



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – January 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Cody Bakken called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Aaron Dumas, Bill Elder, Denise Edington, Blake Geyen, Cody Bakken and Hongda Sao

CTAG Members Absent: Don Green and Sandy Paul

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Alex Mather; Government and Community Relations Officer, Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator, and Tina Lee; Community Development Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Unanimous approval given of December minutes.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Penny Grellier reported the Puyallup Watershed Initiative is working with the Safe Routes to School Program and they wanted to know if Pierce Transit could lend them a portable bike rack. The bike rack would be used as an educational tool to teach kids how to use other modes of transportation to their destinations.

Cody Bakken reported on the TAC Meeting he attended earlier this month. Topics of discussion included Tacoma Dome Station routing, corridor traffic analysis, and intersection control evaluation; all related to Bus Rapid Transit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Legislative Review – Alex Mather:** Alex Mather reported, Pierce Transit is advocating for Bus Rapid Transit on the Federal Legislative Agenda. The goal is to receive \$60 million from the Federal Transit Administration to fund the BRT project. Due to the current governmental shutdown, Pierce Transit is unsure where project funding currently stands. The Project Rating was scheduled for February but has since been delayed. Other items of discussion included the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit, bus electrification and Transit Oriented Development planning grants.

Alex reported the State is in session from January 14 – April 28. The current transportation package is being created. One of Pierce Transit's priorities is to secure \$2 million in funding to begin planning BRT 2, the next bus rapid corridor, which will take over the current Route 3. Pierce Transit is also



seeking funding to help fund a study identifying other sources of revenue besides sales tax for transit agencies to collect.

(CTAG Member Bill Elder left the meeting at 5:40 PM.)

Cody Bakken asked Alex if there are any specific dates or topics CTAG could assist with. If there is a hearing on a new mechanism for funding transit, she will contact Penny to coordinate efforts with CTAG.

2. BRT Updates – Tina Lee: Tina Lee presented on a report of BRT updates. Open houses are currently in progress at various locations along the BRT route. Virtual open houses are also available for persons unable to attend in person. Pierce Transit and other agencies are researching station locations along the route and figuring out how to best get BRT to the Tacoma Dome Station. Lane configuration and traffic analyses were also important items of discussion. Tina informed there is a public hearing on February 11th for community to weigh in with their comments. After the hearing, the Board of Commissioners will choose between the two BRT options presented.

Penny asked how wheelchair securements are implemented. Tina reported they are working to find the best way and hopefully can have a prototype tested.

(CTAG Member Denise Edington left the meeting at 6:39 PM. Due to this, member quorum was lost.)

3. New Member Plan/Chair Election – Penny Grellier: Due to a lack of quorum, a vote to elect a new chair of CTAG did not commence. Members discussed the potential to add the ability for members to phone-in to a meeting. Legal counsel suggested adding telephonic attendance language to the bylaws for this to occur. For this to be implemented, the phone-in option must be as good as the member being physically present at the meeting. The remote access would be a great alternative for members.
4. Report of Quarter Four Activities to Board– Penny Grellier: Members discussed who will represent CTAG and present at the Board of Commissioners’ meeting on February 11. Cody Bakken agreed to attend the meeting.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Members discussed Care-a-Van applications Penny Grellier has received.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

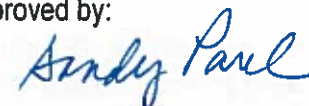
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

Submitted by:


Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:


Cody Bakken, CTAG Chair

SANDY PAUL, VICE CHAIR