

**Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – June 28, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Cody Bakken called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Aaron Dumas, Denise Edington, Bill Elder, Blake Geyen, Don Green, Tommy Manning, Sandy Paul, and Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Tina Lee; Community Development Manager

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions transpired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Green motioned to approve the minutes for May 24, 2018. Tommy Manning seconded. Motion carried.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aaron Dumas reported on the High Capacity Transit Study Technical Advisory Committee he attended on May 30. The TAC received a memorandum from Kidder Mathews on the impact of stations including economic factors rating based on BRT impact. Meeting also included schedule for decision process going forward including next steps. This week the BRT project will be presented before the City of Tacoma on June 25 and Pierce County Council on June 26. Pierce Transit Board will make a decision on the Locally Preferred Alternative on July 9. Tina Lee provided an update on process, Board Action will be on Mode, Termini and Alignment. The City of Tacoma and Pierce County will be asked to provide a letter of support for the Small Starts Rating. Staff will work with the TAC at future meetings seeking consensus on station locations and lane treatment.

At the meeting TAC member gave input, most members opted for the median alternative. WSDOT and City of Tacoma hesitant to vote. General consensus was median alternative.

Sandy Paul updated CTAG on the Transform project. That group got together after four months, she reported the group learned a number of things including comments from the public: They indicated they wanted trees but not the rhododendron that are there now, they wanted more lawn, gardens and places to sit, covered spaces, a large and small stage for events, a covered market, a small grocery or convenience space, artist lofts, and a community event space. Sandy's takeaways is that the program needs the Woolworth's Building but that is not an option. The community doesn't want the water fountain, they want a spray park. Maintenance of the fountain is expense and it fills with garbage. Noise of the water is relaxing but also a false sense of safety. Generally, comments were not in favor of the way Commerce is today -- which is the point of transform.

Bill Elder is participating on the Tacoma Dome Extension Project, he reported that there is no update this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study, Locally Preferred Option Update and Video - Tina Lee: Tina Lee, Community Development Manager shared the video produced to introduce BRT to the community. The video is located at RideBRT.com . Pierce Transit is planning another series of open houses along the corridor, those will be happening in August. Tina Lee will be the new BRT project manager. Darin Stavish will continue to lead the technical study, Tina is the new project manager. A question was asked regarding the schedule, the BRT should start operations end of 2022.
2. CTAG Update to the Board – Cody Bakken: CTAG has made only one presentation to the Board this year, need second update. The next meeting will be when CTAG's Letter to the Board regarding BRT will be formally submitted this month. Cody Bakken will make this presentation on July 9.
3. CTAG Charter and Code – Cody Bakken: Next step to start working on charter. CTAG formed a subcommittee to work on this language. Cody will schedule a meeting in the next month. Motion from Don Green to a subcommittee, Bill Elder seconded. CTAG voted to approve the motion. Volunteers to staff the committee are Cody Bakken, Bill Elder, and Don Green. Cody will coordinate with them to schedule meeting, could be a virtual meeting.
4. CTAG Meeting in the Field – Cody Bakken: CTAG discussed holding meeting in the field. They indicated they will need to advertise as well as choose a line to ride and the time. The idea is to talk about rider issues and generally ride on the bus route. This is an opportunity for them to sample the bus and learn from the riders. CTAG would like to have a wide range of riders represented on the bus. The trip could start at Pierce Transit, 10th/Commerce, TDS, Tacoma Mall, South Hill Mall or Puyallup Station depending on ridership information for bus trips.

Tina will work with planning staff to request data to select trips for a ride focusing on trips with a good number of riders but also space for CTAG members to ride. CTAG also asked for information from Transit Operators in case they have recommendations of trips to consider riding. Additional details to coordinate for the ride along include:

- a. Next month decide date, August 23 or Sept 27
- b. Host the ride during regular CTAG hours from 5:30pm-7:30pm
- c. Include information in the notice that recording will be going on during the meeting
- d. Notify Transit Security
- e. Notify PT Supervisors
- f. Consider comment boxes on the bus for rider input
- g. Nametags for attendees

CTAG discussed suggestions to notice the meeting including:

- Advertising on the bus that there will be a public meeting on the route,
- Announcements on bus poles along the route selected,
- Website notice,
- Legal notice, and
- Social media.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

- Discussion of email access, Don Green mentioned needing new password to log into email.
- Hongda Sao and Tommy Manning don't have access to email so would need a call from Penny if there a possible vote on bus ride.
- Pierce College - Puyallup initiated student passes for students. Suggestion that after evaluation, look into expanding to Pierce College - Steilacoom.
- CTAG asked status of electric bus delivery and when they will be in service.
- Request that Penny provide Bill Elder a copy of Human Transit when it is available.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tina Lee provided a brief update on 512 Park & Ride and Tacoma Mall Transit Center closures. Both properties are under midlife maintenance construction.

ADJOURNMENT

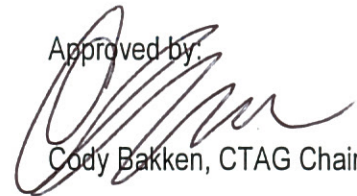
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by:



Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:



Cody Bakken, CTAG Chair

