The Olympia Transit Center, the primary transit facility in Thurston County, is undergoing changes to keep up with the growing use of local and regional transit services. Intercity Transit, owner and operator of the downtown Olympia facility, is preparing to make improvements.

What? The Olympia Transit Center (OTC) is Intercity Transit’s primary operating hub for its local and commuter express routes. The OTC also provides facilities for connecting regional systems including Mason Transit and Grays Harbor Transit.

Intercity Transit will begin construction this summer to expand the OTC located on 222 State Avenue in downtown Olympia. The new terminal will be approximately 11,000 square feet and add five additional bus bays to the downtown transit center. The $8.4 million expansion will be built on the southeast corner of the existing property.

The new terminal is intended to provide transit riders with better customer amenities. It also will accommodate Greyhound’s regional bus service, giving passengers more convenient access between regional and local transportation.

Why? The original Olympia Transit Center building was built in 1993 with 10 bus bays. In 2010, OTC was handling 4,300 passenger boardings compared to over 5,000 daily boardings today. The expansion will help meet current capacity demands at the transit center, improving customer service by providing better customer amenities.

On the main floor, the new terminal will host a ticketing and information counter, plus public restrooms and an indoor waiting area for transit customers to stay dry and warm. On the second floor, the terminal will house driver breakrooms, as well as staff conference rooms and offices to support Intercity Transit operations.

Funding Intercity Transit has secured three federal grants totaling $4,292,582 to support the expansion project. The total project budget is $8,492,282. The agency will continue to seek state and federal funding to complete the project.

Project Goals The OTC Expansion Project’s primary goal is to create one central facility that provides local and regional transportation services for the community and commuters. This will be accomplished by:

- Providing adequate operating capacity for Intercity Transit and other connecting transit systems.
- Adding bus bays, customer and administrative space, security features, and multimodal amenities like bicycle racks to meet growing public use.
- Providing space for a private regional bus company to operate on the premises. Incorporating sustainable design features.
- Engaging the community on the project.
InterCity Transit has contracted with SRG Partnerships (design services) with offices in Seattle and Portland. SRG, an award winning architectural firm, specializes in public facilities work. SRG sub-consultants on the project include WSP Site Works (landscape architecture), Rushing (lighting), and Arcadis (cost estimating). Seattle-based Graham Construction is serving as the general contractor and construction manager. The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services is serving as the project manager for the expansion.

For more information and updates on the project visit [intercitytransit.com/construction](http://intercitytransit.com/construction).

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