



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – July 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Blake Geyen, Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Jeff Freedman, Paul Crandall, Sandy Paul and Aaron Dumas

CTAG Members Absent: Antoinette Craig, Don Green and Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Freedman motioned to approve the amended June 27 minutes. Paul Crandall seconded. Motion approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aaron Dumas reported the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) meeting was moved to September. During the last meeting in May, the BRT proposal was approved by the FTA, with the hybrid design being most favorable. Aaron also read an e-mail sent by Darin Stavish with project updates including choosing WSP USA Inc as the design contractor. Local officials will be visiting Vancouver, Washington and Eugene, Oregon's BRT systems September 18 and 19.

Cody Bakken reported on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) Stakeholder Group meeting from an email he received from Austin Neilson. On June 14, the Elected Leadership Group made a recommendation for a preferred alternative and additional alternatives for the upcoming draft of the environmental impact statement. The City of Tacoma requested evaluating cut-and-cover stations at two Tacoma Dome area stations.

Cody also reported that on July 11, the FTA provided comments to Sound Transit. The System Expansion Committee recommended two separate motions on the TDLE preferred alternative and other alternatives to study for the environmental impact study. One motion included locations in South Federal Way, Fife and East Tacoma and the other motion was for the Tacoma Dome Station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.



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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Service Delivery and Capital Committee (SDCC) CTAG Representative Duties and Responsibilities – All: Penny Grellier presented the proposed topics currently on the SDCC's agenda. Ideas and proposals will be brought to future CTAG meetings for discussion. The CTAG representative will then bring comments and suggestions back to SDCC. August 15 will be the next meeting and Aaron Dumas will be attending for CTAG.
2. Destination 2040 Stakeholder Representative Election – All: Penny Grellier reported Darin Stavish would like a CTAG representative to participate in the Destination 2040 stakeholder group meetings. Dates and times are still being determined. Cody Bakken suggested holding meetings on a rotating basis at areas around the Pierce Transit Benefit Area, to be more inclusive of the community. Members discussed options for meeting rooms across Pierce County.
3. CTAG Award Concept – Cody Bakken: Cody Bakken presented a personal account of great customer service he experienced from Pierce Transit operator Cynthia. Cody Bakken motioned to create an award commending transit operators, PT staff and members of the public for excellent service on PT property or in transit-related situations. More information to follow next month. Jeff Freedman seconded. Motion carried.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Denise Edington commented that the new white bus stop signs being installed may be difficult for the visually impaired community to differentiate from other traffic signage, as well as being hard to identify by new bus riders. The yellow bus stop signs seem to stand out better than the white ones.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair