

**PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**  
**Training Center, Rainier Room**  
**October 10, 2011**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**      April 11, 2011,  
May 9, 2011,  
June 13, 2011,  
July 11, 2011,  
August 8, 2011, and  
September 12, 2011

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ACTION AGENDA**

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| 1. Authorization to Amend Pierce Transit Code<br>Section 3.72, Fare Schedule  | Jay Peterson, ORCA<br>Administrator |
| 2. Authority to Execute a Contract for Legislative<br>Liaison Services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell<br>Governmental Affairs | Lynne Griffith,<br>CEO              |
| 3. Resolution of Appreciation for PT Tomorrow<br>Strategy Team  | Lynne Griffith                      |

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION BOARD ITEM**

Sound Transit Update	Commissioners Thomas, Fey, & McCarthy
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**STAFF/POLICY DISCUSSIONS**

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| 1. Update on Boundary Revision Discussions | Tom Wolfendale, Legal<br>Counsel |
| 2. Sales Tax Update                        | Wayne Fanshier, VP<br>Finance    |

**ADJOURNMENT**

**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
April 11, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair of the Board, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember  
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive (*4:13 pm*)  
Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma City Mayor  
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO  
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance, Audit, and Administration  
Alberto Lara, VP of Human Resources & Technology  
Kelly Hayden, Acting VP of Transportation Services  
Kristine Dupille, Director of Labor and Employee Relations  
Dan Dzyacky, Director of Transportation Services  
Keith Messner, Director of Information Technology  
Scott Morris, Director of Public Affairs  
Bill Spies, Director of Maintenance  
Kathy Sullivant, Director of Finance  
Terry Artz, Risk Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Carlos Davis, Fleet Maintenance Manager  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Scott Gaines, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Jerry Heath, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Randy Hendrickson, Specialized Transportation Manager  
Larry McCarty, Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Jay Peterson, Customer Services Manager  
Cathie Reid, Budget Manager  
Tim Renfro, ADA Manager  
Amber Simonsen, Executive Project Manager  
Dena Withrow, Specialized Transportation Assistant Manager  
Timolin Abrom, Purchasing Agent  
Monica Adams, Planner II  
Jean Archer, Senior Planner  
Joann Artis, Principal Planner  
Lorie Bartnes, Sr. Marketing Design Specialist  
Allison Berg, Travel Trainer

Char Budlong, Transit Operator  
Sandy Byers, Emergency Planning Coordinator  
Ellen Cintron, Vanpool Coordinator  
Willie Crumbley, Transit Operator  
Denise Downs, Field Customer Services Representative  
Jessyn Farrell, Strategic Advisor  
Lennett Hollandsworth, Account Clerk  
Jerri Kelly, Systems Analyst  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Kelli Manos, Transit Operator  
Syl Pelesasa, Transit Operator  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Lind Simonsen, Community Relations Coordinator  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator  
Peter Stackpole, Senior Planner  
Paul Strozewski, Transit Security Sergeant  
Isaac Tate, Transit Operator  
Candy Tribbett-Holguin, Executive Assistant  
Deborah Vinyard, Transit Operator  
Treva Percival, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Betty Anderson, Citizen  
Stuart Anderson, Citizen  
Arthur Athey, Citizen  
Andrew Austin, Citizen  
Andy Bacon, Citizen  
Dorothy Barach, Citizen  
Kathleen Black, Citizen  
Maggie Bland, Citizen  
Robert Braun, Citizen  
Judith Browne, Citizen  
Kate Burrows, Citizen  
Cynthia Cabrera, Citizen  
Terry Campbell, Citizen  
KC Carlson, Citizen  
Scott Chapman, Citizen  
Steven Cook, Citizen  
Tammie Cox, Citizen  
David Curtiss, Citizen  
Mark Dahl, Citizen  
Cassandra Dekanter, Citizen  
James Donaldson, Citizen  
Stephanie Donaldson, Citizen  
Allen Douglass, Citizen  
Tad Ecklund, Citizen  
Denise Edington, Citizen  
Robert Edington, Citizen  
Russell Edington, Citizen

Richard Edlund, Citizen  
Joan Engle, Citizen  
Marlene Ford, Citizen  
Tyrell Ford, Citizen  
Melissa Geissler, Citizen  
William Giddings, Citizen  
Kathline Gieger, Citizen  
Judy Gilbert, Citizen  
David Gribbe, Citizen  
Bill Grinton, Citizen  
Don Hansen, Citizen  
David Harvey, Citizen  
Lucille Haskins, Citizen  
Juanita Heavey, Citizen  
Kevin Heavey, Citizen  
Christen Henry, Citizen  
Tammy Hogancamp, Citizen  
Brock Howell, Citizen  
Krysty Hutchinson, Citizen  
Mary Iverson, Citizen  
Deborah Johnson, Citizen  
Rose Johnson, Citizen  
Trudy Kakazu, Citizen  
Rosanne Kennard, Citizen  
Andrew Kimbley, Citizen  
Maureen Koslovski, Citizen

Catherine Landgraf, Citizen  
Don Laskoy, Citizen  
Emma Ledford, Citizen  
Marianna Linzy, Citizen  
Ron Lucas, Citizen  
Yong Macky, Citizen  
Marguarita Marion, Citizen  
Elizabeth McCartney, Citizen  
Sheila McClue, Citizen  
McGee, Citizen  
Mary Meulblok, Citizen  
George Miller, Citizen  
Judy Montezdeoca, Citizen  
William Naslund, Citizen  
Christopher Ness, Citizen  
Susan Pereng, Citizen  
John Pisano, Citizen  
Shawn Pugh, Citizen  
Pam Rany, Citizen  
Juanita Rebara, Citizen  
Wilma Reitz, Citizen  
Whitney Rhodes,  
Pierce County  
Councilmember Assistant  
Sam Roberts, Citizen  
Valorie Robinson, Citizen

Frances Sablan, Citizen  
Donald Samuel, Citizen  
Shawn Sanderson, Citizen  
Mark Simmonds, Citizen  
Clifford Smith, Citizen  
Bonnie Snethen, Citizen  
Marilyn Snider, Citizen  
Roosevelt Stevenson, Citizen  
Paul Stewart, Citizen  
Castor Surla, Citizen  
Suzanne Thomas, Legal Counsel  
Anthony Turner, Citizen  
Gayle Vader, Citizen  
Lisa Vick, Citizen  
Patricia Washington, Citizen  
Clarence Weatherspoon, Citizen  
Judith Wending, Citizen  
Richard Wheat, Citizen  
Vonteice Williams, Citizen  
Donna Wilson, Citizen  
Jean Winburn, Citizen  
Patricia Witt, Citizen  
Susan Witt, Citizen  
Carleen Witworth, Citizen  
Vernon Woods, Citizen

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on April 7, 2011. Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10  
Self Insurance Fund #40  
ST Self Insurance Fund #41  
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 304436 through 304938 and wire numbers were 0774 through 0786 for a total of \$5,590,772.47.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners Manthou and Ferrell **moved** and seconded to approve the February 14, 2011, and March 14, 2011, regular Board meeting minutes as presented by staff. Motion **carried**.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **CNG Update**

Facilities Maintenance Manager Larry McCarthy said the CNG explosion incident investigation is still on going. All potential parties with risk have been notified and had the opportunity to do an on-site visit. Pressure testing should occur by the end of this month. Partial release of the site will be this week and some clean up can be done. Full access for repairs to the site could occur around the first or middle of May. We are waiting on the damage estimate from our insurance company. We have received authority from WSTIP (*Washington State Transit Insurance Pool*) to start the release of funds to purchase the long-lead items, such as storage bottles, and to get in line for the new CNG compressor. Fuel bottles cost about \$300,000 each and the compressor will cost \$600,000. Having very specialized equipment creates a challenge. Fuel bottles are usually ordered up to a year in advance, however Clean Energy has found some bottles they will sell to us immediately. The first phase, which is a temporary fix, will get the remaining two CNG compressors functional and restore some capacity for fueling on Base. The second phase will add a third CNG compressor and would be the permanent solution. The first phase may be completed by July 2011, and the second phase would be completed near the end of this year or early 2012. This is a very rough time estimate with many variables so things will change as we receive better information.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Proposed Service Changes Effective by October 2, 2011**

Principal Planner Tina Lee gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed October 2, 2011, service changes. Many routes are adjusted and six routes are eliminated (60, 207, 444, 446, 490 and the Orting Loop). At the full 35 percent service reduction Pierce Transit will have eliminated about 34 percent of the weekday trips, 60 percent of the Saturday trips, and 51 percent of the Sunday trips. SHUTTLE service is affected by the changes to our fixed route service. SHUTTLE service only operates within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a fixed route bus service, but not within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of a BusPLUS route. June 12 will represent a 20 percent reduction in span of hours and frequency. October 2 will eliminate the final 15 percent in service reductions.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 4:42 p.m.

**Tammy Hogancamp, 1717 South 84<sup>th</sup> Apt C35, Tacoma 98444.** Said she depends on 48, 206, 3, 2, and 1. Please don't cut buses, we need those buses. Thank you.

**Kathleen Black, 9119 Kenwood Drive SW, Apt B12, Lakewood 98498.** Said she takes the 214, 2, 3, 48, and the 202. She is concerned because Pierce Transit is going to reduce Saturday and Sunday. They should bring it back and bring the time schedule for the weekday because that time is really needed. Especially for the people who work, and people who are handicapped. They need to work and to go to the VA. The VA is important for their appointments and if they miss one they have to wait. She stated that she needs it too for her medical, to go shopping, to get to her doctor's appointments. She needs the 202 route.

