



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)  
In person meeting and MOBI tour  
Minutes – October 27, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

CTAG Members Present: Blake Geyen, Ben Yoder, Paul Buchanan, Ivan Tudela, Brandi DeCoteau, Amin Tony Hester and Don Green

Absent: Linda Moran, Jamie Witter, Deirdre Maxwell, Maddie Merton and Marlene Drucker

Guests: None

**Pierce Transit Employees and Presenters Present:**

Chris Schuler (Pierce Transit Executive Director of Finance/IT - CFO), Julie Stutzke (Budget Coordinator), Larry McCarty (Facilities Manager), Darin Stavish (Principal Planner), Lanai Tua (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from September 2022 were reviewed and approved. Tony moved and Ben seconded.

**CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS/Comments**

*Amin Tony Hester, CTAG member*

*The 74<sup>th</sup> and Madison bus stop should be reviewed. It is not easily accessible, including no sidewalk.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None (No in person guests. No unknown members of public in meeting list)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Stream BRT System Expansion Study Update (Darin Stavish)**

Darin presented a Stream System Expansion Study update and next steps into 2023

**Key elements of the study included:**

- Assessing corridor conditions, including ridership patterns, opportunities for transit priority (bus lanes, bus signals), and future growth potential (new housing, jobs, or destinations).
- Creating an equity-focused list of evaluation criteria to analyze and compare the corridors.
- Gathering input from the public and a 15-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), including representatives from jurisdictions, major employers, public health agencies, and business associations.

Deirdre Maxwell was CTAG's representative on the TAC. This study, which began in July 2021, will be completed by the end of the year with a draft document provided to us for review in January and a final document in February 2023.

**The four corridors reviewed are:**

Corridor A (current Route 2)

Corridor B (current Route 3)

Corridor C (current Route 402 from the Pierce County airport to Puyallup Sounder station)

Corridor D (current Route 4)

The goal is to have a Stream BRT 2 project ready to apply for either PSRC or FTA funding in 2024 for final design, right-of-way, and construction.

**Bus Shelter Rehab update ((Larry McCarty)**

Bus stop design proposals were presented - alternative designs to create manageable, attractive public facing Bus Stops that are practical, fiscally responsible, and promote ridership.

Some maintenance challenges include increased vandalism and glass replacement in bus shelters  
The current state of our system is as follows: 521 total shelters, 308 shelters need glass of some sort (59% of our shelter inventory). That equates to 1094 pieces of glass as of October 10, 2022 (additional vandalism has occurred so this number has increased).

Some of the following alternatives/proposals that are being considered to reset the infrastructure, and create a repeatable, manageable maintenance program: Expanded metal retrofit panels, perforated metal panels (many shelters we have in service have these installed), Polycarbonate panels, A combination of alternative material, and a completely new shelter design packaged from the manufacturer with glass alternatives. We need to find a way to mitigate vandalism

**2023 Preliminary budget update (Chris Schuler and Julie Stutzke)**

Some Strategic Initiatives for each department include:

**Executive Division Highlights**

- Complete and execute a comprehensive communications campaign around the Free Youth Transit Pass, including partnering with school districts and community organizations
- Elevate MOBI among lawmakers and position for funding opportunities in 2023

**Administrative Division Highlights**

- Participate in and enhance agency outreach efforts
- Strengthen and enhance the EEO and DEI programs

**Maintenance Division Highlights**

- Develop employee-led safety initiatives
- Establish a clear plan for the public and stakeholders on MOBI-related schedule and impacts to service

**Planning & Community Development Division Highlights**

- Assess local bus system for realignment opportunities
- Complete zero emission bus study and create a strategic plan

**Service Delivery & Support Division Highlights**

- Improve public confidence in the safety of the system
- Increase focus on innovative ways to rebuild ridership

## **Title VI Equity Analysis update (Lanai Tua)**

### **Service Reduction:**

- Route 1 reduced 40 daily trips
- Route 11 reduced 13 daily trips
- Route 16 reduced 16 daily trips

### **Frequency Change impacts to Low Income and Minority areas**

- 3.8% of the minority population was less than the system average indicating there is no disparate impact from the changes in frequency
- 4.5% of the low-income population was less than the system average indicating there is no disparate impact from the changes in frequency

### **Outreach and decision making**

- Press release, rider alerts and other methods to communicate these changes to the public
- A Public Hearing was done on October 10<sup>th</sup>
- 1 comment was made at the Public Hearing

## **Maintenance and Operations Base Improvement (MOBI) Tour (Brian Matthews)**

Pierce Transit's base was built in 1986 and was designed to serve 200 vehicles. Today the base supports 300+ Pierce Transit and Sound Transit buses and 500+ vanpool, Paratransit & support vehicles. A new Maintenance facility is under construction to accommodate BRT buses, double-decker buses, ZEB technology. The Agency has committed \$84.5M in local funds; an additional \$207M needed to complete project by 2030.

## **MEMBER DELIBERATION**

None

## **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by  
Lani Fowlkes

Approved by  
Don Green