



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone
Minutes – November 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Don Green, Blake Geyen, Linda Moran, Cody Bakken, Marlene Druker, Paul Crandall, and Denise Edington.

Absent: Antoinette Craig, Deirdre Maxwell, and Emily Freeman.

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Lani Fowlkes (Community Development Coordinator), Nathan BeVelle (Community Development Coordinator), Rachel Holzhaeuser (Community Development Education and Outreach Specialist), Alexandra Mather (Government Relations Administrator).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from October 2021 were reviewed and approved. Marlene Druker moved, and Linda Moran seconded

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don requested this be moved up on the agenda.

Lani introduced Rachel Holzhaeuser Pierce Transit's new Community Development Education and Outreach Specialist. Lani also introduced Nathan BeVelle as the new Community Development Administrator and CTAG Liaison.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 Legislative Update (Alexandra Mather, Government Relations Administrator)

Alexandra Mather presented Pierce Transit's draft 2022 state and federal legislative agendas to the group. At the state level, Pierce Transit will continue to push for funding for the Bus Rapid Transit network and Maintenance and Operations Base Improvement (MOBI), as well as a new revenue source to support transit operations across the state. At the federal level, the focus will be maintaining the \$75M included in President Biden's 2022 budget, as well as implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's (IIJA) traditional and new revenue and project opportunities.

Phone tree menu improvements (Lani Fowlkes, Community Development Coordinator)

Lani shared information on the new phone tree system that be implemented in late 2022. Various comments, suggestions, and questions were offered by CTAG Board members. Nathan will bring answers to those questions to the December meeting.

Member recruitment update (Lani Fowlkes, Community Development Coordinator)

Lani provided an update CTAG member recruitment process. Pierce Transit received 5 applications. Cody and Blake will join Lani and Nathan in interviewing the applicants. There will be two vacancies in January 2022. Paul announced he will not seek reappointment in April leaving one vacancy to fill there. Interview dates TDB.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Marlene shared information on their Halloween 2021 ride event. Next year's event is already scheduled for Sunday October 30, 2022.

Cody shared information on the Tacoma Transit Table. Cody would like to CTAG represented, when able, at these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

Submitted by
Don Green

Approved by
Cody Bakken