



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone
Minutes – July 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Don Green, Blake Geyen, Antoinette Craig, Deirdre Maxwell, Paul Crandall, Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Linda Moran, Emily Freeman

Absent: Marlene Druker

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Darin Stavish (Principal Planner), Duane Wakan (Senior Planner), Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator), Scott Gaines (Transportation Assistant Manager), Janice Powell (Transit Operator)

Don introduced the CTAG Hero Award and Penny read a letter of commendation to Janice Powell for going above and beyond the call of duty to help Paul's wife look for a lost purse on board a Pierce Transit bus. Janice is the first recipient of the Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 2021 were reviewed and approved (Cody moved, Antoinette seconded).

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEO Recruitment Committee: Cody noted that Mike Griffus has been named by the Board for the CEO position, pending his acceptance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Stream BRT System Expansion Study (Darin Stavish, Principal Planner)

Darin gave an overview of the Expansion Study and duties of Technical Advisory Committee members. The next four BRT lines will use zero-emission vehicles and will be on routes 2, 3 4 and 402. The order of construction and priority has not yet been determined. TAC will support project delivery of the system to be completed by 2040. Deirdre is a member of the TAC and told the group of her initial experiences.

Bus Stop Balancing project process/outcome (Duane Wakan, Senior Planner)

Duane reviewed the bus stop balancing review process including outreach, accessibility considerations, route impact, the dashboard used to track public comments, and the impact of the proposed bus stop closures on various travel patterns across our service area. There will be minimal impact in general. Members voiced concern about impact to those with mobility issues. Cody and Penny were part of the panel that reviewed all the bus stops proposed for closure. The list of 214 stops (10% of total system stops) proposed for closure goes to the Board for consideration at their September meeting. Two members mentioned the proposed rebalancing may negatively impact some SHUTTLE riders in that the resultant schedule changes (which determine SHUTTLE availability) may prevent SHUTTLE riders from taking morning trips. Also, those who ride SHUTTLE may not be able to get home from evening meetings (such as a CTAG meeting) after 6pm.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

CTAG members discussed upcoming agenda items and possibly hosting a meeting on board a Pierce Transit bus in regular service. Members were asked to bring preferred routes, dates and times to the August meeting for consideration.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some member terms are ending in a few months, so we will have a recruitment in the Fall/Winter for new members. Existing members are encouraged to refer friends or colleagues who may be interested in joining CTAG.

The next BRT Virtual Public Meeting will be on the evening of September 23 (same date and time as regularly-scheduled CTAG meeting).

CTAG members are invited to volunteer at the Pierce Transit Outreach booth at Meeker Days in Puyallup on August 13, 14 and 15. Please contact Alex Alderman or Penny Grellier for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Approved by:

Don Green, Chair