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Island Transit Earns Gold Award for Helping Improve Air Quality

Coupeville, WA -- Island Transit has earned the 2020 Gold Award from the Northwest Clean Air Agency for its work to protect and improve air quality in Island County. The agency was recognized for its efforts to reduce emissions and modifying operations to protect the air quality in Island County.

To earn a Gold Award, businesses must comply with air quality regulations for at least three years and employ additional clean air practices in specific categories defined by the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA). Island Transit demonstrated increased energy efficiency by replacing incandescent lights with LED lights at two Park & Ride lots; adding five propane-fired buses to its fleet; and switching to B5 bio-diesel in all other buses.

“We’re glad to be doing our part to protect the earth and air quality,” says Todd Morrow, Island Transit Executive Director. “Reducing carbon emissions and employing additional clean air practices is important to preserve the environment and protect our community’s quality of life.”

Island Transit was among 50 businesses and organizations in Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties to claim honors in the Northwest Clean Air Agency’s annual Partners for Clean Air competition.

The awards recognize work that businesses and organizations receiving NWCAA air-quality permits did to protect and improve air quality during 2019. This year, NWCAA presented 16 Gold awards and 39 Silver awards.

Island Transit’s mission is to provide safe, accessible, convenient, and friendly public transportation services which enhance our Island quality of life.

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