

Intercity Transit Authority Meeting Highlights/Summary
A brief recap of June 17, 2026, Intercity Transit Authority Meeting

Wednesday night, the ITA:

- Conducted a public hearing on the draft 2027 – 2030 Capital Improvement Plan. (Jana Brown)
- Authorized the General Manager to increase KPFF’s contract by \$73,340.34, for a total amount of \$521,939.34. (Jeff Peterson)
- Adopted the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for projects with anticipated Federal funding. (Jessica Gould)
- Authorized a public hearing on July 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the draft 2026-2031 Transit Development Plan. (Drew Goffeney)
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with American Landscape Services, LLC to renew landscaping and grounds maintenance services at Intercity Transit facilities for a period of one year in the amount of \$150,000. (Noelle Gordon)
- Declared Vanpool vehicles as surplus. Intercity Transit received replacements for these vehicles which have exceeded their useful life and are surplus to our needs. The total estimated value of the ten vehicles listed in Exhibit A is \$61,600. (Noelle Gordon)
- Adopted the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan. (Jana Brown)
- Approved the CAC Recruitment timeline and selected the following ITA members to participate on the ad-hoc committee to interview candidates: Wendy Goodwin, Eileen Swarthout and Justin Belk. They will join CAC members Shawn Sandquist, Jacqueline Garrison, and Kendra Galan. They also have an alternate, Suzanne Simmons. (Emily Bergkamp)
- Reappointed Community Representative Justin Belk to the ITA for another three-year term ending December 31, 2029.

Other Items of Interest:

- Recognized the APTA Rodeo Competitors and Team (Clinton Jimenez, Steve Bleecker, John Clauson, Richelle Loken, Jonathan Reynolds, Jackson Madison, Dan Savage, Joe Bell, David Dudek, Shanaka and Bill Miller, Rob Wood, Bryce Reinhardt, Kayla Phillips and ITA member Sue Pierce).
- The following new employees and those recently promoted were introduced:
 - Jill Nordstrom, Chief of Staff
 - Operator Class 26-02
 - Sean Barrett, Transit Instructor Supervisor
 - Dave Randall, Jason Bryant and Amanda Johnson, Transit Instructors
 - Jason F. Aguero, Procurement & Project Management Coordinator

General Manager's Report

- Bergkamp recognized the Operator and Maintenance representatives competing in both local and international Bus Roadeo competitions: **Maintenance Team – Richelle Loken, Jonathan Reynolds, and Jackson Madison:** This team welcomed Jackson Madison to the team this year, who stepped up to join after longtime roadeo team member Sean Malay retired. This team took first place at Pierce Transit's local maintenance roadeo on April 26 and had a big presence at the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) International Bus Roadeo in Salt Lake City. The trio won 1st place at APTA's roadeo in the vehicle inspection module and placed 8th overall out of 49 maintenance teams. Advanced Technology and Training Coordinator Bryce Reinhardt with Maintenance Supervisor Joe Bell are steady coaches and mentors for the team. Several other maintenance staff and family attended this year's international competition to watch and support, including Fleet Manager David Chaffee, Senior Fleet Business Analyst Kayla Phillips with husband Derek, plus Richelle Loken's personal cheer squad husband Lance and son Hudson.

Operator Competitors – John Clauson, Steve Bleeker, and Clinton Jimenez: John Clauson and Steve Bleeker competed in the Community Transportation Association of America's National Roadeo on May 10 in Omaha, NE. John took 8th place in the 35-foot category out of 20 competitors and Stephen took 31st place in the body-on-chassis category out of 51 competitors. This was their first appearance on the national stage, which they should be incredibly proud of. Clinton Jimenez competed in APTA's International Bus Roadeo 40-foot category, placing 31st out of 80 competitors. This group benefited from Rob Wood's and Dan Savage's coaching expertise, with supportive fans Operations Director Dena Withrow (APTA), Fixed-Route Manager Mike Midstokke (CTAA & APTA), and Dial-A-Lift Supervisor Curtis Prouty (CTAA) in attendance cheering them on.

Bus Rodeo Volunteers & Coordinators – David Dudek, Shanaka and Bill Miller, and Sue Pierce: A big shout out is owed to others who volunteer their time and energy to prepare for, host, and judge local, regional and international roadeo competitions. Service Impacts Supervisor David Dudek continues to provide his knowledge and expertise in setting up and running roadeos of all sizes, with Operations Supervisor Bill Miller as his right-hand. It's a family affair for Bill who is joined by wife Shanaka, a longtime presence on roadeo courses, to ensure the competitions are a success. ITA Community Representative Sue Pierce is always available as a volunteer judge and to support our team.

