Routematch has elected not to integrate or enhance their program to meet our needs, therefore an alternative solution was sought.

On June 22, 2022, the project team released a request for proposal seeking a new route scheduling solution. Intercity Transit received five responsive proposals on the due date of August 15th. The project team concluded upon their initial review that all five proposers could potentially meet our objectives and elected to pursue interviews and demonstrations from all firms. Upon conclusion of the interview process, the project team narrowed their focus to two firms. Based on the feedback

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 4 of 12

from the references, the evaluation team is recommending Via Mobility LLC be awarded the contract.

It was M/S/A by Sullivan and Melnick to authorize 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.

D. Adopt 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. Freeman-Manzanares explained the strategic plan is IT's primary policy document, and through it, the Authority defines the level of resources and priorities devoted to services and projects and in essence allows staff to develop the following year's budget as well as a work program.

The Authority and Community Advisory Committee reviewed and enhanced the document throughout the year and presented it to the public for comment.

It was M/S/A by Vazquez and Pierce to adopt the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

E. Adopt 2023 Budget. Chief Financial Officer, Jana Brown, presented the final 2023 budget and Resolution 04-2022 for approval. Brown said the draft budget was posted on the website and a public hearing was conducted. Brown indicated there were a few changes made to the draft version of the budget presented to the Authority in October. Those changes are:

1. Increase the Olympia Transit Center Improvement Project by \$100,000, due to the rising costs.
2. Increase the cost of 28 Dial-A-Lift Vans to \$7.3 million.
3. Lastly, Brown noted a clerical error was made in the allocation between capitalized and operational costs. The bottom-line budget did not change - just the categorization of those costs.

It was M/S/A by Mejia and Vazquez to adopt Resolution 04-2022 that establishes the 2023 Budget.

F. Cancel the December 21, 2022, ITA Meeting. Freeman-Manzanares said staff does not anticipate any agenda items scheduled for the December 21, 2022, meeting. Given the lack of agenda items, staff recommends canceling the meeting.

It was M/S/A by Melnick and Belk to cancel the Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Authority meeting.

G. CAC Recommendations/Appointments Freeman-Manzanares presented the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) candidate recommendations.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 5 of 12

At the direction of the Intercity Transit Authority, an ad-hoc committee formed to conduct interviews of applicants for the Community Advisory Committee. Ten applications were received, and interviews took place on November 2, 2022. The ad-hoc committee consisted of Don Melnick, Sue Pierce, Ty Flint, Eliane Wilson and Walter Smit. The Authority expressed their appreciation regarding the caliber of candidates. The candidates were all very impressive and it was with regret that an invitation couldn't be extended to everyone.

Upon conclusion of the interviews the ad-hoc committees' recommendation is to appoint Harrison Ashby, Clair Bourgeois, Jeremy Mott, Doug Riddels, and Trina Primm to three-year terms; and appoint Alejandro Garcia to a one-year youth position with all terms beginning January 1, 2023.

It was M/S/A by Melnick and Pierce to appoint Harrison Ashby, Clair Bourgeois, Jeremy Mott, Doug Riddels, and Trina Primm to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2023; and appoint Alejandro Garcia to a one-year youth position beginning on January 1, 2023.

H. Thurston Regional Planning Council Advisory Vote - Potential Airport Siting.

Freeman-Manzanares said on November 9, 2022, the Transportation Policy Board voted to recommend that the TRPC Council formally oppose the potential airport siting in Thurston County. TRPC discussed the matter at their December 2, 2022, meeting and decided to delay a formal motion until their January 2023 meeting to allow member organizations the opportunity to discuss the issue and seek direction. This meeting provides an opportunity for the Authority to discuss and direct the 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.

Gilman said it sends a clear message about the specific challenges about the site being proposed and why it's not a good fit for Thurston County and the immediate impact it would have on people who are living where they might be displaced.

Vazquez said there's value in outlining not just our concerns about the siting, but also the reasons why we think the process may not have been complete and that's what this letter does. It highlights a lot of the different concerns that we've heard from different parts of our community.

