



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone
Minutes – July 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Hongda Sao, Paul Crandall, Blake Geyen, Sandy Paul, Denise Edington

CTAG Members Absent: Jeff Freedman, Antoinette Craig, Don Green

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Alexandra Mather, (Government & Community Relations), Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator), Lani Fowlkes (Community Development Administrator)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hongda motioned to approve the June 25 minutes as written. Cody seconded. Motion approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cody reported on the BRT Community Committee meeting of July 22. Highlights include:

- Suspension station design is frontrunner
- Name choices for system include Current, Streamline and Peak
- NEPA report delayed due to Tribes having many staff on furlough and unable to give input
- 5 traffic circles are under review, 2 in City of Tacoma and 3 in Parkland area
- Project at 30% completion barring NEPA

Denise suggest naming the BRT as Pierce Go. Cody encourages CTAG members to share their input on the system [comment page and open house online at RideBRT.com].

Cody also reported that Transform water wall art design will be completed by Ryan!, in late August and installation to begin thereafter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Good To Give Committee

Alex Mather gave a presentation on the Pierce Transit's corporate philanthropic efforts. The Committee partners with several community agencies to lend a hand on volunteer projects such as building furniture for transitioning families, stocking food bank shelves, painting and refurbishing homes and cleaning the streets

around our headquarters. Opportunities occur outside of work hours since we are a public agency; they are open to CTAG. Alex sends an all-employee email when events are scheduled so Penny can forward those to CTAG members. Let Alex know of any other potential partner agencies we can help.

Mask Distribution

Sandy gave a summary of her and Jeff's efforts as part of the agency's reusable mask giveaway. She and Jeff were stationed at 72nd St, Tacoma Mall and TCC for a couple of shifts and handed out masks to riders. Sandy reported that riders were very happy to receive masks; some already had a mask on but took a back-up mask; others were not prepared and so put their new mask on promptly. Now that masks are required, PT has received 10,000 single-use masks to be put into dispensers on board buses. Installation is underway.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

No further member deliberation

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Penny gave an update on state of operations at PT. Cleanings continue to be performed every 2 hours on board buses in service as well as nightly cleanings when buses come back to base for the night. Many admin staff are working from home through August 21.

Pierce Transit Runner launches on August 1, serving a zone that includes Ruston Way waterfront, most of Dock Street and part of the Tideflats. The service is on-demand, scheduled by app or phone, and operates 7 days a week from 7am to 10pm. Month of August will be fare-free with regular PT fares kicking in September 1. Project is set for one year with opportunity to extend if successful. Bikes and mobility devices are able to board the vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair