

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of February 4, 2026, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Authorized the General Manager to issue a purchase order to One Diversified for Board room Audio and Visual Enhancements in the amount of \$119,400. (Jeff Peterson)
- Authorized the General Manager, pursuant to Washington State Contract 28423, to purchase replacement vehicles to support our Village Van program from Bud Clary Ford in the amount of \$156,000. (Noelle Gordon)
- Elected City of Lacey Councilmember, Carolyn Cox as Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority.
- Elected Community Representative, Sue Pierce as Vice Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority.
- Completed committee assignments as follows:

Thurston Regional Planning Council - Councilmember Robert Vanderpool

Alternate - Councilmember Kelly Von Holtz

Transportation Policy Board - Community Representative Justin Belk

Alternate - Commissioner Carolina Mejia

Pension (401K) Committee - Community Representative Sue Pierce

Other Items of Interest:

- Michael Midstokke introduced **Operator Class 26-01**.
- David Chaffee introduced **Ben Robinson, Technician**.

General Manager's Report

- Operator Class of 2025 graduated Friday, January 30 and is officially out on the road on their own!
- ITA, CAC members and staff are invited to participate in a facilitated focus group discussion with five open-ended questions, lasting less than an hour on Thursday February 12, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in person at Intercity Transit – Pattison Executive Board Room or via Zoom. The City of Lacey is gathering input on human services needs in our community, and 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. Information gathered through this conversation will help inform the City's Human Services Needs Assessment and future strategic planning efforts.
- Bergkamp attended the 1st Quarter WSTA Board of Directors Legislative Conference. The two-day meeting included presentations from the Governor's Office, WSDOT, leadership of both the Senate and House Transportation Committees, WSTA Lobbyists, a World Cup Update, and worked through standard WSTA business and actions items.

- Bergkamp joined a meeting of local elected officials from Lacey (Mayor Ryder), Tumwater (Mayor Dahlhoff), Yelm (Mayor DePinto), Olympia (Mayor Payne), and Thurston County (Commissioner Menser), and Elissa Gertler, the new Executive Director of the Thurston Regional Planning Council along with Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland. The purpose of this conversation was to gather local input as we look ahead to the future of federal infrastructure and transportation policy, particularly with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) set to expire later this year. Congresswoman Strickland wanted to hear directly from local leaders about priority needs, lessons learned from recent IIJA investments, and what a next-generation infrastructure bill should address for Thurston County and the region.
- Last week, Bergkamp and Chief Marketing, Communications, and Outreach Officer Nick Demerice were interviewed for the Olympia Standard Podcast by co-host Daniel Garcia to chat about the upcoming May Service Redesign. The episode will be posted soon, so stay tuned.

Prepared February 5, 2026, Pat Messmer/Clerk of the Board