



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone
Minutes – June 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Don Green, Blake Geyen, Deirdre Maxwell, Brandi DeCoteau, Ben Yoder, Paul Buchanan, Linda Moran, Marlene Drucker

Absent: Emily Freeman and Jamie Witter

Guests: Ivan Tudela, Amin Hester

Pierce Transit Employees and Presenters Present: Ryan Mello (Pierce Transit Commissioner) Darin Stavish (Planner, Principal), Amber Stanley (Senior Planner), Ashley DeGraffenreid (Project Management Coordinator), Duane Wakan (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 2022 were reviewed and approved. Deirdre moved, and Ben seconded.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Don Green, Chair

Service Delivery and Capital Committee (SDCC) authorized the Chief Executive to approve a contract for new cleaning in buildings 4 and 5 for 3-years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER RYAN MELLO

Commissioner Mello thanked the agency and CTAG for their dutiful service to the community. He addressed the Move Ahead Washington funding and how it impacts the public transportation in the benefit area, including Free Youth Fare. ORCA Lift implementation to align with other regional transit agencies. He expressed concerns about the designs of the proposed bus shelters and requested a new design be explored. Addressed operator shortage discussions with Mike to expand frequency and span that the community was used to pre-pandemic. Addressed the funding formulation at the regional level to change the formula to bring more dollars into the communities that need them the most. Encouraged CTAG feedback on large and small issues and rider experience.

Marlene addressed the lack of convenience of public transportation for those who aren't transit dependent. There was also time for a Q&A session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fare Review and Free Youth Fare Update (Lindsey Sehmel)

Lindsey was unable to attend but Nathan relayed a request for CTAG to attend the next Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday July 11th.

Stream System Expansion Study Update (Darin Stavish and Amber Stanley)

Overview of Stream System Expansion Survey (SESS) data collection methodology and interpretation. Highlighted the different route options under consideration, equity impacts, and opportunity for future expansion. There will be a live open house on Wednesday Jun 29th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. There was time for a Q&A session.

MOBi Update (Ashley DeGraffenreid)

Information regarding project scope, challenges, work completed to date, and work that's left to be completed. Overview of current budget, six-year plan, and facility design ideas. Covered next steps and solicited questions. Don wondered if site tours were available, especially for new CTAG members. Coordination between CTAG Liaison and Ashley will occur to set up a future tour. There was time for a Q&A session.

Runner Update (Duane Wakan)

Gave overview of current and future Runner services including the Spanaway Runner. RFP process led to one proposal and found that they meet all the requirements needed to launch the new service. Once approved by the board, final contract will be negotiated with provider and service launch scheduled for July.

Puyallup Runner zone performed well in pilot, so grant is being pursued to make the service permanent. Nathan requested CTAG members to use the Runner service and provide feedback to Duane. There was time for a Q&A session.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Ben brought the issue of lack of audible sound when ORCA cards are tapped, especially for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Don suggested a formal request to be routed through Pierce Transit leadership to address the issue. Blake confirmed that he has heard from members in the disability community that the beep is not loud enough.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nathan shared that the Agency made the decision to not operate the Gig Harbor trolley this year due to operator shortage however, we've worked with the local community government to wrap 30' buses and add additional stops to the current RT 100.

Summer Youth Passes are on sale for \$36. Invited members to the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Requested a volunteer to provide updates for Q2 at the August Board of Commissioners meeting. Asked by WSDOT to participate in an Unmet Transit Needs survey, requesting volunteer for 1 hour to complete the survey in July. Don volunteered for the board update and Deirdre volunteered for the survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Approved by