

# RIDER NEWS

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#### Public Comment Invited on the Draft 2022-2027 Transit Development Plan



The Transit Development Plan (TDP) describes 2022 operational highlights and outlines how we anticipate using our financial

resources over the next six years. You're invited to comment on the annual update of the TDP at a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the hearing, call us at 360-705-5860 three days prior to the meeting.

The draft TDP is available for review at:

- <u>intercitytransit.com/about-us/publications</u>.
- Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center.
- Timberland Regional Libraries in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm.

You can also request a copy from Customer Service by emailing **customerservice@intercitytransit.com** or calling 360-786-1881.

If you cannot attend the public hearing, you can provide comment by:

- Mail: P.O. Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507
- Email: tellus@intercitytransit.com
- Phone: 360-705-5852

All comments must be received by 4 p.m. on Oct. 5, 2022 to be considered.

## Apply now to Serve on the Community Advisory Committee



### TO HELP SHAPE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN OUR COMMUNITY?

The Intercity Transit Authority (ITA) is seeking civically-minded individuals to serve on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for a three-year term.

As a member of the CAC, you'll join the 20-person advisory group that provides input to the ITA on local public transportation issues. Members of the committee represent a cross-section of the community and must live within our Public Transportation Benefit area to apply.

The committee meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually. To apply for the CAC, please visit intercitytransit.com/agency/community-advisory-committee or call 360-705-5857. Completed applications are due by Friday, Oct. 7, 2022 and can be mailed to CAC Recruitment, Attn: Nancy Trail, 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 ntrail@intercitytransit.com.

For more information about the CAC please visit intercitytransit.com/agency/community-advisory-committee or contact Nancy Trail at ntrail@intercitytransit.com or 360-705-5857.

#### We're Going Digital



Intercity Transit has transitioned away from printed transit guides in favor of an improved, interactive online trip planning system for our riders. In anticipation of this change, we've made the website more user friendly by improving the interface and making it easier to get the information you need to get where you need to go. The shift to digital schedules allows us to respond quickly to changing circumstances and provides riders like you with up-to-the-minute information. In years past, we printed thousands of transit guides, giving the transition to digital the added benefit of reducing waste and saving resources. Resources we can use to continue to improve your experience.

Don't worry! If you prefer a printed copy of your route, printable maps and schedules can be accessed from the routes page on our website.

#### **How to Access Printable Schedules:**

- From the routes page (<u>intercitytransit.com/plan-your-trip/routes</u>), select the route you want to print a schedule and map for and click on the "View Route" button.
- Click on the "Printable Schedule and Map" link on the route page. This will download a PDF of the most current schedule and map for your route.
- Solick on the printer icon at the top of your screen to print your schedule or map.

#### No printer? No problem!

You can request printed schedules via our online order form at <a href="intercitytransit.com/order-schedules">intercitytransit.com/order-schedules</a>, by contacting Customer Service at 360-786-1881, or stop by Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center.

### Traffic Garden at McKenny Elementary



Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll youth education program is excited to announce a new traffic garden at McKenny

Elementary School! The traffic garden was installed by the Child Care Action Council's Safe Kids Thurston County program, with help from several partners including Intercity Transit, Target Zero, the Olympia Police Department and the Olympia School District, and funding from State Farm.

A traffic garden is a safe and fun place for youth to learn and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety skills in an environment away from vehicles. The miniature streetscape includes intersections, stop signs, crosswalks, and roundabouts. The traffic garden is located on McKenny Elementary School's playground at 3250 Morse-Merryman Rd SE in Olympia and is open to the community during non-school hours.

While visiting the traffic garden help youth learn and stay safe by encouraging them to follow these rules:

- Practice using the traffic garden as a pedestrian, on your bike or on a scooter.
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet if cycling or scooting.
- Ride in a straight line, single file, in the same direction as traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Stop and check left-right-left for others before entering or crossing a street.
- Practice using hand signals when turning right, left, and stopping.

Visit <u>intercitytransit.com/walknroll/traffic-gardens</u> to learn more about local traffic garden projects.