



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone  
Minutes – October 22, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

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

CTAG Members Absent: Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Duane Wakan (Senior Planner), Alex Mather (Government Relations Administrator), Amber Stanley (BRT Planner) and Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Don motioned to approve the September 24 minutes as written. Paul seconded. Motion approved, Jeff abstained.

**CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Don reported on the SDCC, congratulates PT on keeping service going during pandemic, topics have included service level and safety updates, ORCA business program for multifamily developments

Cody reported on the following:

- BRT Committee met earlier this week, project launch delayed until 2024, saw anti-BRT posters along Pacific near business district
- Commerce Waterwall design moving forward, installation begins March 2021
- Tacoma Transit Table group has not been active during pandemic

The group was introduced to Amber Stanley, new BRT Planner for Pierce Transit

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment transpired.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Legislative Update*

Alex Mather provided an overview of State and Federal priorities including 1976 funds now available, multimodal projects to connect WA, BRT feasibility study, MOBI base renovations, sustainable and equitable contracting, affordable housing incentives, TOD grants, discretionary grants, urbanized grants, formula grants and LoNo for electric vehicles and infrastructure. Paul volunteered his assistance with affordable housing incentives as he is an advocate for that cause.

### *Long Range Plan Update*

Duane Wakan gave a presentation on Pierce Transit's LRP and the update. He reviewed what is included in the LRP and how input gathered from recent survey and feedback outreach has been added to the Plan. Jeff expressed concern that Gig Harbor showed no plans for improvements and Sandy commented that PT needs to market their services better in that area. She also said North East Tacoma needs more frequent and reliable service in order to build ridership.

### *Transit app agreement*

Duane Wakan also presented an overview of Transit app, letting CTAG know we have entered into a 3-year cooperative agreement with them at no charge to the agency. Transit app is used worldwide and partners with many transit agencies, providing real-time bus arrival information, bus crowding updates, routing, next bus and other information helpful to riders. They can also conduct rider surveys of various kinds to help agencies track trends and plan service changes.

### **MEMBER DELIBERATION**

When will PT go to the ballot for a sales tax increase?

Will we have satellite bases around our service area since it is so large and we may be expanding in the future?

PT is working with the Governor's office to increase the number of people allowed on buses at one time. Sandy requests that Alex bring the legislative report to the NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council's November meeting.

### **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CTAG new member applications are due November 20, interview subcommittee needed. Paul, Sandy and Denise volunteered to be on the committee. Interviews shall be conducted virtually in early December. On-board announcements and social media are advertising the opportunity now.
- Note that because of upcoming holidays, next meetings are November 19 and December 17.
- CTAG has a report due to the Board on December 14. Denise volunteered to read it out if Cody can write it up for her.
- Sandy notes that the Governor has extended the relaxed OPMA rules so that public meetings can continue in a virtual format.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair