## INTERCITY TRANSIT RESOLUTION 03-2020 AMENDING THE INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY BYLAWS REMOTE MEETINGS

**A RESOLUTION** of the Intercity Transit Authority amending the By-Laws of Intercity Transit to facilitate remote attendance at Board meetings of the Authority, provide for the conduct of such meetings and public participation for public meetings and hearings by remote means.

**WHEREAS**, Intercity Transit is a public transportation benefit area created under Chap. 36.57A RCW; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 emergency, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 to restrict governing bodies from having physical meetings and suspended portions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Ch. 42.30 RCW to permit meetings only by telephonic or other remote means during the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of Intercity Transit permit remote attendance of Board members at meetings and such provisions require amendment to permit the Chair or Vice Chair to preside over remotely conducted meetings when authorized by the Authority and to assure public participation by telephonic or other remote means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority deems it reasonable and appropriate to amend the Bylaws as set forth below.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 5.14 of the Intercity Transit shall be amended as follows;

**5.14 Attending Meetings Remotely.** While adhering to the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30, Authority members may attend regular, special meetings and executive sessions via teleconference, if they are unable to attend in person. This requires that all those attending the meeting in person must be able to clearly hear the members who are attending remotely.

Member's requiring remote attendance shall provide staff with at least 2 days' notice to allow for reasonable accommodation, unless otherwise approved by the Authority.

The Chair and Vice Chair may attend remotely; however, they will not be able to preside over the meeting remotely, unless the meeting is conducted entirely by remote means. In the event that a majority of members attend by remote means, the Chair or Vice Chair may preside over the meeting remotely. Otherwise, in

the event the Cour and Vice Chair must attend the necting remotely concurrently, the voting member physically present having served on the Authority the longest shall serve as acting Chair.

In the event that the Authority meets with a majority of members attending remotely by telephone, teleconference or other remote means, the public shall be provided an opportunity to attend by telephonic, teleconference or other electronic means, in addition to any other opportunity to attend required by law. If the Authority holds a public hearing where a majority of members attend remotely, the public shall also be provided an opportunity to be heard by remote means (telephone, teleconference, or other electronic means), in addition to any other opportunity to be heard as may be required by law.

Remote attendance shall constitute attendance for quorum purposes and voting. Prior to the start of any meeting in which a member is attending remotely, the presiding Member will announce the guidelines for how members attending remotely will be included in making motions, amendments, etc. (Res. 01-2015; 03-2020)

Section 2. All other provisions of the bylaws shall remain unchanged.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2020.

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