

Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Pierce Transit Training Center
Rainier Conference Room
Minutes – August 23, 2018

#### CALL TO ORDER

Cody Bakken called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

## ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Aaron Dumas, Blake Geyen, Bill Elder, Cody Bakken, Denise Edington, Hongda Sao, and Sandy Paul

CTAG Members Absent: Don Green and Tommy Manning

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Alex Mather; Government Relations Officer, Kim McGilvery; Community Development Administrator, and Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator

# **INTRODUCTIONS**

No introductions transpired.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sandy Paul motioned to approve the amended minutes for July 26, 2018. Don Green seconded. Motion carried.

## CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sandy Paul Reported on the upcoming Tacoma Placemaking project public meeting occurring on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 7:00 PM at Theater Square. Members of the public are encouraged to give feedback to the designers and engineers pertaining to the project.

Aaron Dumas reported there was no Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) meeting in July.

Bill Elder reported there was no Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) meeting in July.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member spoke in support of the current BRT concept. He also recommended the BRT announce upcoming stops along the route.

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. BRT Update and Outreach Planning – Kim McGilvery and Alex Mather: Kim McGilvery reported the BRT project is currently at the 5% completion mark. Back in July, Pierce Transit's Board of Commissioners approved the locally preferred alternative, which included: mode (BRT), termini, and Commerce Street Station. The approved route alignment will replace the current Route 1 with a few modifications. Pierce Transit and planning partners are working together to determine station locations and type of lane treatments to be utilized. Of the \$150 million budget for the project, \$80 million has already been secured. Alex Mather requested CTAG draft an updated letter of support for the BRT project. Cody Bakken motioned CTAG's permission to write a letter of support on behalf of CTAG for the BRT project. Sandy Paul seconded. Motion carried.



2. <u>PiercePay 30-Day Pass & Human Services Discount Tickets – Penny Grellier</u>: Penny Grellier reported beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, qualified human services agencies are able to purchase One Ride Tickets and All-Day Passes for a 50% discount. Previously qualified human services agencies had the ability to purchase One-Ride tickets, but only at face value. The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners approved this one-year pilot at the May 14, 2018 meeting.

Hongda Sao asked what the definition of a human services agency is [definition can be found on Pierce Transit's website].

Penny Grellier also reported on a proposed PiercePay 30-Day Pass exclusively for Pierce Transit service for \$62.00. This pass would be a rolling pass good for 30 days after it has been loaded on an ORCA card. The timeline for this proposal includes a Title VI Analysis in October, a Board of Commissioners' agenda item on November 12<sup>th</sup> and if adopted, the pass would go on sale December 1st and become live on January 1st.

Hongda Sao asked if the PiercePay Pass would be valid on the SHUTTLE service [the answer is no].

3. <u>CTAG Meeting in the Field – Cody Bakken/Penny Grellier</u>: Penny Grellier reported a Notice of Special Meeting will be posted at Pierce Transit's CTAG website and on social media platforms for the public about the September 27 meeting onboard Route 4. Members discussed logistics of this Special Meeting.

## MEMBER DELIBERATION

 Blake Geyen reported that he and Cody Bakken met on August 15<sup>th</sup> with The Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities to speak about Pierce Transit and TACID's concerns about accessibility of the Bus Rapid Transit project.

## PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pierce Transit's "The Bus Stops Here" schedule books are effective September 23rd.
- Penny reported on the Pierce Transit & Lyft Limited Access Connections Project July ride data.
- Three electric buses have been added to Pierce Transit's fleet.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Codý Bakken, CTAG Chair