

TO: City Council  
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DATE: November 25, 2025  
SUBJECT: Intercity Transit Presentation

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1) Recommended Action:

No action is requested. This is an opportunity for discussion about the topic.

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2) Background:

Intercity Transit staff is working with jurisdictional stakeholders to ensure local investment in public transportation is coordinated with locally adopted comprehensive plans and supports policy goals for community development and mobility.

Emily Bergcamp, General Manager, Rob Lafontaine, Planning Deputy Director, and Nick Demerice, Chief Marketing Communications and Outreach Officer, from Intercity Transit will present information regarding the redesign of the bus system.

Notable changes in the redesigned bus system specific to Tumwater include:

- New service on Henderson Boulevard between Yelm Highway and Old Highway 99.
- New service on Tumwater Boulevard west of I-5 which replaces existing service on Israel Road between Littlerock and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Other routes will be rerouted to serve Capitol Boulevard, creating new travel options other than the existing Route 13.
- Strategic "interlines" of bus routes create opportunities for residents to travel between east and west Tumwater (including SPSCC) without the need to transfer buses.

Intercity Transit has noted that student mobility has been a significant influence on the design of new service, specifically around the region's high schools and colleges.

On December 3, 2025, the Intercity Transit Authority Board is expected to take formal action to adopt the *May 2026 Service Change Summary and Draft Equity Analysis*. Pending final adoption, Intercity Transit staff will begin a public education campaign and construction on several dozen new bus stops.

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3) Policy Support:

Transportation Plan Goal #2. Multimodal Transportation System. Work toward an integrated, multimodal transportation system that supports adopted land use plans, reduces overall need to drive, and provides alternative travel choices.

Strategic Priority 3: Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

None.

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6) Attachments:

None.