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Public Comment Invited on Annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Intercity Transit seeks comments from riders and the community on the proposed 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a summary of planned projects that may include and use

federal funding during the four-year period.

The public comment period runs from Wednesday, April 19, through Wednesday, May 17. A public hearing is scheduled for May 17 at 5:30 p.m. The public can attend the hearing in person at the administrative office of Intercity Transit, 510 Pattison St. SE in Olympia, by telephone or Teams video conference.

In addition to providing comment at the May 17 public hearing, the public may also submit their comments by 12 p.m. May 17 by:

- **Mail:** TIP Public Hearing, P.O. Box 659, Olympia, WA 98507
- **Email:** jgould@intercitytransit.com
- **Phone:** 360-705-5808

Further details about how to provide comment at the public hearing will be posted on our website at intercitytransit.com.

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

Review a draft copy of the 2024-2027 TIP online at intercitytransit.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/Draft-IntercityTransit_2024-2027-TIP.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 Manager – TIP comments
Intercity Transit
P.O. Box 659
Olympia, WA 98507-0659

All written comments must be received by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 to be considered.

Memorial Day Service

Intercity Transit will operate on weekend schedules on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Customer Service at the Olympia Transit Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please call Customer Service at 360-786-1881 for questions or assistance planning your trip.

Join the 36th Annual Bicycle Community Challenge, May 1 -31



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) makes biking fun with prizes and community spirit. Ride on your own or join a

team for motivation and camaraderie. All bicycle rides in Thurston County are eligible - whether for transportation or recreation!

Thurston County residents can create an account, log bike rides and find out more about the BCC at bcc.intercitytransit.com. Log your rides May 1 through May 31 and you'll be entered to win prizes.

Learn about upcoming events, like Bike to Work (or anywhere) Day on Thursday, May 18, at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events/2023-5-0.

Thurston County youth (18 and under) can also participate in the Youth Bike & Roll Challenge! More information about the youth challenge is below.

Join the Youth Bike & Roll Challenge



Your kids can join in the Bicycle Community Challenge fun by riding their bicycle, scooter or skateboard for 10 or more days in May to win a prize!

Encourage them to stay active and practice bicycle safety skills by signing them up for the Youth Bike & Roll Challenge. To have them participate:

1. Download a challenge card at bcc.intercitytransit.com/events and record the miles they ride each day.
2. Email their completed challenge card to walknroll@intercitytransit.com by Thursday, June 1. We will send them a prize in the mail and enter them in a drawing for an even bigger prize!
3. Bonus: Send a photo of your child(ren) riding or rolling for a bonus prize. By sending a photo, you give Intercity Transit permission to use it for public promotion.

All Thurston County youth can participate.

Community Bike Classes



We are trying something new! Throughout the spring, we are offering community classes at our new Walk N Roll bike shop, 2955 Martin Way East. Classes are free and no registration is required.

Class Information:

Chains and Shifting –

- Learn how to maintain your chain, check it for wear, and how to make your bike shift smoothly. Bring your bike or practice on ours.
- Wednesday, May 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Bicycling with Kids –

- Learn from families who have experience riding with their kids. You will hear about types of bikes, trailers, and kid seats. You'll also learn about choosing routes and strategizing about snacks! There will be an opportunity to meet other biking families and share knowledge.
- Wednesday, June 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Family Learn-to-Ride Classes –

- Want to learn to ride a bike? Join us for a Learn-to-Ride class! Classes are for new or beginner riders ages three and up. During the class, participants will learn how to balance, pedal and steer a bicycle. Bikes and helmets are provided. The class fee is \$5, and registration is required. If the fee is a barrier, please contact Walk N Roll directly at walknroll@intercitytransit.com.

Choose between two class times:

- Tuesday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tumwater Historical Park, 808 Deschutes Parkway SW in Tumwater. Register at <https://bit.ly/3AAdbiQ>.
- Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary School, 212 21st Ave. SE in Olympia. Register at <https://bit.ly/4219K0n>.

Bicycle Lockers at OTC

Did you know we have free day-use bicycle lockers at the Olympia Transit Center? Give them a try next time you're making active transportation choices to get around the community!

Here are a few things to keep in mind when using them:

1. You'll need to bring a lock to secure your bike and bicycle equipment. We do not provide them.
2. The lockers are located south of the main covered bus terminal.
3. Lockers are available daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. for storing bikes and bicycle equipment only.
4. All items will be removed and discarded nightly after 11 p.m.
5. 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.

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 TitleVI@intercitytransit.com.