

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of January 21, 2026, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Sourcewell Cooperative contract 120122-RNG, to acquire professional services in the amount of \$17,700, excluding taxes, to implement a cloud-based communications solution from RingCentral. (Jeff Peterson)
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Washington State Contract 06719, to purchase eighteen (18) hybrid replacement buses from Gillig, LLC not-to-exceed the amount of \$31,462,594, including sales tax and contingency. (Brenden Houx)
- Declared Vanpool vans and non-revenue support vehicles as surplus. The total estimated fair market value of the vehicles is \$44,300.00. (Noelle Gordon)

Other Items of Interest:

- Izi LeMay provided an update on the Village Vans Program.
- Alejandro Soto introduced Van Zabochnik and Megan Nyblom, Inventory Specialists.

General Manager's Report

- WSDOT informed us our **e-bike lending library** project proposal was approved! Organizations like Intercity Transit receiving this grant can set up e-bike libraries which provide a cost-free opportunity for our employees to try riding and integrating e-bikes into their lifestyles.

Our grant request is for the purchase of 9 e-bikes (3 cargo bikes, 5 commuter bikes and 1 adaptive trike), supportive equipment, and a part-time Program Coordinator who would manage all aspects of the e-bike lending library.

The design of the project and number of bikes was determined by an IT employee survey (over 100 responses!) which showed tremendous interest in and support for this project.

Special thanks to:

WNR Program Supervisor Kerri Wilson who brought the opportunity forward and the vision to apply for an e-bike lending library for IT employees. With help from the following staff, IT put together a very strong application:

- Thera Black —Editing for word limits, content enhancement, and letter of support drafts.
- Drew Goffeney — Updated map of service area.
- Ally Goodwin and former Marketing staff member Heather Dyson — employee survey assistance.
- Peter Stackpole and the Cut Commute Committee—Letter of support and encouragement.
- Mark Neuville — Letter of support from ATU.

- Jana Brown — Liaison with WSTIP on insurance questions.
- Jessica Gould – Putting all of the pieces together for a successful proposal.

- Save the dates June 27 & 28 for the **South Sound Regional Rodeo** hosted and administered by Intercity Transit at the Tumwater Brewery grounds. As in years past, there will be a Maintenance Team competition and Operator competition, and we're always looking for judges and volunteers! Be on the lookout for more information we'll share with the ITA and CAC soon.

- The first **Operator Class of 2026** started on January 12 with 17 students who will be introduced to the ITA soon.

- Bergkamp met with former CAC and ITA member Don Melnick to discuss an emeritus position for him on the CAC. He was happy to accept! We'll invite Don to attend any meetings he's interested in attending as mentor, and specific meetings where he can share his experience on both the CAC and ITA and encourage our CAC to consider applying for future ITA Community Representative vacancies. We'll also invite Don to speak about the role of the CAC from the perspective of a former ITA Community Representative.

- The City of Lacey is gathering input on human services needs in our community, and they are inviting transportation stakeholders to share their perspectives, experiences, and insights. Their goal is to engage a broad range of stakeholders to help guide human services priorities in Lacey. Pat Messmer shared information with the ITA and CAC members to participate in a facilitated focus group discussion with five open-ended questions, lasting less than an hour.
 - When: Thursday, February 12, 2026
 - Time: 1:30 p.m.
 - Where: In person at Intercity Transit's Pattison Executive Board Room

There is also a Zoom option that will be provided for participants. Information gathered through this conversation will help inform the City's Human Services Needs Assessment and future strategic planning efforts. If interested in attending, RSVP to Pat and she will notify the event organizer Michelle Chavez.

Prepared January 22, 2026, Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board