Hess said as a Councilmember in Yelm, he's been receiving a lot of emails in opposition to this, and one of the challenges we face is there are a lot of people who are misinformed about what is being proposed. He said the majority of the time he hears someone complaining about an international airport competing with SeaTac, which is incorrect. It is a two-runway regional airport.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 6 of 12

Hess said we need to understand the completion of the site is looking out 20 years from now. It's not going to be built next year or within the next five years, and he believes the ITA needs to be cautious about digging in their heels and being a strong no, because the moment we start presenting that opinion of a strong no, we start losing access to the table of the discussion when it starts being presented, and that the higher ups will say Pierce County and Thurston County said no, and we have nowhere else to go, and these are the best plans and so they will start working on it.

Hess understands it's going to displace people, and that people say, well, the roads aren't in place, but 20 years from now, they can build the roads. We need to look at the pros and cons of all sides and not just say no for the sake of saying no. There are many valid concerns, but there are other things we need to look at.

Mejia said the County has been discussing this for a while, and were originally told of a different location and the Commissioners are on board with our opposition towards this, so she's in support of saying no. Mejia said we have over a two-year history with the CACC and the different locations that have been proposed around Thurston County and the fact that they let us know Thurston County was not going to be considered after the Black Lake proposal did not go through and then to be included at the last minute without any input from the County was a shock. We have a long history with the CACC, and the county is not on board with how their process has gone thus far. We understand they have a job to do, but the County is not in favor of the location that's been chosen for various reasons. The Commissioners are working on a more detailed letter, going into the reasons why we oppose this.

Sullivan said the impact it has on where we do mitigation for endangered species. We are in a bind on land that we can mitigate, for example the pocket Gopher and other endangered species, and this will take up such a huge area. We're having enough problems with just the Port of Olympia with the lark, the Sparrow, the pocket Gopher, etc., and getting things through US, Fish and Wildlife, if we start getting that area tied up with that kind of requirement and restrictions, then the amount of area where we can do those mitigations gets smaller and smaller. In addition to uprooting people's homes and livelihood, she can't think of one positive impact an airport would bring to this area.

Melnick is in favor of this no recommendation. He feels the County and other cities have had contact with the CACC about what the results were, but he's found very little is known about the process they went through to narrow the selection.

It was M/S by Sullivan and Melnick to authorize Intercity Transit's TRPC Representative to vote to authorize the TRPC Chair and Transportation Policy Board Chair to sign a letter of opposition to siting a new airport in Thurston County.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 7 of 12

Motion carried 7-1. Hess voted no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thurston Regional Planning Council (Nov. 4). Melnick attended on behalf of Sullivan. Marc Daily reviewed the draft 2022 TRPC Work Program. The program consists of TRPC projects and programs for the coming year and council will consider it for adoption at the December meeting.

Karen Parkhurst reviewed the updates to the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). To qualify for certain federal funding, federal and state law requires that TRPC adopt and update the plan every four years.

Karen Parkhurst reviewed the Legislative Priorities Subcommittee recommendations for the 2023 State Legislative Session and asked that the Council adopt it. The priority list consists of:

- I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater and Nisqually River Delta,
- Rural State Highways as Main Street,
- Regional Airport,
- Broadband, and
- Regional Mobility Grants.

Paul Brewster reviewed the 2022 Call for Projects grant proposals. The grant proposals include 14 Surface Transportation Block Grant's (STBG) applications, and two Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications. TRPC also received five STBG applications for TRPC's Contingency List. The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will review the proposals at their November 9, 2022, meeting and forward a funding recommendation to the Council to approve and take action at their December 2, 2022, meeting. Melnick was impressed because TRPC received criticism that the process for doling out money had become too politicized, and so they worked very hard to install a very objective, rational process. He said the fact that Council adopted unanimously acknowledges that everybody's more comfortable in how the money is being dealt with.

