



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Board  
Pierce Transit Training Center  
Rainier Conference Room  
Minutes – December 18, 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, Bridgett Johnson and Tyree Smith

CTAG members absent: None

Pierce Transit employees present: Carol Mitchell, Public Relations Officer; James Sullivan, Administrative Specialist; Darin Stavish, Principal Planner and Justin Leighton, Government Relations Officer.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

CTAG Board Members and Pierce Transit Staff introduced themselves to the new members.

Prospective new board members Chris Beale, Hongda Sao and Steven Schenk introduced themselves.

Prospective new board members Sandy Paul and Richard Zalucha were unable to attend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Penny Grellier moved to table the approval of the September 18, October 16 and November 20, 2014 minutes due to the lack of quorum.

After the arrival of Bridgett Johnson, Chris Karnes moved to approve the September 18, October 16 and November 20, 2014 CTAG minutes. Paul Bala seconded. Motion carried.

**CTAG MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES**

Chris Karnes reported that the Sound Transit Board adopted all amendments in their long range plan. Items which would impact Pierce County include; Tacoma Link extension to Tacoma Community College, conceptual light rail extension from Tacoma Dome Station to the Tacoma Mall, conceptual light rail extension from Tacoma Mall to Dupont, high capacity transit between Tacoma Dome Station and Parkland Transit Center and bus rapid transit between Downtown Puyallup and South Hill and from Sumner to Orting.

Chris also shared about the City of Tacoma's Master Plan and how they're focusing on developing capital projects to improve roadways on particular streets.

Paul Bala shared about a recent meeting he attended at the Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities. He distributed materials related to CTAG while attending the meeting.

Paul also reported about a SHUTTLE flyer he received in the mail from Pierce Transit.

Bridgett Johnson shared her concerns about the lack of onboard advertisement to riders, prior to the installation of the new fare boxes. Carol Mitchell informed she will check into this.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Beale spoke about the Transportation Commission and their new levels of service for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Hongda Sao reported on how his agency works in terms of community outreach. He offered outreach assistance to Pierce Transit for future changes which may occur.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Update on CTAG Recruitment Process/Introduction/Q&A: Carol Mitchell informed the CTAG Board that as long as there are vacancies on the board, the recruitment process will stay open. The recruitment process will close once the member total reaches nine. When that occurs, we will no longer accept applications. Questions and answers were shared amongst the current and new members.
2. Destination 2040 Long Range Plan Update – Darin Stavish: Darin Stavish reported on Pierce Transit's Long Range Plan: Destination 2040 and why it was developed.
3. 2015 Legislative Agenda – Justin Leighton: Justin Leighton reported on Pierce Transit's 2015 State Legislative Priorities. Some of the top priorities Justin spoke about included the Internet Sales Tax Reform and the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit. Justin spoke about how the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit may be a part of the Tax Reform Bill and make the credit permanent. If this happens Pierce Transit can budget for the extra revenue. Justin also reported on Pierce Transit's 2015 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Justin distributed two documents illustrating both the Federal Advocacy Program and the 2015 State Legislative Priorities.

4. 2014-2016 Strategic Plan Update – Ryan Wheaton: The Board tabled Ryan Wheaton's presentation due to his traffic delay.

### **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carol Mitchell reported on the following news articles and announcements:

- Pierce Transit to add back some Saturday and Sunday service.
- Pierce Transit's installation of security cameras on buses.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by Penny Grellier.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Carol Mitchell, Public Relations Officer

Penny Grellier, CTAG Chair