

INTERcity TRANSIT

PROPOSITION 1

Information Regarding the
November 6, 2018 Ballot



IF APPROVED, Intercity Transit will:

- Maintain current services.
- Expand bus routes into new areas.
- Increase the frequency and operating hours of local and commuter bus services.
- Make capital and technology improvements.
- Expand specialized transportation services for seniors and individuals living with disabilities.

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IF REJECTED, Intercity Transit will need
to *cut service by 15 percent in 2019.*

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Proposition 1 seeks voter approval on the November 6, 2018 ballot to increase sales and use tax by four-tenths of 1 percent (0.4%), or 4 cents on a \$10 taxable purchase, to maintain, improve and expand public transportation services.

Why is Proposition 1 on the Ballot?

More revenue is needed to provide the service improvements that the public told us they wanted, and to maintain the level of service that Intercity Transit currently provides.

Intercity Transit (IT) is projected to have a budget deficit by 2022 due to significant reductions in federal funding that started in 2012.

We have re-engineered route offerings, extended the service life of our fleet and made other cost-cutting measures. However, it

is not enough to replace lost federal dollars. **The reality is we cannot afford to replace buses with our current level of local funding. Without buses, we cannot provide service.**

Sales tax is the agency's primary source of funding (approximately 80 percent). We receive no revenue from property, motor vehicle excise or gas taxes.

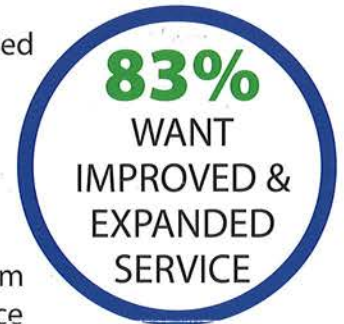
How Was Proposition 1 Developed?

Intercity Transit launched a planning and public engagement effort in 2016 called the "IT Road Trip." Its purpose was to better understand community expectations and priorities for the future of public transportation in Thurston County.

During the process, the community shared more than 10,000 ideas for the future of transit. With the assistance of many community partners, nine



enhancements were identified to meet the community's goals. The community was asked to identify a preferred vision for public transportation services and 83 percent preferred a system that included the nine service improvements.



Less than 4 percent of respondents said service cuts would be acceptable. As a result, the Intercity Transit Authority authorized a resolution to ask voters for a four-tenths of 1 percent (0.4%) sales and use tax increase to preserve existing service and make community-defined improvements.

ABOUT INTERCITY TRANSIT

Intercity Transit serves Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, and their surrounding urban growth areas.

IT operates 21 bus routes, Express service to Tacoma, connecting with bus and light rail to King County, Dial-A-Lift for seniors and individuals living with disabilities, and vanpool. IT provided five million passenger trips in 2017.

These services are provided with a fleet of 71 buses, 40 Dial-A-Lift vehicles and 185 vanpool vans. IT also manages two transit centers, 946 bus stops, 289 bus shelters, three park & ride lots, and the Amtrak Centennial train station.

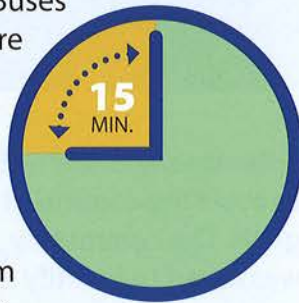
Intercity Transit's mission is to provide and promote transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, prosperous community.

What Nine Improvements Are Proposed?

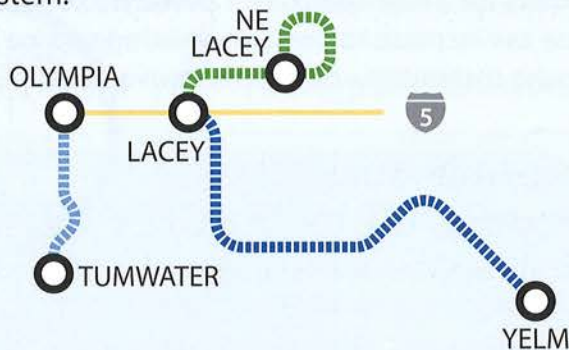
The following community-defined priorities would be implemented if Proposition 1 is approved.

1. Extended Span of Service—Bus service will start earlier and end later on weekdays and weekends. This will better serve those with early or late work shifts, as well as those who use alternative transportation to run errands or participate in community activities.

2. Improved Frequency—Buses will serve each stop more frequently throughout the day. The busiest routes will go from 30- to 15-minute service, seven days a week. All other routes will go from 60- to 30-minute service.



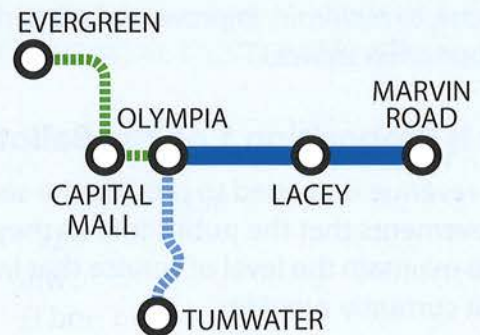
3. Service to New Areas—Extend bus and Dial-A-Lift service to new and growing areas of our community, including neighborhoods and employment centers in Northeast Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia, and Yelm. “Innovative Service Zones” would connect riders in less densely populated areas to the broader transit system.



4. Maintain On-Time Performance—Intercity Transit will set-aside a portion of its annual operating budget to ensure funds are available to purchase and operate additional buses into service as congestion increases. This will reduce wait times and help keep buses on time.

5. Enhanced Capital Facilities—This includes better bus stops, with features like shelters, benches and lighting.

6. Bus Rapid Transit—Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, is a high-frequency, bus-based transit system that delivers fast, direct, comfortable and cost-effective service. Intercity Transit will dedicate funds to implement a future BRT line on the Martin Way corridor from Olympia to Marvin Road.



7. Night Owl Service—Weekend, on-demand, late-night service to and from downtown Olympia. Small buses that make stops at different zones up to 3 miles away from downtown.



8. Enhanced Commuter Service—More Express service between Olympia, Lacey, Lakewood, and Tacoma, connecting with bus and light rail service into King County. Thurston County is projected to have 43,000 daily out-of-county commuters, primarily on I-5, by 2025.

9. Fare-Collection Efficiencies—Make fare collection easier and faster to reduce travel delays and simplify access for everyone.



What Will Happen if Proposition 1 is APPROVED?

IF APPROVED, Intercity Transit will implement all nine community-defined service enhancements. The community will see extended service hours throughout the system in 2019. With the delivery of new buses, the community will see improved frequency and service to Northeast Lacey with the completion of the I-5/Marvin Road interchange in 2020. Innovative Service Zones will be implemented in 2021, 2023 and 2026. Night Owl Service will be added in 2021. Express service to Yelm, with completion of the Yelm Loop, and Enhanced Commuter Service will begin in 2022. Bus Rapid Transit is anticipated in 2026.

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What Will Happen if Proposition 1 is REJECTED?

IF REJECTED, 15 percent of our existing service would have to be cut in 2019 to balance the budget. This would be the equivalent of eliminating all Saturday and Sunday service. Other options, or combination of options, to reduce service by 15 percent, are possible.

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How Would the Sales Tax Increase Affect Me?

This proposition would add 4 cents on a \$10 taxable purchase made within the service area. This is estimated to cost an average household between \$2 and \$5 per month.

**\$2-\$5
PER
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Additional Information

For additional information about Intercity Transit, please visit intercitytransit.com.

For background on the IT Road Trip project, visit itroadtrip.net.

If you have additional questions, please call Intercity Transit at 360-786-1881 or email us at tellus@intercitytransit.com.