Transportation Policy Board (Nov. 9). Melnick said a lot of discussion involved concerns about the airport and Marc Daily provided an update on the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission's (CACC) decision to move forward with evaluation of three potential locations for a new airport in Washington State. The sites include one in Thurston County and two in Pierce County. The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) recommends the Thurston Regional Planning Council take a formal position of opposing the Thurston County site.

Paul Brewster reviewed the 2022 Call for Projects grant proposals and requested that TPB approve a funding recommendation to the Council. The Council will consider action on the funding recommendation at their December 2, 2022, meeting.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 8 of 12

Staff presented a funding recommendation for the Policy Board to review and approve:

- Fully fund the Transportation Alternatives (TA) proposals including \$660,408 to Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll Program and \$225,000 to the City of Tenino's Trail Design project.
- Award \$1,079,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to Thurston County's Old Hwy 99 & Tilley Rd. Project. Add the City of Tumwater's I-5 and SR121 & 93rd Ave Study project, the Nisqually Indian Tribe's Fleet Electrification project, and the City of Tenino's Old Highway 99 Repaving project to the Contingency List.
- Award \$864,00 in combined STBG and TA funds to Thurston County's Old Hwy 99 at Sargent Rd & 201st Ave project. Award \$850,000 in combined TA and STBG funds to the City of Yelm's Rhoton Road NW PE phase, and add the Rhoton Road ROW phase to the Contingency List.
- Award \$2,941,000 in combined STBG and TA funds to the City of Tumwater's X St. Roundabout project, \$3,941,742 in combined TA and STBG funds to the City of Lacey's College St. Corridor Phase 3 project, and \$735,250 in STBG funds to Intercity Transit's East Martin Way Gateway PE phase project. Add the unfunded portions of Tumwater's and Lacey's projects and Intercity Transit's ROW phase to the Contingency List.
- Add the following unfunded STBG Urban Medium proposals to the Contingency List: City of Olympia's Elliot Avenue Sidewalk project, Olympia's Martin Way Scoping Study, and Thurston County's Yelm Hwy and Spurgeon Creek Rd. Intersection Improvements and Old Pacific Hwy and Kuhlman Rd. Intersection Improvements.
- Add the following contingency proposals to the Contingency List: City of Lacey Pacific Avenue Depot District Plan, City of Olympia Citywide Street Repair and Reconstruction Project, City of Tenino Park Avenue Repaving Project, TRPC Countywide Active Transportation, Bicycle, and Micromobility Strategy, and the TRPC Freight Goods and Services Mobility Strategy.

Thurston Regional Planning Council (Dec. 2). Melnick attended on behalf of Sullivan. Chair Seidel recognized Executive Director Marc Daily for his five years of service with TRPC.

Paul Brewster reviewed the Transportation Policy Board's (TPB) 2022 Call for Projects funding recommendation to Council. The Council approved the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STB) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) grants awards to priority transportation projects for a total of about \$11.3 million to be obligated between 2025 and 2027.

Marc Daily provided an update on the Potential Airport Siting in Central Thurston County. He advised that at the TPB's November 9, 2022, meeting, the Policy Board recommended the Council take a formal position of opposition to the airport. Staff drafted a letter for Council's consideration. After much discussion, the Council decided

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 9 of 12

to not take action on the letter but to bring it back for discussion at their January 13, 2023, meeting.

Karen Parkhurst reviewed the state legislative priority issues for the 2023 State Legislative Session. At the November 4, 2022, meeting, the Council adopted the following priorities:

- I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater and Nisqually River Delta,
- Rural State Highways as Main Street,
- Regional Airport,
- Broadband, and
- Regional Mobility Grants.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Freeman-Manzanares recognized the outgoing Community Advisory Committee members. The Authority 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 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 funded likely 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.

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

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 10 of 12

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 when and where we can.

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 Operator 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 outstanding service they deserve.

AUTHORITY ISSUES

Hess said he appreciates the meetings and hopes the Board understands his objection to the airport vote. He's neither for nor against the airport, but he believes the Board needs to be open, listen and be part of the discussion and not make decisions at this time before we sit down and look at everything as a whole.

