

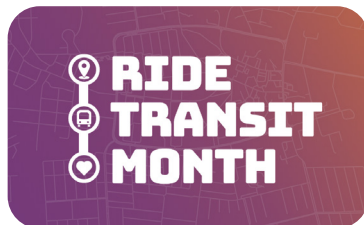
RIDER NEWS

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June 2026

Ride Transit Month

June is Ride Transit Month! It's a time to celebrate you, our riders, to showcase the benefits of riding transit and to encourage those who don't normally ride to give it a try. The month-long event helps to share the important role that transit plays in making communities more sustainable and affordable across our state.



Get Involved

This month, we're asking you to ride Intercity Transit more places, more often. You can celebrate by:

Taking the Pledge – It takes less than a minute to show your support for public transportation. Take the Pledge at ridetransitmonth.org and pledge your commitment to taking more trips by transit in June.

Riding the Rainbow – Ride any seven transit routes this month and you'll be entered into a prize drawing by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)!

To be entered to win a prize, all you have to do is:

1. Be at least 18 years old and live in or travel to Thurston County.
2. Track the seven routes you ride on the [Ride the Rainbow participant form](#). Download it online or stop by Intercity Transit's Customer Service counter in the Olympia Transit Center to pick up a form.
3. Submit your completed form to TRPC via email to ThurstonCommutes@trpc.org or text message to 360-741-2532 by July 10, 2026.

The prize drawing will be held on July 14, 2026. Please email ThurstonCommutes@trpc.org if you have any questions.

For more information about Ride Transit Month, including regional events and activities, visit ridetransitmonth.org.

Intercity Transit at Prairie Days

Prairie Days is Yelm's signature summer celebration and one of the longest-running community festivals in Thurston County. It's a weekend of family fun, delicious eats, and community spirit come to life! Intercity Transit will be at the [Prairie Days Parade](#) at 9 a.m. on June 27, 2026, to join in the fun with our bubble bus and mini bus!

After the parade, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., activities like Touch a Truck, carnival rides, a chalk art competition, and more will be open to attendees. Come see Intercity Transit in the parade and at Yelm City Park, and stay to enjoy food trucks, interactive activities, and fun for all ages!

Independence Day Service Reminder

Intercity Transit will operate on a weekend schedule for Independence Day, Friday, July 4. Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Please call Customer Service at 360-786-1881 for questions or assistance planning your trip.

Donate your Used Bicycle to Walk N Roll

Have you been busy with spring cleaning? Do you have a bike that you no longer ride, but still has miles left in it? Please consider donating to the Bike Rescue Project at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center!



Walk N Roll accepts gently used donations of bicycles with wheels 24" or larger. If you have a full-suspension mountain bike, a drop-bar road bike, or a kid's bike (with wheels under 24"), please consider donating to another local organization. You can find a [list of other bike donation locations on our website](#).

Bicycle Community Challenge



The 39th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) wrapped up at the end of May, with hundreds of participants from all over Thurston County logging tens of thousands of miles on their bikes. Riders improved their health and well-being, reduced traffic and parking congestion, and had tons of fun on their bikes and at our events. Everyone who logged rides in May will receive a pack of valuable coupons and a cool reflective sticker. Many riders won exciting prizes in our random drawings as well. Coupons and prizes will be mailed later this month, so watch your mailbox if you rode in the BCC this year!

2026 Rodeo Recap



Bus rodeo season is upon us again, with Operator and Maintenance representatives competing on behalf of Intercity Transit in both local and international competitions. A bus rodeo is a celebration of the expertise, training, and dedication of frontline transit workers. Participants navigate timed obstacle courses, perform simulated driving scenarios, and showcase their ability to conduct thorough vehicle inspections, diagnose mechanical issues, and complete maintenance tasks efficiently and safely. Awards are given in each practice area, and there is an overall grand prize for the transit system with the highest combined score for the bus operator and maintenance team.

Our Maintenance Team with Richelle Loken, Jonathan Reynolds, and Jackson Madison took 1st place at Pierce Transit's local maintenance rodeo on April 26. This trio also placed 1st at the American Public Transportation Association's rodeo in the vehicle inspection module and placed 8th overall out of 49 maintenance teams. Operators John Clauson and Steve Bleeker competed in the Community Transportation Association of America's National Rodeo on May 10 in Omaha, NE. John took 8th place in the 35-foot category out of 20 competitors and Steve took 31st place in the body on chassis (Dial-A-Lift) category out of 51 competitors. This was each of their first appearances on the national stage, which they should be incredibly proud of. Clinton Jimenez competed in APTA's International Bus Rodeo 40-foot category, placing 31st out of 80 competitors.

This group gave it their all to represent Intercity Transit against some of the best Maintenance teams and Operators in the country. We are extremely proud of Richelle, Jonathan, Jackson, John, Steve and Clinton for their achievements.

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