

RIDER NEWS

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April 2022

Federal Mask Mandate Extended through April 18, 2022



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the Federal Mask Mandate at least through Monday, April 18, 2022. Wearing a mask while

on transit vehicles and inside transit buildings is required.

We will continue to monitor updates to the Federal masking requirements. For the most up-to-date information, visit intercitytransit.com or sign up for our email/text service at intercitytransit.com/subscribe. We appreciate your continued cooperation!

Public Comment Invited on Annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Intercity Transit seeks comments from riders and the community on the proposed 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a summary of planned projects that may include use

of federal funding during the four-year period.

The public comment period begins March 18, 2022 and ends April 20, 2022. A public hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2022 and will be held remotely in accordance with Intercity Transit Authority meeting procedures.

Further details concerning how to provide comment at the public hearing, by telephonic, or remote means will be posted on the Intercity Transit website at intercitytransit.com.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, call 360-705-5808 at least three days prior to the meeting.

Review a draft copy of the 2023-2026 TIP online at intercitytransit.com/sites/default/files/2022-03/Dr2023-2026-Transportation-Improvement-Program.pdf.

Other ways to comment

If you do not want to participate in the public hearing, but wish to provide comments you may do so by:

Email: jgould@intercitytransit.com

Phone: 360-705-5808

Mail: Grants Program Administrator – TIP comments
Intercity Transit
P.O. Box 659
Olympia, WA 98507-0659

All written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, to be considered.

Rider Alert: State Ave. at Franklin St. Intersection Closed

The City of Olympia will be closing the State Ave. at Franklin St. intersection for their Franklin Street Construction Project beginning Monday, April 18 for approximately four weeks (weather dependent).

While no bus stops will be closed, the intersection closure will affect almost every route that goes to/from the Olympia Transit Center.

As a result, many routes will be on detour. Please be aware that some bay assignments will also need to change as a result of the project.

Please visit intercitytransit.com/rider-alerts for more details and route specific detour information. We appreciate your patience during the disruption.

Bike Lockers Opening at the Olympia Transit Center



Intercity Transit will be opening day use bicycle lockers at the Olympia Transit Center this May. We hope passengers will use them as they're making active transportation choices to get around the community. Here are a few things to keep in mind when using them:

1. Lockers will be available from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily for storing bikes and bicycle equipment only.
2. The lockers are located south of the main covered bus terminal.
3. All items will be removed and discarded nightly after 11 p.m.
4. The lockers are under 24-hour live and recorded video surveillance.

Intercity Transit assumes no responsibility for articles lost, stolen, damaged or discarded. Please do not leave valuables in the lockers.

2022 Earth Day Market Ride



Join Intercity Transit's Bicycle Community Challenge for the Earth Day Market Ride on Saturday, April 23. Meet your neighbors and enjoy a Saturday bike ride to town! Group rides, including a family-friendly route, start in several neighborhood locations. Riders converge at Heritage Park Fountain, then ride together to the Olympia Farmers Market, where you can catch live music, and enjoy food and shopping! All riders must wear a helmet and sign a liability waiver. Visit the event page at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events/2022-4-23 for details and group ride locations.

Celebrate the 35th Annual BCC becoming the Bicycle COMMUNITY Challenge this May



Bicycling for any reason is good for individual and community health, and can lead to fewer car trips. Intercity Transit's Bicycle Community Challenge (BCC) is making the "All Rides Count" philosophy of the past two years permanent!

We are excited to announce that our events are coming back! The Earth Day Market Ride is on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Bike to Work Day, with bicycle "energizer stations," is on Thursday, May 19 from 7 to 9 a.m.

Thurston County residents, Take Your Vitamin B(ike) and log your bike rides at bcc.intercitytransit.com May 1 through May 31 and you'll be entered to win prizes. All bike rides count, whether it is around the block, a trip to the grocery store, or a solo metric century to the border of the county and back. Learn more about the event at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events/2022-5.

Join our Walk N Roll Team



Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll program is hiring an AmeriCorps Volunteer to serve as an Education and Outreach Assistant.

The AmeriCorps Member will teach youth and families about environmentally friendly transportation options through a variety of hands-on education and outreach activities. They will teach participants skills in bike and pedestrian safety, bike mechanics, and how to ride public transit. The Member will help youth learn life-long skills to prepare them for the possibility of choosing a car free future.

Visit <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=102970> for application information and a complete position description.

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