



**Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group
(CTAG) Virtual Meeting via Teams/phone
Minutes – April 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Don Green (Chair), Blake Geyen (co-chair), Deirdre Maxwell, Maddie Merton, Ivan Tuleda, Linda Moran, Amin (Tony) Hester, Ben Yoder

CTAG Members Absent: Marlene Druker(excused), Jamie Witter, Brandi DeCoteau

Pierce Transit Employees and Presenters Present:

Tammy Heldt, G'Joi McMillian, Tammy Aphorp, Darin Stavish, Julie Stutzke, Lanai Tua, Christopher Schuler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Moran moved; Deirdre seconded. Minutes approved by Don Green.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lanai Tua, Senior Planner

ORCA LIFT Update: Today was last day for open enrollment at TDS Bus Shop. Regional transit agencies working together for targeted outreach. PT Marketing and materials are 98% complete. Preliminary ridership data is not available, PT will continue to monitor. 37% of eligible PT population expected to increase due to the increase in 200% poverty level guidelines.

Darin Stavish, Principal Planner

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BRT System Expansion Study: Final SSES report and appendices available at:

<https://www.piercetransit.org/brt-expansion-study/>

More work to be done in the Meridian corridor, working with planning partners.

PT will advance planning for corridors A&B in 2023; Funding expected in July.



Christopher Schuler, Executive Director of Finance

YTD Revenue: As of March 31, PT has received 23% of budget; twice as high from 2022 Q1. Sound Transit revenue is on track. Slight reduction in grant funding due to delayed grant billing. Recovering employment through intense recruitment, keeping up with inflation through competitive wages and benefits.

Linda: What would you want to hear from CTAG when you ask for the committee's input?

Chris: Looking at fiscal and hiring restrictions, what would help the committee make more informed decisions for strategic planning aimed towards restoration of service and service improvement?

Old Business

Is anyone interested in Puyallup BRT support? Linda offers assistance for Darin.

Ryan Wheaton sends a message

It is time to elect new leadership. CTAG Members offer integral advisement for planning within Pierce Transit. We value CTAG and the lasting change the committee members offer for implementing long-lasting change for our community.

Chair Nominations, opened by Don Green

Don Green is nominated for Chair by Linda, Ben seconds.

Tammy Apthorp reminds members that Don, and Blake are beyond their 2-year chair terms and must be approved by the Board, which can take a couple months to be approved.

Linda suggests Don and Blake serve interim in their positions until the Board decides.

Ben Yoder is interested but will be taking paternity leave soon, takes that time away into consideration.

Maddie offers suggestion for an anonymous survey to CTAG members to express interest.

Don determines a survey would not be a viable option due to public disclosure.

Tony, Ben, Deirdre and Linda are willing to be mentored until the next election, February 2024.

Members move to support Linda's motion to support Don and Blake serving interim positions and mentoring the interested parties.

Member Deliberation

CTAG Member application process and interview process ongoing. Two applicants received, interviews will be conducted the week of May 8. Tony and Deirdre interested in serving on interview panel.

Blake tried the PT Runner on April 18, and had a hard time using it, the zone was inaccessible on Ruston Way, the driver had to send another Runner, the app does not accurately pinpoint the destination one selects. ADA accessible vehicles should be more prevalent in the Runner vehicle fleet.



Pierce Transit News and Announcements

Pierce Transit South Sound Connected Podcast – Tune in on your preferred
Next meeting, Rachel will attend and share upcoming outreach opportunities

Please share the news of open positions at Pierce Transit

CTAG Members are eligible for the new ORCA card benefits, turn in your current legacy ORCA
card for a trade-in ORCA card that now extends regional services.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: G’Joi McMillian, Community Development

Coordinator

Approved by: