



## Planning Commission

### Intercity Transit Briefing

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#### **Title**

Intercity Transit Briefing

#### **Recommended Action**

Information only. No action requested.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Discussion of Intercity Transit's current services, plans, and projects.

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#### **Presenter(s):**

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

The Intercity Transit Authority initiated a short and long range planning process in 2017. The initial phase of the overall project includes development of a short-term plan. The short-term transit plan looks first at how current services are performing and identifies opportunities for adjustments to meet adopted service standards and assumes a base level of service based on current funding constraints. Parallel to this first phase Intercity Transit planned an extensive community outreach effort. Last Fall Intercity wrapped up the first phase of the "IT Road Trip". The survey work resulted in over 3500 individual responses and over 10,000 unique comments from the public. Intercity transit is now using the themes tabulated from the 10,000 comments to develop a series of long-range service options that incorporate the community's big ideas into a set of services, facilities and strategies. These service alternatives will be presented for further public review and discussion this spring. The update to the Planning Commission is an opportunity to provide a summary of current Intercity Transit services and projects as background to the discussion and update on the Short and Long Range Plan update and community outreach currently underway.

#### **Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Public transportation is part of our transportation network and plays an important role in the county's economic health by:

- Providing transportation to jobs, schools, and community activities;

- Reducing congestion on local roads allowing private automobiles and freight to travel more efficiently;
- Helping seniors and people with disabilities remain independent;
- Providing both commuter and lifeline services for citizens; and
- Protecting the environment by reducing the number of vehicles on the road.

**Options:**

None. Discussion only.

**Financial Impact:**

None. Discussion only.

**Attachments:**

None.