



**Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – September 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

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

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

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator; Tina Lee, Planning Manager; Alex Mather, Government & Community Relations; Janine Robertson, Senior Planner; Sean Robinson, Senior Construction Project Manager; Brenda Davis, Community Outreach Assistant Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Freedman motioned to approve the August 22 minutes. Paul Crandall seconded. Motion approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sandy Paul reported on attending the last Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting. Sandy also reminded CTAG members of the group formed by City Councilperson Robert Thoms' Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group, regarding transit development in the Dome District. She proved a handout last CTAG meeting.

Cody Bakken reported he has been attending the monthly conference call of the Tacoma Transit Table, a group convened by Downtown on the Go.

Aaron Dumas gave a BRT committee update: new information has been released and Planning updates from Tacoma and Pierce County. Latest news can be found on the PT website. Meetings will be held every two months; next is in November.

Aaron Dumas reported he will not be able to attend the October meeting of the Pierce Transit Service Delivery and Capital Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2020 Legislative Update was given by Alex Mather, including a summary handout on Federal and State items. Highlights included Pacific Avenue/SR 7 BRT Corridor (Capital Investment Grants - Small Starts), Appropriations requests, grant applications, tax code, surface transportation reauthorization principles, contract award integrity and sustainable funding for public transportation.



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2. BRT Project Update was given by Tina Lee. Tina reviewed material being circulated in the community by groups that oppose BRT, and the approach Pierce Transit is taking to educate these groups and include them in stakeholder outreach and input on the project. The BRT Team will be hosting another round of public outreach soon.
3. Outreach Update was given by Brenda Davis, who thanked members of CTAG who have volunteered to help at outreach events this summer. This year the process has been streamlined so that we have a consistent look when out in the community. Our goal was to reach 70 events this year and we have done so.
4. New Spanaway Transit Center Update by Janine Robertson and Sean Robinson: the agency is looking to build a new Transit Center just south of the Walmart on Pacific Highway and land must be acquired. Several properties, both those that are currently for sale and several that are not, have been examined and rated according to features Pierce Transit desires. One property has been selected as the best fit, even though it will require signalized access and sewer connection.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

CTAG members revisited the Hero award idea and were presented with several pin designs as created by the Marketing department based upon their earlier discussions and design concepts. Jeff Freedman presented further design ideas and different names for the award. The group gave more feedback which Penny will return to Marketing for another draft design to be presented next meeting.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pierce Transit has created a microgrant opportunity for members of the public to submit ideas to improve our services in a variety of ways. The grants will be made at a maximum of \$1000 each. The deadline for applications (which were posted on our agency website) was extended to mid-October. CTAG members were invited to choose a representative to join the selection committee; Cody and Paul will participate.

A request was made for outreach opportunities to be posted on the CTAG Annual Workplan and to be sent to members well ahead of time, so they can volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair