



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – November 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Aaron Dumas (phone-in), Antoinette Craig, Blake Geyen, Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Hongda Sao Jeff Freedman, Paul Crandall and Sandy Paul

CTAG Members Absent: Don Green

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator and Ryan Wheaton, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cody Bakken motioned to approve the October 24 minutes. Denise Edington and Blake Geyen simultaneously seconded. Motion approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cody Bakken reported on the Tacoma Transit Table meeting he attended. This group consists of citizens who meet up to discuss various initiatives connected to the city.

Sandy Paul reported on Downtown on the Go's Transportation Innovator Awards luncheon she attended on November 15. Penny Grellier was presented with an award for her work with the Limited Access Connection pilot program between Pierce Transit and Lyft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **November 2020 Ballot Initiative – Ryan Wheaton:** Ryan Wheaton gave a presentation detailing Pierce Transit past ballot initiative attempts in 2011 and 2012. Ryan reported on projected demographic growth facts provided by the Puget Sound Regional Council for 2050. Currently Pierce Transit collects 0.6 percent of local sales tax. With Pierce Transit's current funding, service growth is not possible over the next six years; leaving service hours stagnant at just over 500,000. Ryan gave a comparison of other regional transit agencies and the amount of sales tax percentage they receive. At the March 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting, board members will inform Pierce Transit if they should proceed with a ballot initiative. Ryan urged CTAG members to submit comments regarding suggested improvements or changes to the fixed route bus network on Piercetransit.org, or e-mailing him.

2. Blake's Election Center Accessibility Video and Discussion – Blake Geyen: Blake Geyen shared a video detailing the difficulty he experienced accessing the Pierce County Annex due to a sidewalk that suddenly ends on South 35th Street. Blake is associated with Rooted in Rights, an advocacy group that's part of the broader Disability Rights Washington. Their mission is to train disabled people to use storytelling to push for progress and influence change.
3. Hero Awards Pin Design (Round Three) – All: Penny Grellier unveiled the final design for the CTAG Hero Award pin. CTAG is anticipating launching the award January 2020. Cody Bakken suggested CTAG members submit an official form to nominate a person for the award.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Cody Bakken reported an issue regarding bus stop detours on MLK by People's Park. He suggested a revamp of construction detour policies.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special meeting on Thursday, December 19.

ADJOURNMENT


Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

Submitted by:



Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by:



Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair