

RIDER NEWS

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Transit App: Detour Detection

Never be surprised by detours again with the Transit app's detour detection!

Intercity Transit's official app, Transit, now displays detours when the app detects missed stops on any route. Riders can now see when their bus is on detour, and where bus stops have been relocated to accommodate construction and other disruptions. This also allows the app's trip planning features to reflect the most accurate route options.

This feature is available as part of Intercity Transit's partnership with Transit. As a reminder, all Transit users in our service area get upgraded to Transit Royale for free.



Nightline Service is Back

Nightline returns on Friday, Oct. 2 for easy, late-night service between The Evergreen State College and west Olympia to downtown Olympia. Nightline will serve 32 stops between the Evergreen Library Loop and the Olympia Transit Center.



This service is available on weekends when Evergreen is in session, running every 60 minutes from 12 to 3 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Everyone is welcome to ride Nightline. Enjoy the late-night, zero fare Nightline during these seasons:

- Fall: Oct. 2 to Dec. 19.
- Winter: Jan. 8 to March 20.
- Spring: April 2 to June 12.

Real-Time Signage Installation Complete at OTC

Intercity Transit's real time signage project is now complete, although we are still making adjustments. The signs allow riders at the Olympia Transit Center to access real-time departure information at all bays.

Each bay includes a digital sign showing real-time departure times for routes that serve that bay. These signs also show if there are service alerts affecting those routes. All digital signs are fitted with push-to-talk buttons, allowing riders with low or no vision to hear the same real-time information.

There are also two bay assignment kiosks in the transit center. These reflect which routes are assigned to which bays, as well as the next departure times for each bay. The Customer Service lobby features a digital sign showing all upcoming departures at all bays as well.



In addition, there is an interactive kiosk in the transit center to allow customers to plan trips on the spot.

This pilot project, funded in part by a Regional Mobility Grant from WSDOT's Public Transit Division, aims to improve customer access to real-time transit information and streamline communication between Intercity Transit and our customers.

Be Safe, Be Seen

Fall is upon us. If you're traveling after dark (or before light), give yourself a little extra time to move through lower-light conditions.



Our drivers are skilled at spotting riders, but a small light or reflective gear can really help you stand out and be seen. Standing up as a bus approaches and waving a flashlight or your cell phone are also great options to increase visibility. Reflective clothing or lights also make you more visible to oncoming traffic, keeping you safer. As temperatures drop, layers also become your best friend, as weather can shift quickly this time of year.

Be safe, be seen, stay aware, and Intercity Transit will keep you moving!

Safety Tips: Boarding the Bus

- Always let other passengers get off the bus before you board.
- Passengers can use both the front and rear doors to get on or off the bus.
- As the bus approaches, signal the driver by standing and waving. If it's dark, consider wearing a light or reflective clothing or shining a flashlight.
- Allow passengers using the wheelchair lift to board first. If you're using the lift, wait at least five feet from the door so the driver has room to lower the lift safely.
- Please allow elderly and riders with disabilities to sit in the front seats.
- For your own safety, please do not sleep on board.

October is Walk to School Month

During the month of October, students and their families are encouraged to celebrate National Walk to School Month by walking, biking, or rolling to school. Getting to school using one of these active transportation options helps to:



- Build community with neighbors.
- Promote good health and activity.
- Reduce road traffic and congestion.
- Improve air quality around schools.

If you are driving, help keep families safe by always following the speed limit of 20 miles per hour in school zones and stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections. Walk N Roll partners with Olympia, Tumwater and North Thurston school districts to organize events throughout the year. Visit intercitytransit.com/services/walknroll/encouragement to see if your school is participating or email us at walknroll@intercitytransit.com to learn more.

Workshop: Using Intercity Transit for Work and Life

Join us at WorkSource Thurston County on Oct. 26 for an in-person workshop designed for job seekers.

Learn how to plan the best route, navigate the Transit mobile app, and explore different programs and transportation options. Bring any transit-related questions and leave with several easy no-cost or low-cost solutions for daily commuting.

- **When:** Monday, Oct. 26, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Where:** WorkSource Thurston County, 670 Woodland Square Loop SE, Suite 100, Lacey, WA

Learn more about this and other workshops on WorkSourceWA.com. Select "Workshop and events" and search by location.

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