The South Sound Regional Roadeo, hosted by IT, is being held June 27-28 at the old Tumwater Brewery grounds, providing another opportunity for our team to compete or for IT's staff to cheer them on or volunteer. Top finishers will move on to compete at the Washington State Transportation Association's Annual Roadeo coming up on August 8-9 in Tacoma.

Special thanks are in order to co-workers who keep things running while Maintenance and Operator competitors are practicing or away from work for competitions.

- Bergkamp provided an update on the World Cup event. We've been monitoring regional travel for those staying in the Thurston County region but heading to matches in Seattle to adjust capacity on our Express routes as needed. We are encouraging the community to take transit to upcoming Fan Zone events at the Port Plaza by making their way to the OTC, where they can catch a temporary route traveling between OTC and the Farmer's Market. Special

thanks to Jennie Foglia-Jones, Operations, Marketing and Planning for coordinating to ensure there's extra support for our international and local soccer fans to enjoy the festivities. The Thurston County Chamber's Fan Zone Planning Committee, led by Jennie of JFJ Strategies, provided Intercity Transit with 12 General Admission tickets and 6 VIP tickets for employees to attend events at the Olympia-Lacey Fan Zone, since we are a sponsor of the event.

Match options include:

- Friday, June 19: USA vs. AU Australia - Event Hours: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
 - Wednesday, June 24: Canada vs. Switzerland - Event Hours: 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
 - Thursday, June 25: USA vs. Türkiye - Event Hours: 5:00 PM–10:00 PM
 - Friday, June 26: Uruguay vs.s Spain and Egypt vs. Iran - Event Hours: 5:00 PM–10:00 PM
- Operations Director Dena Withrow successfully graduated from the Leadership Thurston County Class of 2026! Dena made excellent use of the experience by broadening her network with community partners that will help make our transit system safer and easier to use.
 - This year marks 50 years of LOTT serving our region. As they look forward to the next 50 years, LOTT is working with a strategic communications firm to strengthen how they connect with the community and share their work. As part of this effort, LOTT wants to hear from people who know and work with them as well as those who have interacted in the past but aren't as familiar with LOTT's day-to-day work. As a result, Bergkamp participated in a "perception survey" to share IT's perspective on LOTT's role in the region, how they communicate with partners and the public, and our familiarity with the WET Science Center. It was a nice opportunity to assist LOTT with this process.
 - We continue our work to understand and address the air quality impacts caused by smoke from the nearby encampment, primarily known as "The Jungle." Earlier this spring, IT requested a site visit and voluntary consultation from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. Their evaluation and findings confirmed our concerns, and their report concludes the smoke entering our property represents a "serious hazard" for certain employees that must be mitigated. This situation has been frustrating and concerning for leadership and employees.

The report acknowledges that "...the smoke being generated is out of Intercity Transit's control.... The best solution to this hazard would be to stop the burning at the sources, although it has been reported that this will be a prolonged process, potentially spanning over the next couple of years period in the meantime, protections need to be implemented to ensure that employees are not exposed to smoke levels above recognized hazardous thresholds."

L & I's consultation advises IT to develop a plan to reduce employee exposure to smoke until the encampment is closed, which our Chief Safety Officer Jason Hanner has started work on. I also hope to meet with other local government officials to see what more can be done to reduce or stop the burning of items in The Jungle responsible for the smoke. The health and safety of our workforce remain our highest priority, and we are committed to taking effective steps to reduce the impacts of smoke exposure while longer-term solutions are pursued.

- On June 2, our Safety Department conducted a Fire Tabletop Exercise to validate evacuation and accountability procedures while providing an opportunity for leadership to discuss coordination, agency impacts, and continuity considerations during a facility-based disruption.
- Bergkamp attended the 2nd Quarter WSTA Board meeting in Chelan, WA May 28-29. The board received a state and federal legislative update, an overview of the state public transportation plan update being organized by WSDOT, had the opportunity to participate in a leadership development exercise centered on a technique called “Appreciative Inquiry” that helps navigate change and lead employees in difficult time, and took care of WSTA business items.
- WSTIP’s new Executive Director Matthew Branson and Claims Manager Cedric Adams visited with IT staff to get to know Matthew in his new role. We discussed what WSTIP could do to collaborate and partner with IT to support risk reduction.

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