**Dave Harvey, 22615 224<sup>th</sup>, Graham 98338.** Said he rides 402, the one being dropped. The 402 is a mandatory bus route for most who live on 224<sup>th</sup> out in Graham. He is handicapped. There are no sidewalks on 224<sup>th</sup> and he walks in the bicycle lane. He got hit by a car last summer. It's mandatory that we keep that bus because we have several ladies in wheelchairs. His mother has MS. Her husband died in January and the bus was her only way to get to see him every day. She wouldn't have been able to see him if she didn't have the bus. If you remove it, she will be housebound. They don't live  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from Meridian and she won't be able to get the SHUTTLE. What do you want her to do? He doesn't like being lied to, that they were told to

come here, give their comments, and that they would be heard. Who's listening if the decision has already been made?

**Allen Douglass, 2314 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Apt #27, University Place 98466.** Stated he was grateful for Larry McCarty to give us a rundown on the tank that blew up on Monday at 5:00 p.m. He's very sorry that it happened and he knows it put a big damper on all of our buses in the Pierce County area. He understands the 16 bus, the one that takes him to church, will be not going down to the church, but will be going to as far as 26<sup>th</sup> and Proctor, but it will go down 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The 11 bus goes down to from Pt. Defiance to Union Street and then down to Division Street. He is grateful to know that the 1, 2, and 3 will go until 10:00 p.m. as usual. That's the bus that he depends on in order to get to church. But, when he comes back, there are no 52 because the last bus leaves at 9:50 p.m. at TCC. He feels that if there was a bus there to meet him there it would be kind of nice. He knows the Mayor of Bonney Lake was saying that there wasn't too much going out to Bonney Lake. A lot of this stuff didn't go on all over except in Marilyn's district; the City of Tacoma it actually passed. He is grateful to can move forward and let's do it by knowing we can do better. Let's all wake up.

**Don Hansen, 12016 Benson Street SE, Tenino 98589.** Said he is not in the Pierce County area, but he's a retired bus operator. He started here in 1958, retired 30 years later, and was a union representative for many years after that. He had a couple of questions and wanted to make a comment. The two questions he had were on the fixed route service. Does the Sound Transit service provided get cut and on the Paratransit service, the SHUTTLE service, the service with First Transit, does their service get cut? Those are the two questions he had and if someone can answer, he would appreciate it.

Chair Thomas advised that staff cannot answer right now, but that staff in the hallway can answer the questions.

Mr. Hansen said asked whether or not those particular service areas are being reduced or not. One of the other questions is that on the Paratransit, the SHUTTLE service, when you have a mandatory or required requirement that the SHUTTLE run the same time as the fixed route, is there anything that prohibits the Paratransit or SHUTTLE service from going in the hours that are not run by fixed route? That is the three questions. His comment was that when he started in 1958, the service was probably time wise, better than what is being proposed. He feels really bad about this. A lot of things were done in those days to help disabled riders because there were no SHUTTLES. He used to take people around to their houses and walk up the stairs with their groceries because there was no SHUTTLE. His comment - if it's not going to be really a political thing, is that he would like to see the Board make a recommendation to go back out for another vote and to see if we get the members or the populace in Pierce County to vote for this. Sometimes it gets pretty tough, gets pretty political. He would like to have the answers to those questions. Thank you very much.

**Andrew Austin, 1705 Dock Street, Tacoma 98402.** Said he had the pleasure of serving on the Citizen Review Committee for the Pierce Transit redesign last year, and on the Save Our Buses Campaign Steering Committee. We heard that we had a very divided result. If the ten precincts that voted the worst or the most against this ballot measure had not voted or had voted in favor, the ballot measure would have been very close to passing. So, it's not a story of everyone across the county voting against Proposition 1. It's a story of our communities and a lot of our cities voting overwhelming for it, and some places voting 70% to 75% against it. So, we have two very different types of communities in Pierce County and that is something that we have to think about. Secondly, this time where everyone's budgets are tight and are limited. We heard from the voters that government, including Pierce Transit, has to do more with less and has to be the most efficient as possible. One of the recommendations that came out of the Citizen Review

Committee letter to all of you on May 10, 2010, was both the 9/10<sup>th</sup> and 6/10<sup>th</sup> scenarios emphasize investments in corridors with highest ridership that go from transit conductive communities while at the same time providing at least limited access for those who live in outlying areas who have no other means of getting around. It is harder to do that in a 6/10<sup>th</sup> scenario than in a 9/10<sup>th</sup> scenario. He thinks it important to looking at the recommendation, and these proposed cuts, is Pierce Transit being as efficient as possible, and are we cutting the fewest amount of riders out of the system as possible knowing that the system has to reduce. He thinks those two things should be the top the priorities moving forward.

**Tammie Cox, 6615 150th Street SW, Apt #127, Lakewood 98439.** Said her concern about cutting the 206 and 207 is that the 206 is – she is completely dependent upon the buses. She does not have a driver's license and nor any sort of license to get around at all because she has a seizure disorder. She also volunteers on the base three days a week and if you cut out the 207 completely you are going to be taking away from her and all the other people that do work out there. And, it's just not her she is thinking about. It's the soldiers, the civilian workers, and everyone else. So, what she is looking at is finding an alternate way to do her volunteer stuff, and as far as the 206 is concerned, she is looking at having reduced service when she goes to do her errands, shopping, and other things that need to be done. It would be helpful if we had some sort of SHUTTLE or something out at the base whether you do it on an on-call basis or whether you do it – even if you just have to pick up the phone and call somebody, that's fine that would be great. What she is trying to say is that it would be wonderful. As far as the 300, she heard a couple of days ago that the 300 was going to be completely taken off post. If you could help us out with the 206, the 207, and the 300 that would be great, and we would greatly appreciate it because the 207 being completely taken off post isn't going to work. Thank you very much.

**KC Carlson, 9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma 98493.** She represents the American Lake VA Hospital. She had a prepared statement here from their Director, Mr. Elizalde. Employees, volunteers, and veteran patients are all dependent upon public transportation to and from the hospital. Many of these patients cannot get there for their treatments, therapy programs, work-studies, and various other types of medical events, which is very critical not only to their long-term well-being, but also to the community at large. The proposal to cut two early morning transportation runs out to the VA, and this is where a lot of our staff coming off duty are required. When they get off, they catch those buses to go home. Part of the complaint was low ridership, but as she understands it, as an ORCA rider, her count is when she gets on the bus not necessarily when she gets off. They have a lot of methadone patients who come out - 25 to 40 a day who have to get their medication very early in the morning so that they can go on to their work programs. They have a lot of homeless veterans in their buildings seven and two programs, who go out into the community to work at day labor jobs. In their dietetics kitchen, they have six (*what are called compensated work therapy program employees*) who get a very small stipend to get them reintegrated back into the workforce. So, six of those people will not be there to allow continued breakfast service, let alone the meals to the wards. They have an 83-bed nursing home, a 60-bed domiciliary, a 15-bed rehab, and a 27-bed inpatient psych unit there at that facility. They are very dependent upon their different levels of staffing coming to work on time in order to meet that. The canteen service has two-incentive therapy and another group that gets a very small stipend to come to work and that feeds a lot of the regular staff there. The nursing home has a nurse and a volunteer who rely upon those buses at the very early hours so that they can get into work on time. The domiciliary has three compensated work therapy patients who come in to do their shifts. The facilities maintenance groups have two-incentive therapy and two compensated work therapy. The grounds people and housekeeping and another three - this is in addition to regular staff who come and drive into work. The other thing that she would say is that they are working very hard with Pierce Transit to increase their federal transit

benefit ridership program because it's the right thing to do. She added that since December their ridership is up 38% so they definitely have the need and she appreciates the Board's time. Thank you.

**Judith Wending, 5401 S 12<sup>th</sup>, Apt #1003, Tacoma 98462.** Said she is very concerned about how people are going to get around - on Saturdays and Sundays - especially when the service is going to be reduced. How are they going to get to church on Sundays or to work on Saturdays and Sundays? Thank you.

**Richard Wheat, 11725 Pacific Highway #13, Lakewood 98492.** Said he is here to speak not only for the people of Tillicum, Woodbrook, and Lakewood area, but also for the people in Puyallup and the fair zones. For the students that go to the school in the evenings, that are trying to learn an education, by cutting these buses off at eight o'clock in the evening you are going to eliminate a lot of these classes for the students. That will eliminate a lot of the jobs for the ones that are on 7 to 11 shifts. He can see cutting it to save the money for the transit system, to improve it, but can't see the point of eliminating jobs for the people who pay taxes. Another thing that he cannot see is during the fair – he has been out there for 19 years. He understands not having the fair buses going to and stuff like that. They can arrange to get around there. But what about the people that are working the night shift or the evening shift out there? How are they going to get home? They depend on these buses. He has been in Washington State for 19 years going on 20. He does not own an automobile. He has ridden Pierce Transit buses, King County buses, Federal Way buses to get him to where he needs to go. He is getting ready to move to the Tillicum area because of other reasons. He can't see cutting these buses off at eight o'clock at night. That way the students have a chance to get home, the workers to renegotiate their hours with their companies. He hopes the schedules can be re-modified to where the working class, senior citizens, and the soldiers that we support dearly can have transportation to get to the malls, and to get to the events. Thank you.

**Judy Gilbert, 6824 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Lakewood 98439.** Said she is a marketing major and doing her internship. She currently takes the bus to go to her internship and to work. So right now, the bus is pretty much her lifestyle. Everybody's pretty much expressed how it's going to impact them. Starbucks is open past eight o'clock and she currently is in the process of calling Starbucks Corporate to see if she can get somebody to write a letter down here about how working for the company for six years she will no longer be able to work for them after October 1 because of cut service, which will not allow her to get home at night. She also wanted to say that she has a lot of people who live in her complex and work for the military and are in the military. The 206 has approximately 20 people every night and half of them are going to FT Lewis to work. Being a military wife, she is going to see if she can get somebody to write a letter and say these individuals on this bus at night are going to be impacted. She understands that it is tough economically for everyone in this room right now. So, she wonders if there is anything internally that we can do at Pierce Transit to make the necessary cuts to try to save a couple of drivers here, cut back in one area here, outsource another area there. She understands that the explosion was unexpected and feels bad about that. But, you still have a community to think about here. It's not just we have to make cuts to save money; you're going to cause a different economic impact on this community when everyone can't go to work. And, she would think everyone understands that. We are the taxpayers who pay the taxes. She did vote for the proposition to go through, but everybody didn't feel it was necessary for them because they don't take the bus. She just questions the amount of research that's been done internally to really justify the cuts. Thank you.

**Gayle Vadar, 810 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt #208, Tacoma 98405.** Said he has been here for 13 years. He thinks all the bus cuts will hurt all of us.



**Lisa Vick, 3022 S Melrose Street, Tacoma 98405.** Said she works at Tribal One Shell on Portland Ave and it's going to cut a lot of workers over at Emerald Queen Casino in Fife, especially the weekends. Please consider not to reduce those hours on the weekends. Thank you.

**Marlene Ford, 5712 Hanna Pierce Road W #9, Tacoma 98467.** Said her household depends upon the bus to get to work, to school, and whatever else they need to do. She voted yes for the initiative.

**Andy Bacon, 3803 212<sup>th</sup> Court E, Spanaway 98387.** Stated that about seven years ago, he lost the majority of his vision. He was living in Roy, and there was no bus routes out there, no SHUTTLE. He would catch a ride to the Roy, which was about 15 minute drive from his house. He was grateful for the SHUTTLE at that time. He didn't even know that the SHUTTLE existed. Through DSP, he found a way to get to school, graduate, and use the SHUTTLE to and from work. About a year ago, he wanted to buy a house. He called his real estate agent who would give him 10 houses where he could call SHUTTLE. He wanted to be independent and be able to get where he needed to go. He ended out by Bethel High School on 212<sup>th</sup> Street. They are about to cut the 204 out there and he won't be able to catch shuttle from there to FT Lewis, where he works. People he's talked to said they didn't want to vote for it because they felt that Pierce Transit drivers were making too much. And he read in the paper that, the average bus driver makes about \$58,000, a handful are making \$90,000 with overtime. He gets that. Everyone wants to make a good living but also some of the disabled people in Pierce County - they want to get to our jobs also. He hopes that the Board is looking at every way of cutting internally. He would like to encourage the Board instead of eliminating routes - have them run less often so that the SHUTTLE riders can still catch a SHUTTLE and get to work. To earn a living to support their family in a way that keeps us all above ground. Thank you.

**Russell Edington, 1206 Eleanor Ct, Steilacoom 98388.** Thanked the Board for their efforts to communicate during this difficult time. In addressing the proposed service cuts, one of things he has to consider is whether or not to sell his house. He purchased his house more than 10 years ago. One of the main reasons he bought his house was because service in Steilacoom was fairly reliable. Depending on how things work out, he may have to sell his house so that he can get to work and get home reliability. Thank you.

**Rose Johnson, 10403 116<sup>th</sup> Court SW Apt 8, Lakewood 98498.** Said she was very sorry that bus routes are being cut. The only thing that she has to say about what is important to her is; why did you all cut out REAL CALL? She needs REAL CALL because she has over 10 to 11 doctors she goes to, and she never knows what time they are going to get through with her. She would appreciate it if you all would put REAL CALL back. The bus drivers are the sweetest things on earth. They are very very nice to her, and they deserve all of these things. They get you to the door, they don't care what time of night it is, they walk you to your door, and they turn your key, and open the door. They don't leave until then. So, she wanted to thank them for their service. Thank you.

**Lucille Haskins, 6512 70<sup>th</sup> Street W, Lakewood 98499.** Said she has been riding the SHUTTLE. She has been in Lakewood for about 35/36 years and never thought she would have to have the SHUTTLE. She raised all her children out here. When she got notice, she went to the social worker to see if they could find her another slot. She doesn't finish dialyzing until 10:30 at night. The SHUTTLE drivers have been so good to her to wait. If she got on an earlier call, they will come and pick her up. Sometimes she has been so sick on the SHUTTLE that they had to call the supervisor to help her into her house. Her husband today went up to Seattle, he's got diabetes real bad, and they are contemplating cutting his feet off. She would not have a way back home from dialysis. When she asked the social worker, he said all dialysis appointments

are full and she would not have any way to anywhere else to dialyze. She has been calling Pierce Transit for the eight/nine years she has been riding the SHUTTLE. The drivers are exceptional. Even when she gets off early, and she calls, somebody is right there. She has been sick a lot of time and they would open her door and help her in the house. Dialysis is not fun and if you cut the service like 6:00 p.m. even if dialyze Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays then she won't finish dialyzing until 10:30 at night. So, to cut the service like that to 9:00 to 6:00 she won't have a way to get home and won't have anybody to pick her up or to take her there. She is hoping the Board will reconsider this especially about dialysis people. Those of us who dialyze regularly have any other places to dialyze. She appreciates the service. Thank you so much.

**Charlotte Budlong, 2402 159<sup>th</sup> Street Ct. E, Tacoma 98445.** Stated that she is an employee of Pierce Transit and very proud of it. We are all on a budget and have to cut out some things, such as going out to dinner, or movies in order to save it for the things that we have to pay for. Pierce Transit also has to do the same. She would like the Board to consider having the drivers who are out there with the people; give them information as to what is really needed. She has a couple of routes in mind, and it's not for her. She has been here long enough to have a job. It's the people out there that won't have a job. She would like to see an east and west and a north and south late night run to get those people to and from work. Let the drivers give you input so that you really know. Unless you are out there, you don't really know what it's like. You don't know how many people are really going to need it. She thanked the Board very much for listening to her. She loves all her passengers and Pierce Transit.

**Clifford Smith, 5228 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW #216, Lakewood 98499.** He said gas is at least \$4 a gallon, and with 15 to 16 gallon, gas tanks it costs quite a bit of money. The lifestyle he had this past summer in Pierce County was pretty nice with all those concerts, street concerts that they offer at American Lake, Steilacoom Park, PLU. These start at 7:00 p.m., so he guesses those things will be out. There are other concerts that are offered in Tacoma, and he guesses those will be out. There is a real nice stadium they are remodeling called Cheney and the baseball game starts at 7:00 p.m., and he guesses he won't be able to go to those games. In the day and age where gas in the next 45 days will be \$4 gallon we are cutting our schedules – we are cutting back. These people can't afford these prices and will have to head back to public transportation. And, some way or another he hopes that Pierce Transit can get into position to be ready to help the people who need to get out. He is a senior and this will make him a shut-in. He wishes you could redo this and try to figure out a way to expand these hours. Thank you.

**Carleen Witworth, 7517 Lakewood Drive, Apt H3, Lakewood 98499.** There are a lot of military that depend on the 300, not only to get to work, but to medical also. And people who are retired military that need Madigan, but they can't get to Ft. Lewis. In cutting these routes, she wanted to know one thing, why can't the heads of departments go without 25% of their wages? She can remember when there used to be a bus from Tacoma out to Lakewood (*when it was called the Villa Plaza*) that ran like once an hour and it was a good run. That bus was packed every time! We can get back to those packed buses, but you've got to remember there are people who just don't work from like 6 to 2. There are lots of people who get up at 3:00 in the morning. You even have drivers that get up at that time. I think there should be something done about the wages of the people that are the heads of these departments and have some of their wages cut.

**Isaac Tate, 4223 S Bridgeway, Tacoma.** Said he is employed at Pierce Transit and was the former Business Agent of ATU Local 758. The first thing he wanted to say is, if your intent is not to really change anything, he thinks you are doing a disservice to these people when they are coming out here and pouring out their heart to you trying to get change here and you do nothing. He has a real issue with that. You shouldn't be doing that to these people. There are three

groups out here that he would like to address. Number one, as an ex-business agent, he knows that our transit operators, a lot of them are looking at layoffs, or 25-hour a week operators they are not 40 hour a week operators. The lower wage in the 25-hour and not fulltime operators are possibly losing their job. People have come to him and asked if we are going to cut by 35% in operations or going back to 35% of service, is there going to be a 35% reduction in management. If there is going to be a reduction, it should be all the way across the board. He was here in '88 and '84, and he knows what it looked like then. He is not advocating for the loss of anyone's job. Maybe we should look at job-sharing or something of that nature, but the fact of the matter is, if you go back to '88, there are a whole lot of things that would be different than what is being spoken or talked about now. Right now, he's heard that there are a lot of the senior disabled community, but there is another group, and that is the youth. There are kids are getting out of school. There are the unemployed who are looking for work. There are the underemployed who are working two or three jobs. As leaders, as city leaders, he thinks that you have a responsibility to take care of these folks. He also thinks any town, any city that has a viable transportation, prospers. If we go for a period without providing transportation for our people that work in this community with the lower paid workers, we're looking at the jobless rate right now. We are trying to come out of this recession and we are knocking people back down. He thinks something has to be done about this and we should start looking at these reductions. He says if you don't have any intent of changing anything, you shouldn't have these people testify and bring false hope.

