

**INTERCITY TRANSIT
RESOLUTION NO. 04-2023
SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

A **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Interim General Manager to sign a petition on behalf of Intercity Transit in support of a proposal to form a Downtown Improvement District (DID).

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 35.87A authorizes all counties, cities, and towns, to establish parking and business improvement areas following submittal of a petition signed by sixty percent (60%) of the businesses, multifamily residential or mixed-use projects within the defined improvement area; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.87A.010 further provides that a parking and business improvement district may be created for the following purposes to include acquisition, construction or maintenance of parking facilities for the benefit of the area, decoration of any public place in the area, sponsorship or promotion of public events in public places in the area, furnishing music in the area, providing for professional management, planning, and promotion of the area, including management and promotion of retail trade activities in the area, and providing maintenance and security for common, public areas or transportation services for the benefit of the area; and

WHEREAS, property owners in downtown Olympia are exploring whether there is support to form a Downtown Improvement District (DID) which would be a property-owner based assessment within the boundaries of a DID, and such process is being facilitated and assisted by the Olympia Downtown Alliance (ODA); and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023, petitions were mailed by ODA to all property owners inside the proposed DID boundary. A successful campaign petition drive needs to obtain signatures from property owners responsible for sixty percent (60%) of assessments in the proposed DID; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit is the owner of property within the proposed DID, the Olympia Transit Center, 222 State Avenue NE. As a Public Transportation Benefit Area, Intercity Transit may choose to be part of the DID, but is not required to participate; and

WHEREAS, if the petition campaign successfully obtains the requisite signatures of owners representing sixty percent (60%) of the assessments in the DID, then the petition signatures will be verified by the county auditor and the Olympia City Council

may determine to hold a public hearing to consider whether to adopt an ordinance to form the DID; and

WHEREAS, governmental entities are not required to pay an assessment for the DID, if Intercity Transit decides to opt in to the DID, it is estimated the cost to Intercity Transit will be about \$2,393.29, at present assessed values based upon the linear footage of Intercity Transit owned property within the DID boundary; and

WHEREAS, the services in the proposed DID operational plan include, but are not limited to, sidewalk cleaning, litter removal, landscape maintenance, enhanced cleaning services, small business assistance, enhanced marketing, small business training, special projects, downtown guide program, safety escorts, homeless outreach, direction assistance, Olympia Police Department partnership, management and administration, including business expenses, program insurance, bookkeeping, strategic planning, and administrative staffing; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit's mission is to provide and promote transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, and prosperous community; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the DID are to improve the downtown experience and quality of life, and will have a positive impact on the use of transit facilities, including the Olympia Transit Center and surrounding areas, and enhance the experience of transit riders in the downtown area which aligns with Intercity Transit's mission; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit desires to establish relationships with other agencies, entities, and organizations that help advance Intercity Transit's mission and prioritize strengthening relationships with community organizations, neighborhood associations, and other organizations that will assist in attracting new riders and increasing overall use of public transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Intercity Transit Authority, the governing body of a public transportation benefit area established pursuant to Ch. 36.57A RCW, authorizes the Interim General Manager to sign a petition in support of formation of a Downtown Improvement District (DID) on behalf of Intercity Transit, and execute any other documents necessary or required and related to said petition, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the direction and authorization in this Resolution, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED: This 1st day of November 2023.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Clark Gilman
Clark Gilman, Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia Messmer
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Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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