



Pierce Transit  
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone  
Minutes – June 25, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

CTAG Members Present: Cody Bakken, Hongda Sao, Antoinette Craig, Blake Geyen, Jeff Freedman, Sandy Paul,  
CTAG Members Absent: Denise Edington, Paul Crandall, Don Green  
Pierce Transit Employees Present: Sue Dreier, CEO, Kim McGilvery (Community Development Manager), Sean  
Robertson (Sr Construction Project Manager), Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator), Lani  
Fowlkes (Community Development Administrator)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cody motioned to approve the May28 minutes as written. Antoinette seconded. Motion approved.

**CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cody reported the BRT Community Committee hasn't met since previewing the virtual BRT Open House; Kim later clarified they would meet again in July (virtually). Cody also reported that Transform awaits art installation design from Ryan!, the selected artist. Don is the new rep for SDCC (appointed by Board at their June meeting).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment transpired.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*CEO update*

Sue Dreier gave a presentation on the impact of COVID-19 on Pierce Transit budget, services and long-term outlook. We may see up to \$47 million in lost revenue, over half of which will be recouped from CARES Act funds and other relief packages. Several capital projects have been postponed to save money. Sound Transit ridership dropped by up to 90% and Pierce Transit by up to 60% in April. Short- and long-term mitigation measures include service reductions and "right size" staffing.

Sue mentioned we have thousands of cotton masks to give away to riders at transit centers; next week volunteers are needed to continue doing so. On June 26, masks are required on buses per Governor's orders.

### *Bus Rapid Transit Update*

Sean Robertson and Kim McGilvery updated the group on BRT project progress. Sean presented the top two station designs (Suspension being #1 and Mountain #2) along with their lighting concepts and a list of amenities mentioned by respondents to the Open House questionnaire. Real time signage and safety features were popular. The NEPA (environmental study results) are delayed until late August as we await comment from the Yakama Nation (one of 6 tribal entities that are impacted by the project). The virtual Open House has had 1,1000 views, the average viewer spent 3.5 minutes on the site and most viewers were from Tacoma. 60+ station design comments were received. Comments on preferred bus features included overhead reading lights. Staff are sharing BRT information at neighborhood and business district meetings and custom property packets will be sent out to 300 people along the corridor who will be impacted by the project.

### *Long Range Plan Update letter*

Cody guided the group through edits to the draft LRP Update letter that CTAG will give to Planning. Members are asked to give final comments and suggestion in the next few days as Cody must submit the letter by June 30.

### **MEMBER DELIBERATION**

No further member deliberation

### **PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Penny noted that signs have been made for most libraries in our service area promoting the closest bus stop to the library. They will be delivered when libraries reopen.

Jeff, Antoinette and Paul were asked to provide a headshot for the CTAG member webpage if available.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair