

**Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary**  
***A brief recap of July 16, 2025, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting***

**Wednesday night, the ITA:**

- Conducted two public hearings: The Draft 2025-2030 Transit Development Plan and the September 2025 Service Change Equity Analysis.
- Authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with SHI International Corp for a planning and daily operations software solution in a not to exceed the amount of \$1,900,000 for the solution which includes a 10% contingency and five years of software maintenance and support, not including sales tax which is recognized and approved as a pass-through cost at the time of sale.
- Authorized the General Manager to extend the Bobcat Parking Lot lease agreement with Thermo King Northwest for one year and four months, with three one-year renewal options, in the amount of \$110,000.
- Approved the Intercity Transit Authority Public Comment Policy EX-0019 and incorporated it into the ITA Bylaws.
- Adopted Resolution 03-2025 to amend the Bylaws, Section V - Meetings adding subsection 5.15 the Public Comment Policy EX-0019 and subsection 5.16 Canceling ITA Meetings.
- Approved the CAC Recruitment timeline and selected the following ITA members to participate on the ad-hoc committee to interview candidates: Wendy Goodwin, Kelly Von Holtz, and Brian Hess. Sue Pierce and Justin Belk volunteered to be alternates. They will join CAC members Doug Riddel, Clair Bourgeois, and Margaret Janis.
- Received an update from Duncan Green on the results of the 2025 Bicycle Community Challenge.

**Other Items of Interest:**

- Michael Midstokke introduced the **new Operator Class 25-02**.
- Rob LaFontaine introduced **Spencer Zeman, Bus Stop Program Coordinator**.
- Alana Neal introduced **Kathleena Ly, HR Specialist** and **Alysia Bair, HR Analyst**.

**General Manager's Report**

- Bergkamp met with Jeff Johnston, Executive Director at ORCAA regarding air quality issues that arise during the winter months due to IT's proximity to The Jungle and some of the burning that takes place there. Maintenance staff – swing shift and graveyard – are impacted the most, while moving vehicles and the need to go frequently between indoors and outdoors. ORCAA works with OlyMap who routinely goes into the camp to assist with trash clean up and provides wood for heat and propane tanks for cooking. These efforts help, but they don't completely solve the problem. ORCAA is engaging with the City of Olympia and

OlyMap to discuss other solutions and they will join an upcoming staff meeting with IT's nighttime Maintenance staff to share information and listen to their concerns.

- Intercity Transit hosted the South Sound Regional Rodeo July 12 and 13. This event welcomed competitors from around the state and showcased why Intercity Transit has become universally known for competing in and organizing Bus Rodeos. The Rodeo is a qualifying event for the Washington State Rodeo in August. The following Intercity Transit employees competed:
  - BOC: Steven Bleecker & Dan Savage.
  - 40' Coach: John Clauson, David Dalloul, Clinton Jimenez, Lora Johnson, and Janet Shepherd.
  - Fleet Maintenance Team: Richelle Loken, Sean Malay, and Jonathon Reynolds

Spectators observed drivers navigate a timed obstacle course while the Maintenance competition included fun team participation in finding defects in the following categories:

- Bus Inspection
- Thermo-King (HVAC)
- Engine (Cummins)
- Vapor Door
- Bendix Air Brake System (ABS)
- I/O Controls (Dinex)

Service Impact Supervisor, David Dudek, and Operations Supervisor, Bill Miller, along with their spouses Lilian and Shanika, put in endless hours of preparation to ensure the driving portion was a success. Senior Safety and Training Coordinator and Maintenance Team Coach, Bryce Reinhardt, ensures the Maintenance competition runs smoothly. We also had enormous help from many staff who volunteered to be judges, and several ITA and CAC members, notably ITA members Wendy Goodwin and Sue Pierce, along with CAC members Rachel Wilson and Shawn Sandquist, plus Bus Buddy Margaret Hill. Thank you to all our competitors, for helping Intercity Transit put our best foot forward this year. Here are the results:

#### **Intercity Transit's Local Competition Results:**

*Body on Chassis (Dial-A-Lift style vehicle)*

- 1st Place Dan Savage
- 2nd Place Steven Bleecker (1st time competitor!)

*40' Coach*

- 1st Place Clinton Jimenez
- 2nd Place Janet Shepard
- 3rd Place David Dalloul (1st time competitor!)

#### **Overall Regional Competition Results:**

*Maintenance Team*

- 1st Place - Intercity Transit – Richelle Loken, Sean Malay, and Jonathan Reynolds (by over 500 points – a landslide!!!)
- 2nd Place – Kitsap Transit
- 3rd Place – Pierce Transit

*Body on Chassis*

- 1st Place – Bonnie Mitchell – Pierce Transit
- 2nd Place – Jonathan Taylor – Whatcom Transit
- 3rd Place - Dan Savage – Intercity Transit

*40' Coach*

- 1st Place – Matt Chomjack – Community Transit
- 2nd Place – Brandon Killingbeck – Island Transit
- 3rd Place – John Waight – Pierce Transit

*Pre-Trip Inspection*

- John Clauson – Intercity Transit
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- Everyone and their family are invited to ride the bubble bus in the Lakefair Parade Saturday, July 19. Please be in the staging area on Capitol Way between 18th Street and 19th Street by 4:15 p.m. We are number 53 of 70 parade entries in the lineup.

*Prepared July 17, 2025*

*Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board*