

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of March 19, 2025, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Law, Lyman, Daniel, Kamerrer & Bogdanovich to renew our legal services contract through March 31, 2026, and adjust the hourly rates. *(Jeff Peterson)*
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Washington State Contract 06719, to purchase seventy-nine (79) Arrow driver barriers from Gillig, LLC (Gillig) in the amount of \$710,605, which includes sales tax. *(Brenden Houx)*
- Authorized the General Manager to increase KPFF's contract amount by \$374,836, for a total revised contract amount of \$546,293. *(Peter Stackpole)*

Other Items of Interest:

- Katrina Van Every from Thurston Regional Planning Council provided a briefing on an update to the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Michael Midstokke introduced **Emilio Rangel, Matt Terrell, and Jeremy Hale, Operations Supervisors.**
- Izi LeMay introduced **Rachel Permann, Village Vans Coordinator.**
- Jane Denicola introduced **Renee Fonseca, Customer Service Supervisor.**

General Manager's Report:

Bergkamp and Nick Demerice, Chief Marketing, Outreach and Communications Officer, recently presented to the Thurston Regional Planning Council and the Transportation Policy Board, providing a general agency update and conceptual overview of our bus system redesign tentatively scheduled to launch in May 2026. Bergkamp took members for a walk down memory lane of IT's 2016 public engagement campaign known as the Road Trip which identified our community's desire to have more service in the form of a transformational transit system, then Proposition 1 being approved in late 2018 to fund the elements of the transformation, the decision process of going zero-fare January 2020, the barriers COVID created, preventing completion of the transformation, how we've fought our way back to pre-pandemic service and ridership levels, and are now back on track to resume a redesign to usher in the remaining element promised with the additional funding of Proposition 1. The presentations were well received, and there was a recent JOLT article highlighting the topics we discussed.

Class 25-01 with 20 new Operators started on March 17 and we are excited to welcome them to our team!

March 18 was National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, honoring our essential workers and transit heroes – Operators, Operations Supervisors, Facilities and Maintenance staff. Executive and

Marketing staff worked hard to ensure these frontline folks are publicly honored for the work they do in our community through March 21.

Interior demolition of the Maintenance Facility continues and staff anticipates providing a project update and overview to the Board tentatively in June.

Bergkamp said IT receives 30% of its funding through state and federal grants with sales tax making up the remainder. For 2024 it was just under \$20M - Grant Revenue collection completed:

- Federal \$13,235,896
- State \$5,626,044

The total grant revenue collected (federal and state): \$18,861,940 directly funded:

- WNR Operations
- Ongoing Pattison Facility Construction Project
- Smart Corridors
- Replacement DAL Vehicles

Bergkamp provided an update on the Walk N Roll Program:

- The Winter Bicycle Challenge was a success with 266 participants representing over 40 BCC teams covering 18,648 miles on a combined total of 1766 days.
- Through a new community partnership, the Full Cycle program distributed 11 bikes at the Cielo Food Bank.
- Avanti Bikes! PE class has 18 students enrolled for the spring.
- Our first adult urban bike skills class opened for registration.
- Registration opened for spring and summer programs including Teen's biking to Destinations, Learn to Ride, Summer Earn-A-Bike and Bike Camp.
- WNR staff Kerri Wilson and Hana Rothner joined Cascade Bicycle Club in meetings with Representative Barkis and Senator Bateman to share information about the Teens Biking to Destinations program.

Intercity Transit is the reigning International Roadeo Grand Champion, meaning we have a title to defend! Operator Clinton Jimenez and Maintenance Team Richelle Loken, Sean Malay, and Jonathon Reynolds will be competing at the American Public Transportation Association's International Roadeo April 4-8, in Austin, Texas. The Roadeo runs concurrently with APTA's Mobility Conference April 6-9, which addresses the critical priorities and challenges facing bus and paratransit systems and explores the changing environments in which these systems operate. As a result, IT will have several staff attending both the Roadeo and the conference and will be on hand to cheer our competitors on!

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Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board