Pierce said she was on the Olympia Express due to the terrible weather at the beginning of the month. When the weather gets icy, she's on the Olympia Express. She had a chance to do a little education and have a conversation with a few people while waiting for the connection while at the park and ride at the 512. She said it will be wonderful when we can get back to pre-covid levels of service and the connections between Pierce and Thurston fit together more easily. There are a lot of people who really need services between Pierce and Thurston. Hopefully IT and Pierce can find a way as things progress toward normal to encourage better connections, or maybe work with us so we can get Olympia Express up at least into the Tacoma Dome Center stop.

Melnick has a good friend at Panorama who just started using Dial-A-Lift and she was so effusive in her compliments about how the driver was very caring, how she got to

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 11 of 12

where she had to go, and how the operator helped her get out of the van and get in the door of the healthcare facility. She couldn't say enough about the DAL service.

Melnick said he spoke to a fellow resident of Panorama who has been a volunteer at the Amtrak station for a very long time who said they've lost about 20% of their volunteers because of COVID. They are having trouble meeting their staffing needs, particularly when the northbound train from the South is late. If there is any way this could be validated and then perhaps the cities and the county could help promote the notion that we need more volunteers. Melnick would hate for some sort of incident to occur at the station.

Freeman Manzanares said the Centennial Station is entirely run by volunteers and it may be the only station in the United States that is entirely run by an amazing group of volunteers. IT is working on social media ads and looking at putting this in the Rider News to drum up volunteers for the Station and we are hoping to do some outreach with the jurisdictions and other social service agencies and nonprofits. If there are individuals out there that are looking at volunteering, it's a wonderful organization, and they do great work for our communities.

Belk said regarding the discussion about the airport, he totally supports IT's representative to vote accordingly at TRPC, and he wants to address Hess' concerns. Belk applauds all of the representatives here and how they're trying to best capture the groundswell of responses and respond accordingly. There is a lot of opposition, and he sees all of the local agencies trying to address that concern. However, he thinks there may be reality where a democracy at a different level decides to put something into law, provide and fund this to be implemented, there could be a reality where we are faced with the possibility of whether it's Pierce County's location or our own county that are trying to make the best of some kind of project that will have huge impacts on everyone. While he personally doesn't want to see his neighbors in Thurston County impacted and to the extent that Pierce County doesn't want it either, he sees there being a case where the ball rolls and the legislature makes it so in that instance kind of echoing and acknowledging some of Hess' points.

If Belk is serving on ITA in several years, he thinks the ITA will as an agency need to engage in good faith and that there will be a budget and state agencies will have to carry out some things and we do want to be at the table to make the best outcome possible, because we cannot accept an outcome where an airport exists and there's not good transit connections. And while they talk a lot of about what the airport of the future looks like in low carbon elements, connections to that airport needs to be sustainable and thought through with all the progressive intent, and IT is looking at providing the best service possible to reduce car trips to said airport even if it's in Pierce County.

Vazquez said if an airport happens in our community or near our community, we should still have a seat at the table.

Intercity Transit Authority Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Page 12 of 12

Vazquez said there is a volunteer opportunity coming up - Thurston County Public Health and Social Services are looking for volunteers to assist with the point in time homeless census taking place the end of January. They are asking people to sign up for volunteer slots for the 27th, 28th and 29th of January. Basic things like directing people where they need to go during the coordination phase, running the site, collecting names, making sure people have snacks, there's all kinds of different opportunities.

Mejia clarified the volunteers for the homeless census is being handled through the United Way. United Way also partnered with Public Health to get volunteers for the vaccine clinics. If interested sign up through the United Way.

Mejia said starting January 1 County offices will be fully moved into the 3000 Pacific location. Board meetings and all county business will be conducted at this new site.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Authority, Chair Gilman adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Clark Gilman

Clark Gilman, Chair

ATTEST

Patricia Messmer

**Pat Messmer
Clerk to the Authority**

Date Approved: February 1, 2023

Prepared by Pat Messmer, Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant, Intercity Transit.