

RIDER NEWS

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September 2025

New Express Routes: Routes 600 and 610



Since 2020, Route 620 has been the only transit option between downtown Olympia and the SR-512 Park and Ride in Lakewood. As a part of

our September 2025 service change, Route 620 will be replaced with two new commuter routes: Route 600 and Route 610. These new routes will provide better connectivity to Pierce County and beyond for commuters and travelers.

New Commuter Routes

- **Route 600 - Lakewood Commuter:** This new route will provide weekday only, limited-stop service between the Olympia Transit Center, Martin Way Park and Ride, and SR-512 Park and Ride in Lakewood.
- **Route 610 - Lacey Connector:** This new route will provide weekday and weekend limited-stop service between the Olympia Transit Center, Lacey Transit Center, and SR-512 Park and Ride in Lakewood. It reintroduces service at the Hawks Prairie Park and Ride, and provides connections to JBLM via [Pierce Transit Route 206](#).

The new routes will help set the stage for our upcoming Bus System Redesign in May 2026. For more information about Route 600 and Route 610, visit intercitytransit.com/servicechanges.

For more background information on the new routes, please see our recently published [Thurston Talk article](#).

Apply Now to Serve on the Community Advisory Committee



The Intercity Transit Authority (ITA) is seeking civically-minded individuals who represent our diverse community to serve as volunteer advisors. There are several open positions on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), including one youth position. All positions serve three-year terms with the exception of the youth position which serves a one-year term. Service users, business representatives, nonprofit employees, students, and other community members are welcome to apply. As part of our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, we are specifically seeking representation from:

- Active duty military and veterans.
- BIPOC.
- People living with a disability.
- Fixed income families.
- LGBTQ+ community.
- Seniors.
- Youth.

Intercity Transit provides transportation services for communities in Thurston County, including fixed route bus service, Dial-a-Lift, Vanpool commuter services, bicycle education, and more.

As a member of the CAC, you'll join the 20-person advisory group to provide input on local transportation issues, advocate for transportation choices, and help shape local policy for public transportation.

Members of the committee represent a cross-section of the community and must live, work or attend school within Thurston County to apply.

The committee meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are hybrid with both in-person and virtual attendance options. To apply for the CAC, please call 360-357-1532 or fill out the [online application](#). Completed applications are due by Friday, Oct. 3, 2025 and can be mailed to CAC Recruitment, Attn: Amanda Collins, P.O. Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507, dropped off at Customer Service located in the Olympia Transit Center, 205 Franklin St. NE, or emailed to acollins@intercitytransit.com.

Falls Fest 2025



Celebrate the transition to fall and soak in the beautiful fall colors at Falls Fest at Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event celebrates Tumwater Falls as a sacred and historically-significant place, while honoring arts, heritage and the environment within our community.

Avoid the hassle and ride the bus or choose an active mode of transportation to get there! Intercity Transit [Route 13](#) provides service near Brewery Park and you'll be steps away from the fun!

If you don't live near a bus stop, park at the Department of Revenue located on Capitol Blvd. at Point Plaza West in Tumwater. Catch the bus at stop #62 located on Capitol Blvd. at Israel Rd. [nb] for an 11-minute ride to stop #47, Capitol Blvd. at E St. [nb]. You can also plan your trip to the event using our online Trip Planner, intercitytransit.com/plan-your-trip/trip-planner, or call Intercity Transit's Customer Service at 360-786-1881.

We will be hosting a bike valet area at the event! If you ride your bike to Falls Fest, you'll be treated to free bike parking close to festival vendors and activities. When you arrive, roll up to the bike valet to check your bike in at our staffed valet bike parking provided by Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll program.

For more information about Falls Fest, visit ci.tumwater.wa.us/departments/parks-recreation-department. We'll see you there!

Week Without Driving

For nearly a third of people living in the United States, driving a car is not an option for their everyday life. Whether due to age, disability, or financial constraints, millions of people rely on walking, rolling, biking, or transit. Week Without Driving was created so that those with the ability to drive can learn about the barriers and challenges that nondrivers face. This challenge provides an opportunity for decision makers and community members to experience and empathize with those that don't drive.

Week Without Driving starts on Monday, Sept. 29 and will end on Sunday, Oct. 5. We encourage you to take the pledge and try riding the bus, walking, or riding your bike instead of driving. For more information and to sign up, visit weekwithoutdriving.org.

Walk N Roll Back to School



Summer is coming to an end and students are returning to school. Follow these tips to help keep our school zones safe for all students:

- Be prepared for congestion when traveling through school zones and, if possible, adjust your route to avoid them.
- Slow down! The speed limit in school zones is 20 miles per hour.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.
- Be extra cautious around children, they are still learning how to be safe pedestrians and bicyclists.

If you are walking or rolling to school, check out your school's [walking route map](#) for recommended routes.