



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone  
Minutes – May 28, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Paul Crandall, Antoinette Craig, Blake Geyen, Jeff Freedman, Sandy Paul, Don Green

CTAG Members Absent: Denise Edington, Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator) and Lani Fowlkes (Community Development Administrator)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cody motioned to approve the April 23 minutes as written. Antoinette seconded. Motion approved.

**CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports were made; Cody later noted the BRT Community Committee hope to meet again in June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment transpired.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Destination 2040 Long Range Plan Update comments

Darin Stavish asked CTAG to submit their comments on the LRP Update as the deadline for feedback has been extended through June 30. Cody had written a draft letter several months ago and invited more information from the group. Members commented that the Plan should encourage PT to be efficient and effective. There was talk of high-level goals such as funding sources, legislation, asking the State to take a more active role in encouraging transit use, what the future of transit looks like. It is hoped the Plan will encourage us to legislate for our grandchildren: look ahead. It was noted that we do not know exactly how the region will grow in the next 20 years, but we can count on urban congestion making transit even more vital, whilst those in rural areas will probably not lend support to transit as it is not vital to many of them.

The group also talked about more detailed requests such as changes to routing and better marketing for transit statewide.

Cody will send out the draft and all CTAG members are asked to comment/edit as they see fit, noting their inclusions with initials or highlighted text. We can vote on the final draft at the June 25 CTAG meeting.

How do we get people back on board?

Penny asked the group for ideas to promote transit use once Pierce County moves to Phase 2 and beyond in the Governor's response to COVID-19. Two members felt that it is not clear which seats are marked off-limits and how that determination is made. Because of back-door boarding, the rear of the bus becomes crowded and no one moves forward.

Could a diagram of the "seating chart" be posted on the website to show how seats are open/closed to encourage social distancing?

How are the Operators keeping track of how many people are on board, for the 15-pax max?

Can bus seats be removed so that there is no chance of sitting right behind or in front of someone on a seat that was marked off, but the sign ignored?

Social media, GovDelivery, website and press releases give frequent updates; the members felt it is up to the public to stay informed using those tools if they want to ride the bus safely. Make sure the messages are clear and concise. Can a public service announcement be sent to smartphones?

**MEMBER DELIBERATION**

No further member deliberation

**PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cody reviewed the last quarterly reports he made to the Board; the written report was provided to CTAG last month. Cody asked if someone else would like to prepare the Q2 report and described how to do so. Paul expressed interest if a live presentation is possible at July Board. Lani offered to write up the report. Penny said it would be fine to have a tag-team approach: one person write, another present. If the July Board meeting is virtual, we will just submit the written report to the Clerk.

Penny updated the group on the latest developments at Pierce Transit responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fares will be reinstated June 15.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM

Submitted by:

Approved by:

[Approved at virtual meeting on June 25, 2020](#)

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair