



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Board  
Pierce Transit Training Center  
Rainier Conference Room  
Minutes – November 20, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Chair, Penny Grellier.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

CTAG members present: Penny Grellier, Paul Bala, Chris Karnes

CTAG members absent: Bridgett Johnson, Tyree Smith

Pierce Transit employees present: Carol Mitchell, Public Relations Officer

Members of public: No members of the public were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Penny Grellier moved to table the approval of the September 18 and October 16, 2014 minutes due to the lack of quorum.

**CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES**

Paul Bala contacted two organizations and notified them of CTAG openings. He also included instructions on where to locate the materials online.

Chris Karnes participated in Downtown on the Go's bus ride with Mayor Strickland. A number of UW students were onboard from CIVITAS, the urban studies program. He took advantage of the opportunity to pass out CTAG information. Riders discussed the Fife-Milton-Edgewood demonstration project and Route 1 with the Mayor.

Chris also met with a Spokane Transit employee who did a ride through last Friday on Pierce Transit Routes 1, 409 and 400, and he attended the Tacoma Transportation Commission's meeting where Peter Stackpole presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Members briefly discussed the following items:

1. New fareboxes and the elimination of paper transfers – CTAG members received the information packets and press releases about the implementation of new fareboxes and the new fare policy on December 8.

2. Overnight parking at TDS after relocation of Amtrak Station – CTAG members discussed the TNT Article about the lack of parking for Amtrak passengers at Tacoma Dome Station after they relocate. They also discussed the additional demand for buses to meet the last trains and connect to Route 1.
3. Changing CTAG meeting date to align with board meetings – CTAG members discussed changing the date of their meetings so that CTAG recommendations can be factored into Board decisions. A suggestion to change the meetings to the first Thursday instead of the third Thursday was discussed. Members will vote in December provided a quorum is present.
4. CTAG opinion of Fife/Milton/Edgewood Routes 503 and 504 - CTAG members discussed their perceptions of the discontinuation of the Route 503/504. Members asked that in the future only CTAG votes and recommendations should be referenced in a fact sheet – not the opinions of individual members.
5. Update on CTAG Recruitment Process – Carol Mitchell updated the CTAG on the status of applications and the timeline for recruitment of new CTAG members. The Board's Subcommittee is scheduled to conduct personal interviews by December 10 or 11, and prospective appointees will be invited to the December 18 meeting as a group. Penny will have a conversation with Tyree Smith and Bridgett Johnson about their continuing interest and attendance policies. Paul Bala is undecided about whether he will seek reappointment for an additional year.

No motions or recommendations were made and no votes were taken due to lack of quorum.

#### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

There were no staff presentations.

#### **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Carol Mitchell, Public Relations Officer

- Pierce Transit is currently updating its 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. CTAG members will have an opportunity to comment and provide their input. BDO staff will present at next meeting in December.
- Press Releases distributed – New Farebox Policy, Sale of Bonney Lake Park-n-Ride
- 2014 Report to Community distributed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Penny Grellier.

Submitted by:

Carol Mitchell, Public Relations Officer

Approved by:

Penny Grellier, CTAG Chair