**Roosevelt Stevenson, 16005 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue E, Puyallup 98375.** He was blinded in '89 from a gunshot at close range. His research in trying to find a suitable place to live resulted in Washington State. Washington had everything he needed. It had transportation, it had opportunity, and it had lots of room to grow. He worked at Fort Lewis and McChord. His only transportation to either one of those locations is the SHUTTLE bus. That service is going to be eliminated. Where is he going to be after October 1? Because he has no other transportation to help him get there. So, he's going to be on the unemployment line because he can't make it to work. Why live on the bus line? He is probably about a mile away from Meridian. The bus stop and park on Meridian/160<sup>th</sup> is a BusPLUS with no sidewalks. It's dangerous on the side of the street trying to wait for a bus with no sidewalk. He asked the Board to look at what you're doing internally before you start cutting out all of our service like coming out of the shoot now. Thank you.

**William Gidlings, 12211 C Street S, Parkland 9844.** Said that on the Pierce County Housing Affordability Task Force we were told that certain programs are only available if the people are within a mile or a quarter mile, or whatever the distance is, of a regularly scheduled bus route. Besides all the disastrous consequences talked about today, there are also unexpected consequences to other people in the future. Unfortunately, the people that really need to hear these stories, are the ones that felt they couldn't afford to pay a few cents more for stuff they don't need. Without any consideration for their community, they voted it down. He can't tell you what to do, but he certainly appreciates you're willingness to be in that position and sit and listen to all of these comments.

**Kevin Heavey, 1001 S. Mildred #6, Tacoma 98465.** Said he is still concerned about eliminating the fair express bus, especially the one from TCC. It's nice to have comment from Pierce Transit. He loves all his bus driver friends and everybody who works here. Please do not eliminate the fair express bus. You can do away with the Fourth of July thing, you really don't need that. Thank you.

**Sylvie Pelesasa, 734 Berg Court NW, Gig Harbor 98553.** Said she is a driver at Pierce Transit. She have been here for 23 years and personally finds it pathetic and sad the way Pierce Transit has turned out. She's seen a lot of changes. She's seen some good, but in the past few years, she's seen bad. Morale sucks. She thinks Pierce Transit needs to concentrate maybe more on looking at non-bargaining unit employees, not that she wants anybody's job to be gone, but what about job sharing to help make some cuts there to better serve these people out here because who's more important here? Is it the huge staff in HR, or the people upstairs? Or, these people, the people who totally depend on it? She's seen Pierce Transit management grow and grow, we've got assistants for assistants. It's really ridiculous. These are the people that we should be thinking about; these are the people here that totally depend on public transportation. These are the people that are looking for work. They are struggling day to day to get from one place to another and to cut their service. Another point is why not make the service a little more stretched out so at least the people late at night get home. Can you live with a clear conscious while you are upstairs working all these jobs that aren't necessary? Look, if we are going to cut, cut there too. She thinks that's where it needs to start. You want to always focus on the drivers and the union, and she thinks that is really sad because they are out there, they are the ones that are pounding the pavement day-to-day-to-day, and you are putting all the blame on them. As far as the money goes, it needs to go right here with you.

**Emma Ledford, 227 165<sup>th</sup> Street S, Spanaway 98387.** *(Someone spoke on behalf of Emma)* Emma is 96 years old and lives in Spanaway. She is concerned. She was driven over here today because she's concerned about not having any service.

**John Pisano, 9100 Howard Drive, Lakewood 98449.** Said he is an emergency medical technician at St. Clair Hospital and works in the emergency room. He relies on the 206 and 202 to get to work. He doesn't drive, or have a driver's license. He relies heavily on Pierce Transit and very proud of it. A lot of our patients rely on the bus system to get to St. Clair. If he had to wait for the bus at 206 now as it is, to get to work, he would be late every day. Probably about two days and on the third day, he would be fired. He can accept budget cuts; he can't accept a reduction that could cut these hours at the most critical times to get to work. Once this happens, he can no longer afford or justify his ORCA pass or ride the bus. Now he has to buy a car, something he is not looking forward to. When hospital patients are discharged from the emergency room, most can walk or are able to leave. We give them a bus ticket and say, stand here the bus will be along in about 10 or 15 minutes. Now, we have to tell them the bus may or may not be along in about an hour and wait out here in the cold. John said he relies very, very heavily on the buses. He enjoys riding Pierce Transit, and takes a great deal of pride of riding the buses. But, now he's afraid that he's going to have to buy a vehicle to get to work, he has no other choice. Please reconsider this. Thank you.

**Shawn Pugh, 4701 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Lacey 98516.** Said she lives in Lacey, which is not part of the Pierce Transit area, but she has to agree with the comments made regarding service to Puyallup Fair. She comes from Lakewood to the Puyallup Fair and has been doing this for seven years. If you cut the service to and from the Puyallup Fair, it's going to get worse especially during the weekends, where there's too much traffic on 512 and to 9<sup>th</sup> Street getting into the Puyallup Fair. The Fair buses, especially during weekends, are packed. With the service being cut, and traffic being bad, she is going to have a hard time getting to the Puyallup Fair. It's a lot cheaper to ride the bus to the Puyallup Fair when compared to parking, which is \$8 during Monday through Friday, and \$10 on weekends. Please don't cut the service to Puyallup Fair completely, only cut the trips that are not performing well, but don't cut the trips to like TCC and Lakewood. She notices you are cutting 601 and 603 a couple of trips. She thinks that Intercity Transit should step in permanently. Thank you.

**Vernon Woods, 6007 Portland Avenue E, Tacoma 98404.** Said his main concern is that he attends a church service out in Sumner every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. With this reduction plan, it's going to be difficult for him to make it to worship service, particularly in the mornings. The church depends on him, he depends on them. He hopes to have another plan where he can make it to church services. He thinks we need put the whole thing on hold until you have another revote. Thanks.

**David Curtiss, 14718 C Portland Avenue SW, Tacoma 98494.** Said he lives on the bus. He actually lives here in Lakewood, but works two jobs, goes to college full-time, and maintains a marriage. On a daily basis, he spends as much as three or four hours on a bus commuting between his two employers and college. On weekends, he is a catering manager, a banquet captain in Tacoma, and frequently has to walk all the way from the Sounder Station to his home in Tillicum. That's a very long and dangerous walk at 1:00 in the morning. He has some specific concerns about Pierce Transit. These are not only his concerns, but are also concerns of many fellow riders, and some Pierce Transit employees. He said he has been riding the bus here since he was about 14 years-old. All over the place. A lot of people have noticed Pierce Transit has become much more top heavy. As of the today, we know we have the CEO, we have the director, we have the vice presidents, we have managers, we have assistant managers, service supervisors, and drivers. Are all of those levels of management really necessary to give service to the community? Another specific concern with regard to the efficiency of Pierce Transit would have to be the Pierce Transit University, specifically. He said it's a very big expensive program, is not accredited, and some employees are abusing the system. You have bus drivers taking courses at Pierce Transit University on PowerPoint presentation skills. All of this is paid for by the taxpayers and it really deserves to be looked at by the Board. He believes it is important that we have strong and mutual leadership. Thank you.

**Marilyn Snider, 7308 146<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lakewood 98439.** Stated that the proposal of starting buses at 10:00 in the morning will not work at all because her boyfriend has to get up at the crack of dawn to be at his station at Goodwill at 7:00 in the morning and he will get canned if he is not at his station at 7:00 in the morning. She is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) here in Lakewood and if she has to be out at Tillicum past 10:00 in the morning, she will have to walk it because there will be no buses. The CERT teams are there to help people in case of a disaster and if she is not there, then why is she a member of the team?

**Judith Browne, 7306 146<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lakewood 98439.** Said she has looked over what has been proposed and it seemed to her that a four-year old could come up with a better plan of reduction. You are cutting down the service at the times when people need to go to work. There's a large potential for future customers. Your buses are packed to go to the fair, and on the Fourth of July, there is standing room. This is a large amount of customers that you are dumping. Now they are bringing in a lot more people to FT. Lewis and McChord. Many of these people will not have cars, and you're pulling their service. A service organization or something that provides a service has to provide the service before the customers come.

**Denise Eddington, 1206 Eleanor Court, Steilacoom 98388.** She said she can clearly see that there aren't any easy solutions. She sees that Pierce Transit planners and directors have very difficult jobs. She thinks they really are working hard and it's hard to meet everybody's needs. She knows the Pierce Transit van and the bus from Pierce College are not working – they are not meeting up, so she has to walk a mile and a half home right now, so she understands about buses not working. She has a disability. She cannot drive. She thinks that you have listened, she has seen the maps being modified, and seen that the route that she takes from home gets her everywhere including to work, which is the most important place. She thought at first that you were going to cut part of the 212, then the second decision was two buses in the morning, two

buses in the afternoon, the third was service every two hours. That's listening right, at least from her perspective. She was pleased that it looks like a lot of the weekday routes were preserved as much as they could be. Even though it affects her life on the weekends, she would rather see the cuts on the weekends than during the week. She is also a teacher for a transition program where they teach students to use transit to get to and from their jobs. This is a great teaching tool right now because they have had to totally re-plan all the job positions and involve the students in that. And, she would ask that whatever you put in place would mesh together. She hopes you would continue to listen and try to meet everyone's needs. Thank you.

