

RIDER NEWS

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Youth Education: Walk, Bike and Ride the Bus!



Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll program works to build the next generation of safe and healthy bike riders, walkers and bus riders. One component of the Walk N Roll program is Earn-A-Bike classes.

During the after-school Earn-A-Bike Program, donated refurbished bikes are provided to middle school students. Students learn basic bike mechanics including how to change a flat tire, fix shifting problems, adjust brakes, and ride safely in their neighborhoods as well as obey traffic laws. After successful completion of the class, Earn-A-Bike participants earn their bike along with a helmet, lock, bike map, and more.

So far in 2017, 43 participants have graduated from the program and a total of 70 are expected to graduate by the end of fall. All of the students who graduated received eight hours of bike instruction and maintenance.

The Earn-A-Bike Program relies on bike shop volunteers to help refurbish donated bikes. Come visit our bike shop and learn more about the program at one of our Bike Shop Open Houses or visit during regular hours, Wednesdays from 1 - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Check Out Our Bike Shop!

You're invited to our Bike Shop Open Houses!

- **Wednesday, August 30, 4 - 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 2, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

209 Thurston Ave NE, Olympia
(Inside D.G. Parrott & Son Machinist Shop)

Interested in volunteering? There are multiple ways to get involved! You can volunteer as a bike shop mechanic or with middle school youth in our Earn-A-Bike Program.

Get details at our open house!

For more information about our Walk N Roll, Youth Education Program, Earn-A-Bike or Bike Shop, call **360-705-5855** or email **walknroll@intercitytransit.com**.

Helpful Volunteer Skills

- Enjoy working with middle school youth.
- Experience commuting by bike.
- Like working as a team.
- Willingness to learn.
- Bicycle mechanic experience (not required).

Service Reminders

Labor Day Service



We operate Sunday-level service on **Labor Day, Monday, September 4**. You can get schedule information online, in the Transit Guide, and at Customer Service.

Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from **9 a.m. - 7 p.m.** on the holiday. The Business Office will be closed.

Saturday Dash Service

Saturday, September 2 is the last Saturday the Dash operates this year. Saturday service resumes again in April 2018.

Nightline Weekend Service

Nightline, the weekend late-night service between downtown Olympia and The Evergreen State College campus resumes on Friday, September 22, 2017. This service operates Friday and Saturday nights until 3:30 a.m. and on Sundays until midnight.

Safety Star Award Winners



Intercity Transit was recognized by the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP) as a winner of the 2016 Safety Star Award for a large transit system.

Through these awards, WSTIP recognizes long-term dedication to safety. The award acknowledges members that maintain impressive and stable safety records.

Thank you to our bus drivers! Without them winning this award wouldn't have been possible.

Better Transportation Takes Planning. Let's Talk!



We're asking for your insights and priorities to improve public transportation in Thurston County. To take the brief "Design a Better Transit System" survey any time, visit ITRoadTrip.net/survey. You

can also pick up a survey on buses and fill it out while you're riding. Don't forget to give the completed survey to your bus driver as you get off the bus! **Survey participants will get entered for a chance to win a \$250 VISA gift card!**

Did you know?

An individual can save more than \$9,797* a year by taking public transportation instead of driving alone and owning one less car.

*National average, based on auto, maintenance, and parking savings, per the American Public Transportation Association.

Excellence In Transit: Honoring Our Employees

We will recognize a few of Intercity Transit's outstanding employees this year at the Washington State Transportation Conference and at Transit Appreciation Day.

This year's honorees will be featured in future issues of Rider News. Honorees include our operations and maintenance director, a bus driver, inventory team, and the operations supervisors team. Find out more about some of the outstanding people that contribute to the success of Intercity Transit!

Intercity Transit ensures no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin consistent with requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Federal Transit Administration guidance in Circular 4702.1B.

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