

RIDER NEWS

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Sunday Service to Grow by 67 Percent Effective March 24, 2019

Effective Sunday, March 24, 2019, new trips and additional service will be added as Intercity Transit moves forward with improved services following the approval of Proposition 1 in November 2018.

Intercity Transit riders will see a 14 percent increase in bus trip options system-wide, with the most significant new services occurring on weekends. To help you plan ahead, schedule information will be available Friday, March 1 at intercitytransit.com/servicechanges.

Summary of New Service

Sunday service will increase significantly with more trips added to schedules. If you're a weekend rider, Saturday and Sunday service will be nearly identical. With the changes, Routes 45, 48 and 67 will now operate on Sundays.

Weekday schedules will include earlier morning trips for Routes 21, 42, 45, 47, 48, 60, 64, and 66. These added trips are intended to improve connections at the Olympia Transit Center. Additional trips are also being added to Routes 62A and 62B, seven days a week to improve the frequency and availability of trip choices during the late evening.

Please note that due to the addition of Route 48 to the Transit Guide on Sundays, Route 49 references will be discontinued in our Transit Guide and our online route summaries.

Look for New Service

New trips and additional services are the first of several planned increases to bus service resulting from the passage of Proposition 1. In December, the Intercity Transit Authority approved the acquisition

of new buses to use for expanded service. The new fleet will begin to arrive later this year. Riders can anticipate enhancements and adjustments to bus service in March and September of each year, for the next three years.

For more information on Intercity Transit's recently adopted Long Range Plan and timeline for service improvements visit intercitytransit.com/agency/plans-publications-fact-sheets.

Join a Vanpool and Save for Something You Love

For many people, vanpooling is a cost-effective and convenient commute alternative to driving alone to work. On average, people spend between \$8,000 and \$9,000 to drive a vehicle 15,000 miles each year. The average vanpooler with a round trip commute of 40 to 60 miles spends between \$100 and \$120 a month for vanpool fare with Intercity Transit.

On top of the savings, you can help be part of the traffic solution by joining or starting a vanpool – it only takes three people!



Rebecca, Malika and Tim vanpool daily and save up to \$5,000 a year. Find out why they vanpool at intercitytransit.com/vanpool/testimonials.

Intercity Transit vanpools took 1,300 vehicles off Thurston County roads in 2018 which helped to keep traffic moving for everyone.

Our Vanpool Program has 7-, 12- and 15-passenger vans available. We own, maintain and insure the vans and then issue them to groups of people who share the commute.

For more information about vanpooling call 1-866-330-7033 or visit intercitytransit.com/vanpool.

Winter Bicycle Commuter Challenge



Are you ready to try using your bicycle to commute this winter?

It's easy to participate – create an account at bcc.intercitytransit.com

(unless you already have one from last year), log in and log your bike rides in February. Remember that recreational rides don't count for the BCC, only rides that replace car trips can be logged. Anyone who lives or works in Thurston County can participate by using your bicycle as a means of practical transportation. At least part of your trip must be in Thurston County.

We'll hold prize drawings each week this month for everyone who logs miles during that week. As always, we have great prizes including lights from Portland Design Works and NiteRider, and gift cards from Joy Ride Bikes, Batdorf and Bronson Coffee and other BCC sponsors.

Walk N Roll Youth Education Program Engaged 8,495 Youth and Families in 2018



In 2018, Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll youth education program partnered with schools and community organizations to promote active transportation to

8,495 youth and families. Through education and encouragement, the Walk N Roll program strives to create a healthier, safer and more active community. Walk N Roll supports many programs to teach youth the benefits of active transportation. The program engages youth through their schools in activities including Walk N Roll to School Days, the School Bike Challenge, Rolling Classrooms, and Earn-A-Bike.

- **Walk N Roll to School Days**—The program supports 12 schools in the North Thurston, Olympia and Tumwater School Districts. Members of local city councils, school superintendents, firefighters, and police officers join students in walking to school. These events encourage students and their families to walk or bike instead of driving in their car.
- **School Bike Challenge**—During the month of May, schools participate in the School Bike Challenge, modeled after Intercity Transit's Bicycle Commuter Challenge. Over a two week period students ride their bicycles and log their miles to win prizes. In 2018, seven schools participated and students collectively logged 1,410 days of riding!
- **Rolling Classrooms**—A total of 475 students experienced riding an Intercity Transit bus in 2018. They also toured our maintenance facility and learned the importance of public transit.
- **Earn-A-Bike**—In 2018, Jefferson Middle School hosted Earn-A-Bike classes. Each student who participated received eight hours of instruction on bicycle maintenance and safe riding skills. Thanks to a partnership with the City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation, we also offered our first summer classes in 2018. A total of 74 students graduated from Earn-A-Bike and earned a refurbished bicycle last year.

Walk N Roll also hosts twice-weekly bike shop hours when volunteers refurbish donated bicycles for Earn-A-Bike. In 2018, volunteers put in an impressive 1,225 hours overhauling used bicycles for Earn-A-Bike.

For more information about Walk N Roll visit intercitytransit.com/walknroll or follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/WalkNRollIT](https://www.facebook.com/WalkNRollIT) and Instagram, [@walknrollit](https://www.instagram.com/walknrollit).

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