



**Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
On board Route 4
Minutes – September 27, 2018**

Please note: because this meeting was held on board the Route 4 bus, the meeting format was adjusted to make best use of the space and to be inclusive of members of the public present. Some regular meeting items were dispensed with to give the bulk of time to public comment.

CALL TO ORDER

Cody Bakken called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Aaron Dumas, Blake Geyen, Tommy Manning, Cody Bakken, Hongda Sao, and Sandy Paul

CTAG Members Absent: Don Green, Denise Edington, and Bill Elder

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier; Business Partnership Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July (amended) and August minutes were approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community members were invited to comment on any transit issue. Cody read a list of topics as listed on our agenda to get the conversation going.

How can we get service in Graham? Penny explained our PTBA and the process for jurisdictions to withdraw from and rejoin the service area. Cody and Tommy suggested the commenter contact her Pierce County Councilmember to share this concern.

The electric buses will roll out into regular service mid-October, probably on routes 11 and 41. Someone asked if they run on catenaries like in Seattle; they use batteries that are stored underneath the bus.

Someone asked how easy it is to relocate a bus stop. Penny and Cody explained the process involves permitting by whatever jurisdiction the stop is located within, as well as review by our Safety & Training team. The commenter mentioned a remote stop on Bridgeport heading south; the stop is located well past Lincoln and should be moved to be located at Lincoln for pedestrian ease of access.

A rider asked if any new routes would be placed to serve Spanaway running east/west. Cody talked about the Limited Access Connections (LAC) project in partnership with lyft and a brochure was provided to the rider.



The CTAG members discussed agenda items for October and November meetings, and the fact that they usually cancel the December meeting due to holiday schedules. The group will review draft code changes, terms of current members and Care-A-Van applications.

After picking up two passengers at the stop at Pierce College Puyallup, the newly-launched free student bus pass and LAC service were discussed. Cody also mentioned that CTAG recruits for new members every couple of years and student representation is sought.

CTAG needs to present its 3rd Quarter report to the PT Board of Commissioners at the October 8 Board meeting.

More public comments:

- PT should consider bike racks that automatically fold up against the bus once bikes are removed
- Service is needed on Canyon Road, on Golden Givens, Shaw Road and Brookdale but commenter recognized that infrastructure improvements must also be made to support service expansion (example: 160th and Meridian)
- Bus stops should be regularly spaced along a route; the observation being that bus stops are clumped in some areas and far apart in others. If this was the case, the commenter felt routes could be extended.
- Virtual stops should be used to save on the cost of physical bus stop installation and maintenance, although this requires that riders have smart devices to access the virtual stops.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Penny Grellier, Business Partnership Administrator

Cody Bakken, CTAG Chair