



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – February 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Paul called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Aaron Dumas, Denise Edington, Don Green, Blake Geyen, Hongda Sao and Sandy Paul

CTAG Members Absent: Cody Bakken

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Jason Kennedy, Planner Analyst; Max Henkle, Planner Analyst; Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator; and Tina Lee, Community Development Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Green motioned to approve the January 24 minutes. Blake Geyen seconded. Motion carried.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aaron reported the next BRT Technical Advisory Committee meeting is March 20.

Bill Elder has resigned from CTAG due to a schedule conflict. He was the CTAG representative for Sound Transit's Tacoma Dome Link Extension project. The board will appoint a member to fill his vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cinderella Helga D'Andrea inquired about the South Sound Sustainability Expo. Penny Grellier reported Pierce Transit will have a fully staffed informational booth present at the expo. Cinderella also inquired about the February 11 Board of Commissioners' meeting. Penny reported the February Board of Commissioners' meeting was combined into the March 11 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Network Redesign Results – Max Henkle:** Max Henkle presented historic ridership and service hours data. Max reported on a past comprehensive route analysis which was performed in 2016 which allowed for additional service hours to be added on certain routes while also adjusting and/or eliminating other routes. Max compared that comprehensive route analysis with today's ridership data.
2. **Fast Ferries – Max Henkle:** Max Henkle reported on the 2018 Fast Ferries Feasibility Study results. With other transit agencies in the region implementing fast ferries, Pierce Transit, the City of Tacoma and the Port of Tacoma performed a study to gauge whether this mode of transportation will be feasible for our region. The study reviewed infrastructure, terminal location, routing, funding, travel times and fare structures. The study also estimated costs to purchase vessels, build a terminal and other capital costs.

After analyzing the data, the study indicated operational costs around \$1,400 an hour. The study concluded fast ferry service is a feasible option with regional support and further research.



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- 3. E-Bike/E-Scooter Pilots – Jason Kennedy: Jason Kennedy reported on e-bike and e-scooter pilot in City of Tacoma. Two companies have their devices in Tacoma: Lime and Bird. The pilot permits have expired for both companies, but Lime has applied for an extension for e-scooters to September 2019. Bird is currently in negotiation. There are legislative efforts underway outlining rules on operations, parking, age of rider, fees, licensing and data. The City of Tacoma is looking at a franchise agreement with these companies to help fund damage done to public and/or private property.
- 4. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Tacoma Dome Station Update – Tina Lee: Tina Lee reported on the BRT Technical Advisory Committee meeting she attended on February 8, which included recommendations for lane configurations. The committee recommended BAT lanes, due to improvement of transit times and lowest impact to property owners. A public hearing is scheduled for the March 11 Board meeting. The comment period is open until March 28. There will be a proposal to adopt the alternative recommendation at the April 8 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Member asked if the Small Starts Grant was accepted. Tina informed there has not been a response yet due to the government shutdown.

Tina distributed a flyer on proposed optional, reserved parking at the Tacoma Dome Station. Based on survey results, 200 parking stalls may be set aside for permit parking, effective Monday through Friday 4 AM – 8 AM. After this time, any unoccupied reserved stalls are open to everyone. Permit prices would be \$80 for a SOV and free for a HOV. ORCA Lift permits will also be available to those who qualify for a price of \$27. There will be a proposal to the Board for adoption at the April 8 meeting.

Blake Geyen asked how this permit parking will be enforced. The vendor who currently patrols the Tacoma Dome Station would enforce it. Member asked how this policy has been presented to the public. Pierce Transit has issued press releases, performed community outreach and social media posts.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

No member deliberation transpired.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- South Sound Sustainability Expo is March 2.
- CTAG Member Application Deadline is February 28.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:

Cody Bakken, CTAG Chair