**Terry Campbell, 6494, Fircrest 98466.** Said he first wanted to address SHUTTLE and possible eliminations of various things. He knows the Board is reducing that by at least one hour on the late evening up to the Madigan Hospital. Many times people at Madigan Hospital, in order to get their prescriptions after they see the doctor, have to wait until 8:30, 9:00 at night to get their prescriptions filled. They really need to add that hour on to correct that imbalance. He wished to commend the SHUTTLE people who have been very diligent in their scheduling. They've are very fair in what they do and he wanted to thank the people that made it so that his wife, who has Alzheimer's, could make this meeting today. They really helped them out, he praised them for what they do, and they always help out. He has heard a lot of good comments today from various people and would hope that you would use good diligence in your management decisions to consider all these requests because they are legitimate and he thinks you probably do need some reductions. However, through management, you can help most of these people out in your decisions. He feels that Pierce Transit is top heavy in management positions and so forth. Thank you very much.

**Mark Dahl, 8030 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW, Lakewood 98498.** Said he rides the 202, 212, 1, 3, and quite a few other buses. He knows a lot of other people here ride buses to and from work, to and from school, and to and from visiting friends. He's heard a lot of good comments. We all need to step to the point and tell this Board how we really feel. We all need our service in any way, and we need to be strong about it. If there's a will, there's a way. We all need to work through this especially us riders.

**Maureen Koslouski, 3901 S. Yakima #2, Tacoma 98418.** She said she wanted to thank the Agency totally for the awesome service in the past. She has been riding buses since she was about 13, and the Agency services have been remarkably wonderful. She can go to work and now even cut her hours back. She goes to work at 8:00 on Saturday and Sunday and they don't have regulars on at the store so she relies on the service. Her husband is unemployed and she is the only one in the house that is working. She takes care of food, shelter, and everything. She thinks it's fair to let the Board know that she feels that it's like cutting her from her job. Of the wonderful things she would like to do, like going shopping or going out for a meal, this was totally awesome when she could sit in the bus and relax. She doesn't have to worry about the traffic out there. She also has had several near misses with people in cars. She is here to let the Board know that she relies on Pierce Transit service very much. It's very important to her and she's about 65. There are a lot of people that got here on the bus and they like what you're doing with all the bus routes and that's what makes her feel good that she can rely on Pierce Transit and doesn't have to worry about a time clock or running for gas. Just relaxing and saying, "hey I like this and I can get to work relaxed and not all tensed up." She thanked the Board.

**Patricia Washington, 5305 S Orchard, Tacoma 98467.** She commented on the 59 being cut, and the 53, the 220, and the 51. If anything should be cut, it should be the link. That train you can walk from one end to the other. The bus can do the same thing. She wanted to talk to Tina Lee. If the Board wants to cut buses, get on the buses and see where the buses go - you all ride

on the buses. She goes to the doctor and wherever she needs to go. She doesn't want to ride a horse any more so get on the bus.

**Mary Meulblok, 9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood 98498.** Said she works at Pierce College. She is the manager of International Student Services, so she is the voice of 250 students from all around the world. Most of these students buy bus passes and rely 100% on public transportation. Since the accident and the price of gas, they have had a lot of students come to their office saying it's taking them two hours a day to get to school. They live all around the area with host families; University Place, Spanaway, Steilacoom, and Tacoma. She felt humbled by all testimony tonight. She didn't expect to hear all these sad stories and she almost feels embarrassed to ask, but she went ahead and did it anyway. She wondered if there would be any possibility of running three SHUTTLES in the morning from the Lakewood Transit Center at 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30 to get students to school on time. If that's not possible, if there is any possible way to get schedule changes, so students can get to school on the hour start time. Right now, she thinks they get there like 10 after or quarter after. The problem is that a lot of these students are talking about transferring to schools in Seattle. Then we lose all that tax revenue, and we worked really hard to build up our population today. Heavy contributors to the economy, they spend about \$20,000 a year to go to school at Pierce College and live in this community. She asked that the Board consider her request. Thank you.

**Vonteice Williams, 6102 84<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lakewood 98499.** Said she voted yes for the proposition. She even went around talking to people in reference to it and make sure they voted. She did hear that a lot of the outer areas (*she figured because they have cars and money*) didn't care and they voted us down. She doesn't have sidewalks. A lot of the transit areas they are not well lit. If cuts are going to be made, the lights need to be turned on. Some cops should be nearby because someone got shot last week at Parkland. He didn't have any legs and got mugged in the middle of all the ruckus. We have a lot of wheelchairs and as of the last month or so, it has increased. She understands that because she is a disabled veteran. She takes the 24 to American Lake and Madigan. She's 100% on the bus. She grew up in New York and knows how transit works. She praises the drivers as they always looked out for her since she was here since '95. She stayed in Washington State because of American Lake, because they give good health care and because of the Pierce Transit bus system. When she bought her house two years ago, she took the schedule book with her. She wanted to be on a bus line and if it wasn't on a main bus line, she wasn't buying it. She got lucky with a home on main line 2. Not everybody else is that lucky. But, she is affected when she has to go to American Lake and the VA up in Seattle. She also wanted to speak on the behalf of the elderly. They are in their 80s. They said riders need to collapse their baby strollers because they are taking up too much room. The only one that should be taking up that kind of room is wheelchairs. There are going to be more wheelchairs since SHUTTLE service is being cut. So, you all need to think about that too. She appreciates everything that is done, but the Board needs to think about the disabled and the elderly. What if it was you? She is able to maintain right now, but in a couple of years she will be on that little scooter. Thank you.

**Christopher Ness, 1223 S J Street #7, Tacoma 98405.** Said he is a dialysis patient at St. Joes. He qualifies for SHUTTLE service although he does not take it. He gets along taking regular bus routes. He's sure the SHUTTLE service is very important, and that it will be dealt with and be improved. What he's talking about are people that work and need to get to work. Has the Board considered going every other hour on the weekend in some areas? Because some of the people he works with say they don't mind walking a mile, but they have to be able to walk you know. Starting at 10:00 a.m. on the weekends - no! Start at 7:00 a.m., run another bus at 8:00 a.m., one at 9:00 a.m. Do this and expand the hours to make it so we can deal with it. Personally, he wouldn't mind paying an extra 50 cents for a bus ride. He said he wouldn't like it,

but we need something. We need a bus service, and not in just name only because you know it's useless to everybody. Expand the hours. We don't mind having a cup of coffee at 7:00 a.m. waiting for the bus.

**David Gribbe, 602 S Wright Avenue #213, Tacoma 98418.** He wanted to know, do the Board members ride buses or not? He doesn't think so. Are the Board members out there constantly on a daily basis, seeing the passengers riding these buses? You decide to pull this stuff. You decide to cut back the drivers, you decide to fire all these drivers, you decide to fire people in planning, management, and everything. Are you actually out there with the passengers? No, you are not! And, it's getting him upset to the point where he can't take it anymore. He complains about the raise of the fares. He didn't want to be here but had to make his point. He doesn't like coming here because it's a waste of his time, especially when he works at Goodwill at 72<sup>nd</sup>. He has a lot of respect for all these bus drivers. He doesn't really have any compassion for the Board because they are the ones causing all the problems. He is still upset about the 402 and what's happening to that route. He gets off work at 4:00 p.m. at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Goodwill. He works Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. He was wearing his uniform; and should be at home resting. But, he's not, because he's here giving his point. That 402, he takes that at 162<sup>nd</sup> and Meridian. When he gets off work on Thursdays or Wednesdays or anything that comes on the seventh or the third, he has to rush on the 409. He has to rush on the 402 just to get out there. Once this service is cut to 8:00 at night, how will he get home? He has no way. He has to walk all the way from Puyallup. Thank you.

**Lt. Paul Stewart, 14510 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court SW, Lakewood 98439.** He said he was basically here to fight for himself today. He is also here to fight for the drivers, the people sitting behind him, for all the disabled people that can't fight for themselves, and the people that ride buses. This is supposed to be public transportation - that's what they say. He has lived here for about 20 to 25 years. One of the reasons why he stays is because the public transportation was the best. For 20 years it's been pretty good, up until the last two or three years. He said the drivers are excellent because they are the people that riders actually deal with every day. He doesn't know any of the Board members. He thinks the best way to know how great this organization is through their people. He used to work at the Marriott SeaTac Airport and catch the bus. He never had to worry about the buses not making it even during those bad snowstorms. Pierce Transit was always on time. Can't say that now – not with a 35% reduction. Think about that! He can walk from 112<sup>th</sup> to 144<sup>th</sup>, which he has done nine times. Some people can't do what others can.

**Mary Ellen Iverson, 2810 Garden Court, Steilacoom 98388.** Said she had a number of concerns about the future cuts and changes in transit scheduling. She said that the 212 the 212A routes don't work. It took her three times as long to get here today as it did for her to come to the Bus Shop in the days before the explosion. She used to be able to get here a little over a half an hour. Today, it was pushing two hours for her to get here using the same routes and the same buses that she normally uses. She reviewed what is in the booklet and is very concerned about the loss of services in the late evening hours and in the early morning hours. She's heard all the concerns about people getting to work on time, but at night, the transit system also provides a certain degree of safety for older people like her. She hardly looks forward happily to wandering around some of these big and foolish transit centers at 11:00 p.m. or even 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. on a winter night trying to call a taxi. Having the presence of drivers, capable drivers, and transit vehicles does keep a community basically safer. It keeps a lot of people who would rather not or don't need to be on the street, off the street. An accessible and useable transit service helps people who have suspended or revoked driver licenses and keeps them off the street and out of their cars. It would be prudent to think about making the system accessible to those individuals in the future. It certainly has been in the past and she thinks that limiting service to the extent



that it's inconvenient for these people to obey the law presents more of a safety issue. She is disabled and uses a four-wheeled walker all the time. With the reduction in service, she is having increasing difficulty in finding space on the bus. She finally had to learn to walk with a stick just because there are many days when she can't fit a four-wheel walker on the bus with all the other four-wheel walkers, or wheelchairs. Please consider the drivers, they are a great resources and the Agency has spent a great deal of money on them. They should be the very last positions to be cut. Let's look at other places to cut the budget first.

