

Pierce Transit Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG) Pierce Transit Training Center Rainier Conference Room Minutes – May 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Chris Karnes, Tommy Manning, Steve Schenk and Richard Zalucha

CTAG Members Absent: Sandy Paul and Hongda Sao

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator, Jay Peterson; Transit Development Manager and Dan Pike; Executive Director of Planning and Community Development

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions transpired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tommy Manning motioned to approve the April 27, 2017 minutes with a revision (Cody lead the meeting due to Chris' absence). Cody Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITES

Penny Grellier distributed a Rider Alert to members which includes a public comment session for the proposed SHUTTLE fare increase. Jay Peterson spoke on why Pierce Transit is proposing the fare increase. If the Board of Commissioners approves the fare increase, it would go into effect in September 2017. A Public Hearing will occur at the June 12th Board of Commissioners' meeting, and then will be voted on at the July 10th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betsy P. Elgar, local businesswoman and transit rider, read a statement pertaining to Pierce Transit's service and submitted a copy to the CTAG Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ORCA Next Generation – Jay Peterson: Jay Peterson reported on the history of One Regional Card for All (ORCA). The current ORCA contract is set to expire in 2021. A steering committee as well as a fare evaluation team has been established to transition from the current ORCA system, to the ORCA Next Generation system. The Fare Evaluation Team has been formed from elected officials of each of the seven transit agencies who use ORCA. Board of Commissioners Rick Talbert and Ryan Mello represent Pierce Transit. Members of the committee will meet to discuss issues regarding fares, as well as establishing a strategic plan, regional team, focus groups, consulting team and a survey to the public.

- 2. <u>Check-in Dan Pike:</u> Dan Pike reported on the March 2017 service change, which is one of the largest service expansions in Pierce Transit's history. Dan informed Pierce Transit is internally making adjustments to increase on time performance and other scheduling conflicts.
- 3. <u>Preliminary Clover Park Student Pass Results Penny Grellier:</u> Penny Grellier reported on the results from the implementation of the Clover Park Technical College Student Pass, which included the distribution of 378 passes in April. Penny referenced a map which showed concentration of use of the pass, including where students boarded with their pass.

MEMBER DELIBERATION

No member deliberation transpired.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gig Harbor Maritime Festival is on June 3rd.

Downtown to Defiance Trolley commences on Friday, June 2rd.

Proterra Electric Bus will be stationed at Pierce Transit's Base on September 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Chris Karnes at 6:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Approved by: //

Chris Karnes, CTAG Chair