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Apply to Serve on the Intercity Transit Authority or Community Advisory Committee



The Intercity Transit Authority (ITA) is seeking civically-minded individuals to serve on the ITA Board or on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

The ITA, a nine-member Board of Directors that sets policy and direction for the transit agency, is made up of elected officials who represent the Thurston County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia, and Yelm, a labor representative, and three citizen representatives. There is an opening for one citizen representative to serve a three-year term. The citizen representative must live within the public transportation benefit area.

Intercity Transit is the only public transit authority in the State to allow citizen representatives full voting membership on its governing board. "This is a rare opportunity to provide leadership that will have a lasting impact on public transit in our community," said Ryan Warner, Citizen Representative and Chair of the Intercity Transit Authority. "Serving as a citizen representative, I have seen firsthand how valuable it is to have input from a cross-section of the community we serve

is. The five-year zero-fare demonstration project is just one example of Intercity Transit's commitment to equity, inclusiveness and creating a welcoming environment for our entire community."

To apply for the ITA citizen representative position, send a letter of interest and a resume to Intercity Transit Authority, Attn: Pat Messmer, P.O. Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507-0659; place the material in the vanpool payment dropbox located at 526 Pattison SE, Olympia, WA 98501, or email materials to pmessmer@intercitytransit.com. Materials must be received by 5 p.m., October 14, 2020.

The CAC is a 20-member advisory group that provides input to the ITA on local public transportation issues. Nineteen members serve three-year terms, while the youth position serves a one-year term. Members are selected to represent a cross-section of the community and geographical representation from throughout the public transportation benefit area. The group includes senior citizens, youth, people with disabilities, college students, business owners, environmentalists, bicyclists, and representatives from social service agencies, neighborhood associations, and the medical community.

CAC applications are available at intercitytransit.com, or by calling 360-705-5857. Completed applications can be mailed to CAC Attn: Nancy Trail, PO Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507-0659, placed in our vanpool payment dropbox located at 526 Pattison Street SE in Olympia, or emailed to ntrail@intercitytransit.com. Applications for the CAC are due October 14, 2020.

For more information about the ITA and CAC please visit intercitytransit.com.

Public Comment Invited on 2021 Draft Budget and Strategic Plan

Intercity Transit is asking for your input on the 2021 draft budget and six-year strategic plan. Both documents are available for at intercitytransit.com.



You can provide comments by:

- Calling 360-705-5852.
- Emailing tellus@intercitytransit.com.
- By mail, Intercity Transit, P.O. Box 659, Olympia, 98507.
- Attending the public hearing by phone on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Retired Vanpool Vans Available to Community Organizations

Intercity Transit is accepting applications for surplus vanpool vans. Multiple vans are available for granting to qualifying non-profit organizations and agencies. Applications are due Friday, Oct. 23.

Non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and agencies located within and serving residents of the Intercity Transit's Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA), which includes the cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm and their urban growth areas, are eligible to apply.

Intercity Transit's Van Grant program has awarded 65 vehicles to meet the transportation needs of local organizations. Instead of selling them at auction, surplus vehicles are awarded through a competitive application and review process. Last year's recipients include the Coastal Community Action, Veterans for Suicide Prevention, Kokua Services, and Wa-Ya Outdoor Institute.

Application packets are available at intercitytransit.com, by calling 360-786-8800, or by emailing vans@intercitytransit.com. For more information, contact Cindy Fisher, Vanpool Program Manager at 360-705-5829 or Riley White, Commuter Services Assistant at 360-705-5847.

"Be Safe. Be Seen." this Season

With daylight savings time ending next month, many of us travel when it's dark outside. Our drivers make extra efforts to watch for riders waiting at unlit bus stops, but we need your help!

Here are some tips for safe travel this winter:

- **Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing.** Drivers can see you 500 feet away when you wear reflective clothing compared to just 55 feet when wearing dark colors.
- **Add some shine.** Put reflectors on your shoes, backpack, purse, bicycle spokes, jacket sleeves, or pant legs. As long as the driver can see the reflector it'll be helpful!
- **Light yourself up.** Carry a flashlight, flashing safety strobe, or use your cell phone. Help drivers see you by standing up, moving or waving as the bus approaches your stop.



Remember these tips when you're riding the bus or visit intercitytransit.com/besafe so you are sure to "Be Safe. Be Seen." this season.

Introducing the Youth Walk Challenge



Keep your kids active and help them practice pedestrian safety skills this October by having them participate in the Youth Walk Challenge.

All youth under the age of 18 who live in Thurston County can participate. To get them started:

- **Download a Youth Walk Challenge form.**
- Have them walk for 10 days in October.
- Record the number of minutes they walk each day.
- Send a photo of them walking or a picture of the completed challenge form to walknroll@intercitytransit.com by Sunday, Nov. 1.

We will mail all participants a small prize and enter you in a prize drawing for a \$50 gift card. Let's get walking!

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.

For questions, or to file a complaint, contact Intercity Transit Customer Service at 360-786-1881 or by email to TitleIV@intercitytransit.com.