**Juanita Rebara, 506 Gove Street, Steilacoom 98388.** She thanked the Board for letting her testify. She said Pierce Transit has wonderful drivers. She said everyone who loses their jobs will need the buses to help them find new jobs. People need to be able to know that they can get to their factories. We have to be thinking about everybody. Might have to cut some wages, but we all have to think of the health of Pierce County, and the health of this area because it's going to go down. People are going to try to do their best. She said she could even do with a little bit less in Steilacoom. She's 77, and strong, but doesn't like what's coming. Almost \$4 now to buy gasoline, so we are all going to be wanting to ride buses. Let's pull together like we did in the depression, cut what we get, put it where it's needed.

**Kaystya Hutchinson, 8042 Mullen SW, Lakewood 98409.** Said she is not here only for herself, but other people, even drivers. She realizes that the Board can't satisfy everyone. There are going to be cuts. She knows that route 1 and 2 start early in the morning as early as 3:00 AM. But, you need to realize that everyone does not live or work on route 1. She rides the 54, 1, 41, 3, and several others. So, if she's on route 54, she can't get to route 1. She suggested that the Board members should ride the buses, not on a holiday and not on a Sunday, but during a rush hour. The service cuts make it feel like we're going back to the 80s with that type of service. There's going to be cuts in June. People are looking for jobs for the summer, and they really can't look for a job at the time the buses start. She asked that with cuts or changes, those should be publicized in the paper, and have it at the transit center big and bold so individuals can see six months in advance. A lot of people still don't know about the reduction in Saturday service. Service was better the day after the accident than it is now. She is going to leave here soon because she has to catch a bus, and another bus, and she won't get to her destination until 9:00 p.m. If the Board is going to cut service, cut the 1 also. Make the 1 every 15 minutes, make it every 45 minutes, or every hour. Make it across the board all the routes fair for the whole entire public. You can't just do for one route. There's a lady here talking about dialysis and Kaystya was supposed to go tomorrow to a dialysis center in Puyallup. She won't be able to get there. She just wanted to let the Board know that they need to think about these things. Thank you.

**Anthony Turner, 3723 N. Valoree, Tacoma 98406.** Said he appreciates the bus service. He has been here since 1975 and it's been great. He said he wanted each one of the Board members, all the way down, if you all do go to church and ask God to forgive you and you go to heaven. You got to know what you're doing down here with us first. Thank you.

**Ron Lucas, 207 Balch Street, Steilacoom 98388.** Said he happens to be the fifth Steilacoom resident to speak today. He said he clearly knows many of the Board members quite well and is sure that they will be listening to the all the information received today. He wants to talk about three specific things that one has several parts to it. He wants to make sure that folks out in the communities are notified about newly adjusted times, whenever they are finalized. He had a way to communicate with his residents in writing, as does Puyallup and others. That would be helpful to make sure we get that information in advance. The second thing is he is sure that there is some metric that is used. You have some architecture or some kind of program that bends and squeezes these routes. He knows that the Board will thank everyone for all their good ideas

today, but he knows that this is also the first stop. There's several others to come and they will have similar good ideas about various routes. He would charge the Pierce Transit staff with two things going forward. One is to build your portfolio of information for the future. He would like to see a budget chart on what happens every three or six months in terms of where Pierce Transit is within budget, or not within budget. The second item with that is a staffing chart on whatever you attempt to go do. I think that would be useful for you to gather that. The last thing is to have the most accurate data you can on the ridership, so that as you talk to the public going forward. Whether you go to the public again for a vote, at some point in time in the future, you then will have some good specific current information that will be helpful. Thanks for serving in this capacity.

**Susan Perang, 705 Galloway, Steilacoom 98388.** She is a Steilacoom resident and here on behalf on her foreign students. She has had over 20 of them living in her home for the last five years. Most of them were totally dependent upon Pierce Transit for transportation. Her students commuted to both Clover Park and Pierce College. She has tried and struggled to take the buses as frequently as possible for about the last decade. Since the 512 Park-and-Ride has been completely filled with Seattle commuters, she has not been able to take the Seattle express bus to downtown Tacoma. When they opened the new transit station, she did try to take the bus again but learned that Sound Transit eliminated downtown Tacoma during peak commute hours, so it was not possible to commute from Lakewood to Tacoma. That represents a reduction in service for people from Lakewood from a bus service established by Pierce Transit over 15 years ago. She doesn't think most people realize that was a loss in service when we brought Sound Transit in this area. She realizes this reduction has been a substantial change for the Agency and she would like to say that Pierce Transit is doing a lot of good things. She thinks Pierce Transit has added a lot of bus shelters, and she does enjoy the colorful designs on the buses. At the same time, she has serious concerns about two issues. The first issue is the lack of equity of service. She doesn't think there is an objective analytical process for deciding who receives service, who does not, and a lot of people feel this inequity throughout the district. She has personally seen a lot of favoritism for certain areas and certain routes. You have created difficulties within the community with this problem of equity. She would like to see the districts submit an equity report to the ratepayers so that you can clarify why decisions are made. Her second major concern is the lack of connectivity and communication with the other service providers including Sound Transit, school districts, and other neighboring providers across the bridge in Kitsap Transit. In some instances, those other providers could do more or they could collaborate better with resulting in savings. She would like to turn to some possible suggestions on changes, which she will submit in writing.

**Donald Sambos, 1801 S 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma 98444.** Said what he sees in this booklet is that the Board said weekend service starts at 10:00 a.m. and finishes at 6:00 p.m. He has two questions about this. He does dialysis at 10:00 a.m., and he has to be in the chair to get his blood transfused. There are people before him that go at 4:00 in the morning. He wonders what is the alternative?

With there being no further testimony, Chair Thomas closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION ~ Reduction Plan**

**Commissioner Strickland** stated that the Board had been in favor of Proposition 1 going to the voters. But, our 50 percent increase 'ask' was denied. So, now we need to provide the best and most efficient service possible with what we have. Everyone will be impacted. We need to look at reductions that affect the least number of people. She asks that the Pierce Transit staff look

again at the current design. Marilyn asked that the Proposition 1 voting results map be distributed to everyone in attendance.

**Commissioner Farrell** said that he rides Bus 601 to Olympia. He is frustrated to have to make cuts in service. He believes in the Operators and the riders. Pierce Transit cuts have been on going since 2008. Management has been reduced by approximately 21 percent, which included 44 management positions. Cutting as much staff as possible still won't help meet Pierce Transit's budget gap. He is not willing to cut lifeline services to the outlying areas. They shouldn't have to be taxed for services not received.

**Commissioner McKnight** said that he is a new member to the Board, and a 30-year Pierce Transit employee. He said bus riders really appreciate the Operators. He is distressed about losing service. The Agency may not be able to recover from these cuts. He wanted the public to know that their comments are heard, and we will do the best we can.

**Commissioner Fey** stated that he also rides the bus. He rode on the Route 603 bus to get to this meeting. He understands the needs of the people who ride the bus. He wants to provide service to folks who have no other options, and to be fiscally responsible with our funding. The Reduction Scenario proposed will not give us the best bang for our dollar. We need to provide a safety net and better ridership. He would like Pierce Transit staff to look at an alternate reduction plan.

**Commissioner Malloy** thanked everyone for expressing how transit affects their lives. He said that tonight we are looking at another way to fix a budget shortfall. He felt that the News Tribune Board did not support our ballot initiative because they think we are still inefficient.

**Commissioner McCarthy** thanked everyone for speaking at the Public Hearing. She said that the Board is listening to rider concerns. However, we have serious money issues and we need to do the best we can with the money we get. The voters have spoken. We need to get non-riders to vote for transit. We don't want to be Tacoma Transit. We are challenged to spread our ridership around. Pierce Transit staff needs to look at another reduction plan.

**Commissioner Thomas** thanked everyone for coming to the Public Hearing. Regarding the comments made at tonight's hearing, she said there is a lot of miscommunication. The Board is not paid a salary. The Board members donate their time. Pierce Transit has cut management for the last three years. A lot of research has gone into the reduction plan. She said she is sorry that riders are upset about the coming changes. We need to figure out how to get everyone to their jobs, doctor appointments, church, etc. She told people attending the hearing that the Board and Pierce Transit will do their best.

CEO Griffith asked for clear instructions from the Board members about a new reduction plan. She said Pierce Transit staff has done a lot of research and work in the current plan.

**Commissioner Fey:** Service the best performing routes. Can we do a tailored SHUTTLE service without a fixed route?

**Commissioner McCarthy:** Look at the disabled community. We want connectivity for outlying areas.

**Commissioner Strickland:** We need options based on efficiency.

**Commissioner McCarthy:** How do we define efficiency? Acting Transportation Services VP Kelly Hayden said to take the most efficient routes and prioritize by passengers per hour. Look at the cost per passenger.

**Commissioner Fey:** Yes, that's what I want.

**Commissioner Malloy:** After looking at the Proposition 1 voter map, he said a tax increase is not looking good. The boundaries may need to be redrawn.

**Commissioner Manthou:** We have four more public hearings scheduled. We need to listen to those comments before Pierce Transit goes about making any changes to their reduction plan.

**Commissioner Strickland:** Six percent is all we have. We need to be creative on how we use it.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-009, **Authorizing Execution of Amendment No. 9 to the Contract for Transit and Bus Shelter Advertising Sales and Placement Services.** Motion **carried**.

### **INFORMATIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

#### **Sound Transit Update**

Due to Public Hearing time issues, the Sound Transit update was delayed until the May Board meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:18 p.m., Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Motion **carried**. At 7:33 p.m., Chair Thomas extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes. Chair Thomas reconvened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Vice Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
May 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair of the Board, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember  
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive (*4:02 pm*)  
Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma City Mayor  
Rick Talbert, Pierce County Councilmember (*4:11 pm*)  
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO  
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance, Audit, and Administration  
Alberto Lara, VP of Human Resources & Technology  
Kelly Hayden, Acting VP of Transportation Services  
Rod Baker, Chief of Public Safety & Transit Police  
Kristine Dupille, Director of Labor and Employee Relations  
Dan Dzyacky, Director of Transportation Services  
Keith Messner, Director of Information Technology  
Scott Morris, Director of Public Affairs  
Gisela Ratajski, Director of Procurement, Warehouse & Administrative Services  
Bill Spies, Director of Maintenance  
Kathy Sullivant, Director of Finance  
Kevin Bradley, Service Support Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Sylvia Daughtrey, Communications Center Manager  
Carlos Davis, Fleet Maintenance Manager  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Scott Gaines, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Jerry Heath, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Randy Hendrickson, Specialized Transportation Manager  
Kelly Johnston, Organization Learning Manager  
Barbara Morrison, Transit Security Sergeant  
Tony Oliver, Transit Security Sergeant  
Liz Passmore, Finance Manager  
Cathie Reid, Budget Manager  
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager – Auto  
Liz Williams, Fixed Route Operations Manager  
Monica Adams, Planner II

Jean Archer, Senior Planner  
Joann Artis, Principal Planner  
Lorie Bartnes, Sr. Marketing Design Specialist  
Allison Berg, Travel Trainer  
Robert Bracco, Transit Security Officer  
Sandy Byers, Emergency Planning Coordinator  
Barb Cieslak, HR Specialist  
Ellen Cintron, Vanpool Coordinator  
Jessyn Farrell, Strategic Advisor  
Sandy Johnson, Senior Planner  
Jerri Kelly, Systems Analyst  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner  
Monnett Ross, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Linda Shaffer, Planner 1  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Lind Simonsen, Community Relations Coordinator  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator  
Peter Stackpole, Senior Planner  
Paul Strozewski, Transit Security Sergeant  
Isaac Tate, Transit Operator  
Brian Thrasher, Senior HR Analyst  
Candy Tribbett-Holguin, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:**

Bobby Joe Murray, Business Representative, IAM District 160  
Tom Wolfendale, Legal Counsel

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on May 5, 2011. Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10  
Self Insurance Fund #40  
ST Self Insurance Fund #41  
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 304941 through 305610 and wire numbers were 0787 through 0800 for a total of \$5,485,128.74.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve the February 28, 2011, Board Meeting and February 28, 2011, Work Session minutes as presented by staff. Motion **carried**.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Honor Award for Public Service – Deputy Chief Bill Cassio**

Chief of Public Safety & Transit Police Rod Baker presented Deputy Chief Bill Cassio with the American Police Hall of Fame ‘Leadership Award and Medal.’ Chief Baker nominated Deputy Chief Cassio for his key role in assisting with the development of the State’s first internal Transit Police and Security Division, which makes up the bulk of Pierce Transit’s Department of Public Safety. Deputy Chief Cassio also played a major role in the selection and background investigations of the Special Commissioned Transit Security Officers. Through his leadership, in 2010, Pierce Transit enjoyed an overall crime rate reduction of 26 percent. Deputy Chief Cassio has a superior ability to interact with the members of the Transit System, Investigative and Patrol capability, and demonstrated leadership as a Pierce County Supervisor. Chief Baker is proud to have him as a part of the Pierce Transit Public Safety Department. Way to Go, Bill!

### **Operator of the Quarter – Robert Finger**

Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager Scott Gaines presented Robert Finger with the ‘Operator of the Quarter Award.’ Scott said Robert has proven to be dependable, professional, with a wonderful work ethic, and is a great worker/co-worker. Since 1998, he has had seven perfect years (*no absences, lates, accidents, discipline, or complaints*) and many positive customer comments. Robert abides by the Pierce Transit Mission Statement and is a valued representative of our Agency. Way to Go, Robert!

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-010, **Authorizing a Master Labor Agreement with International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge #160, Covering the Term of May 1, 2011, Through April 30, 2014.** Motion **carried**.
2. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-011, **Authority to Execute a Contract for Specialized Transportation Services (SHUTTLE) with First Transit, Inc.** Motion **carried**.
3. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-012, **Authority to Execute up to 35% Transit Service Reductions to become Effective by October 2, 2011, or later.**

**Robert Wardell, 3815 N Pearl Street #K1, Tacoma, 98407,** said that he won’t be able to get to church on Sunday. There will be no bus service to Fife, Federal Way, or Olympia. Gasoline costs about \$4 a gallon and a taxi ride to Olympia is \$72.

**Patti Sutton, 950 Pacific AVE, #300, Tacoma 98402 (representing Downtown: On the Go! Board of Directors),** said their Board favors a reduction plan that maintains routes with the highest current and potential commuter ridership. Supports sustaining the most efficient commuter routes at current levels and reducing or eliminating inefficient routes that are not critical connections for downtown Tacoma’s employee population. They would like to see highly viable commuter routes such as the previously proposed Puyallup Express, at least during the commute hours. A vibrant and integrated downtown Tacoma that connects with Pierce County residents to jobs and educational opportunities cannot be achieved without frequent commuter bus service into downtown Tacoma. Approximately 33,500 employees and students commute to downtown Tacoma on a daily basis. Downtown Tacoma residents voted for Proposition 1, which shows their support for the Transit system. Please keep the buses running in downtown Tacoma.

**Andrew Austin, 1705 Dock Street, Tacoma 98402,** said that he has been attending the Public Hearings. He understands that a 35 percent cut in service will be painful. Nothing is perfect. Please put off adopting the current plan and look at a rider based plan.

**Paula Hoffman, POB 14959, Seattle 98114** (*representing Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.*), said that many of the Lighthouse for the Blind employees ride the bus or SHUTTLE to get to their jobs in Seattle. She urged the Board to consider SHUTTLE services. These are people without any other options. The unemployment level for the blind is at 70 percent and losing a job due to the lack of transportation virtually means the end of employment for these individuals.

**Miguel Blanco, President and CEO, Pierce County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1208 S 10<sup>th</sup> ST, Tacoma 98405**, said that some of the routes being considered for delay or elimination will directly impact small businesses. Customers ride the buses. These folks have no other options. He urged the Board to look further into the reduction plans.

**Denice Mijangos, Vice President, Pierce County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1208 S 10<sup>th</sup> ST, Tacoma 98405**, said she is a small business owner and a mother. She urged the Board to be cautious about bus cuts that affects students and customers.

Motion **failed**.

Commissioners Fey and Manthou **moved** and seconded to approve **Rejection of the Reduction Proposal, with the exception of the 20 percent June 12 reductions and further direct staff as to the development of additional reduction proposals for Board consideration that arrives at a 35% reduction.** Motion **carried**.

## **INFORMATIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

### **Boundary Discussion**

Pierce Transit Counsel Tom Wolfendale reminded the Board members of a memo they received in May 2010 regarding boundary changes. He said there are four way to convene a Public Transportation Improvement Conference to Redefine the PTBA (*Public Transportation Benefit Area*). A public transportation improvement conference may be convened by any of the following:

1. A petition signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters in the last general election of the city, county or city/county areas of the proposed benefit area;
2. The Pierce County Council; or
3. Two or more cities located within the PTBA. A single city acting alone does not have the statutory authority to convene a conference. The councils of each city must adopt a resolution calling the conference, which may not occur more than once in any twelve-month period; or
4. By the Board of Commissioners calling for a conference. (*The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners does not have explicit statutory authority to convene a conference, but case authority suggests that the Board should have the authority to undertake certain procedural steps that the county legislative body would otherwise be required to complete during initial formation.*)

Chair Thomas asked that the memo be distributed to all the Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioners Fey and Manthou **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:06 pm.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board



**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
June 13, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair of the Board, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember (4:34 pm)  
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Neil Johnson, Small Cities and Towns Representative (*Bonney Lake Mayor*) (4:16 pm)  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive  
Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma City Mayor  
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

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Scott Morris, Director of Public Affairs  
Bill Spies, Director of Maintenance  
Gisela Ratajski, Director of Procurement, Warehouse & Administrative Services  
Kathy Sullivant, Director of Finance  
Terry Artz, Risk Manager  
Kevin Bradley, Service Support Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Carlos Davis, Fleet Maintenance Manager  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Scott Gaines, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Jerry Heath, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Randy Hendrickson, Specialized Transportation Manager  
Larry McCarty, Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Jay Peterson, Customer Services Manager  
Cathie Reid, Budget Manager  
Tim Renfro, ADA Manager  
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager, Automotive  
Amber Simonsen, Executive Project Manager  
Dena Withrow, Specialized Transportation Assistant Manager  
Timolin Abrom, Purchasing Agent  
Monica Adams, Planner II

Amy Anderson, Admin Services Supervisor  
Jean Archer, Senior Planner  
Joann Artis, Principal Planner  
Lorie Bartnes, Sr. Marketing Design Specialist  
Allison Berg, Travel Trainer  
Char Budlong, Transit Operator  
Sandy Byers, Emergency Planning Coordinator  
Ellen Cintron, Vanpool Coordinator  
Willie Crumbley, Transit Operator  
Laural Curry, Assistant Manager - Dispatch  
Denise Downs, Field Customer Services Representative  
Jessyn Farrell, Strategic Advisor  
Brenda Gatchell, Telecom Support Assistant  
Lennett Hollandsworth, Account Clerk  
Lina Huyhn, I/S Specialist  
Sandy Johnson, Senior Planner  
Jerri Kelly, Systems Analyst  
Brenda Lacey, Purchasing Assistant  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Kelli Manos, Transit Operator  
Debra McAdam, Data Spec. SH Archivist  
Syl Pelesasa, Transit Operator  
Peter Pryszlak, Sr. Systems Analyst  
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Lind Simonsen, Community Relations Coordinator  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator  
Peter Stackpole, Senior Planner  
Sharon Stockwell, Business Partnerships Coordinator  
Paul Strozewski, Transit Security Sergeant  
Isaac Tate, Transit Operator  
Candy Tribbett-Holguin, Executive Assistant  
Deborah Vinyard, Transit Operator  
Zack Willhoite, Network Admin Specialist  
Treva Percival, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Karen Alinea, Citizen  
Mary Amenson, Citizen  
Betty Anderson, Citizen  
Stuart Anderson, Citizen  
Arthur Athey, Citizen  
Andrew Austin, Citizen  
Elizabeth Awmar, Citizen  
Andy Bacon, Citizen  
Roseanne Balsley, Citizen  
Dorothy Barach, Citizen  
Louise Batchelor, Citizen  
Linda Beasley, Citizen

Clive Berglund, Citizen  
Kathleen Black, Citizen  
Maggie Bland, Citizen  
Colin Bossay, Citizen  
Howard Boyd, Citizen  
Philip Bradford, Citizen  
Robert Braun, Citizen  
Robert Brown, Citizen  
Judith Browne, Citizen  
Ron Buchanan, Citizen  
Carol Buchholz, Citizen  
Michael Bulling, Citizen  
Terrie Bulley, Citizen  
Kate Burrows, Citizen  
Cynthia Cabrera, Citizen  
Norma Campbell, Citizen  
Terry Campbell, Citizen  
KC Carlson, Citizen  
Scott Chapman, Citizen  
Jackie Clark, Citizen  
Steven Cook, Citizen  
Tammie Cox, Citizen  
Christopher Christian, VADIS  
David Curtiss, Citizen  
Mark Dahl, Citizen  
Cassandra Dekanter, Citizen  
James Donaldson, Citizen  
Stephanie Donaldson, Citizen  
Alan Douglass, Citizen  
Norma Dursdon, Citizen  
Tad Ecklund, Citizen  
Denise Edington, Citizen  
Robert Edington, Citizen  
Russell Edington, Citizen  
Richard Edlund, Citizen  
Betsy Elgar, Citizen  
Joan Engle, Citizen  
Emerita Espinoza, Citizen  
Haley Ethencairn, Citizen  
Terrance Evans, Citizen  
Reed Ezra, Citizen  
Jennifer Farrell, Citizen  
Sarah Fesslee, Citizen  
Marlene Ford, Citizen  
Tyrell Ford, Citizen  
Sablan Frances, Citizen  
Michael Freeman, Citizen  
Kim Gapsch, Citizen  
Melissa Geissler, Citizen  
William Giddings, Citizen

Kathline Gieger, Citizen  
Judy Gilbert, Citizen  
David Gribbe, Citizen  
Bill Grinton, Citizen  
Barbara Gumm, Citizen  
Gigi Haldy, Citizen  
Cathy Hall, Citizen  
Paula Hall, Citizen  
Don Hansen, Citizen  
Alex Haraada, Citizen  
Etsuko Haraada, Citizen  
David Harvey, Citizen  
Lucille Haskins, Citizen  
Juanita Heavey, Citizen  
Kevin Heavey, Citizen  
Christen Henry, Citizen  
Meg Herring, Citizen  
Charlene Hill, Citizen  
Tammy Hogancamp, Citizen  
Geoffery Holmgel, Citizen  
Rebecca Holmquist, Citizen  
Brock Howell, Citizen  
Cheryl Hunsaker, Citizen  
Irene Hunter, Citizen  
Julie Hunter, Citizen  
Christy Hutchinson, Citizen  
Marcus Isom, Citizen  
Mary Iverson, Citizen  
Laura Jensen, Citizen  
Deborah Johnson, Citizen  
Rose Johnson, Citizen  
Trudy Kakazu, Citizen  
Rosanne Kennard, Citizen  
William Kiley, Citizen  
Andrew Kimbley, Citizen  
Maureen Koslovski, Citizen  
Dave Kulee, Citizen  
Grace Land, Citizen  
Catherine Landgraf, Citizen  
Donovan Laskier, Citizen  
Don Laskoy, Citizen  
Sylvia Lawrence, Citizen  
Emma Ledford, Citizen  
Brian Lemmon, Citizen  
Denise Lemmon, Citizen  
Denise Lemon, Citizen  
Michael Lennier, Citizen  
Barbara Lewandowski, Citizen  
Donn Lewis, Citizen  
Marianna Linzy, Citizen

Ann Liverty, Citizen  
Ron Lucas, Citizen  
Yong Macky, Citizen  
Valerie Mahood, Citizen  
Linda Marcomb, Citizen  
Crestina Marez, Citizen  
Margarita Marion, Citizen  
Lorisa Marks, Citizen  
Megan Marks, Citizen  
Nicholas Marks, Citizen  
Bill Maslund, Citizen  
Carl Mastberg, Citizen  
Melissa Mays, Citizen  
Debbie McBride, Citizen  
John McBride, Citizen  
Bill McCaffrey, Citizen  
Elizabeth McCartney, Citizen  
Sheila McClue, Citizen  
Roy McGee, Citizen  
John Meredith, Citizen  
Mary Meulblok, Citizen  
George Miller, Citizen  
Judy Montezdeoca, Citizen  
Elizabeth Moore, Citizen  
James Moore, Citizen  
William Naslund, Citizen  
Albert Nelson, Citizen  
Christopher Ness, Citizen  
Albert Nichols, Citizen  
Edwin Olsen, Citizen  
Durene Olson, Citizen  
Angelina Penington, Citizen  
Susan Pereng, Citizen  
Sandra Perkins, Citizen  
John Pisano, Citizen  
Tricia Pu'u, Citizen  
Shawn Pugh, Citizen  
Michael Raymond, Citizen  
Pam Rang, Citizen  
Zach Peterson, Citizen  
Juanita Rebara, Citizen  
Wilma Reitz, Citizen  
Lee Renney, Citizen  
Whitney Rhodes, Pierce County  
Councilmember Assistant  
Chris Roberts, Citizen Sam  
Roberts, Citizen  
Valorie Robinson, Citizen  
Audrey Roos, Citizen

Frances Sablan, Citizen  
David Samuels, Citizen  
Donald Samuells, Citizen  
Barbara Sanders, Citizen  
Shawn Sanderson, Citizen  
Steve Schmidt, Citizen  
Barbara Schneider, Citizen  
David Seay, Citizen  
Andrea Sewell, Citizen  
Lonnie Sewell, Citizen  
Raul Silva, First Transit  
Mark Simonds, Citizen  
Clifford Smith, Citizen  
Linda Smith, Citizen  
Bonnie Snethen, Citizen  
Marilyn Snider, Citizen  
Rick Sorrels, Citizen  
William Steckler, Citizen

Carmen Sterba, Citizen  
Roosevelt Stevenson, Citizen  
Paul Stewart, Citizen  
Beverly Storkman, Citizen  
Castor Surla, Citizen  
Dan Swatman, Citizen  
Caleb Swift, Citizen  
Michelle Taylor, Citizen  
Suzanne Thomas,  
Legal Counsel  
Marilyn Tiglao, Citizen  
Anne Tucker, Citizen  
Anthony Turner, Citizen  
Gail Underwood, Citizen  
Gayle Vader, Citizen  
Norma Vettori, Citizen  
Lisa Vick, Citizen  
Christina Walker, Citizen

Robert Wardell, Citizen  
Patricia Washington, Citizen  
Lorraine Watkins, Citizen  
Clarence Weatherspoon, Citizen  
Judy Wendling, Citizen  
Richard Wheat, Citizen  
Carleen Whitworth, Citizen  
Vonteice Williams, Citizen  
Donna Wilson, Citizen  
Jean Winburn, Citizen  
Patricia Witt, Citizen  
Susan Witt, Citizen  
Carleen Witworth, Citizen  
Vernon Woods, Citizen  
Renee Workman, Citizen  
Lorraine Zabel, Citizen  
Helga Zutte, Citizen

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on June 9, 2011. Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10  
Self Insurance Fund #40  
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 305611 through 306142 and wire numbers were 0801 through 0815 for a total of \$6,815,755.83.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2011 Gold WorkWell Recipient for Promoting a Healthy Workplace**

Director of Operations Dan Dzyacky and Administrative Services Supervisor Amy Anderson shared that Pierce Transit and its employees were recently honored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber WorkWell Healthy Workplace program with the Gold Recognition award. This award is given to employers who actively promote changes in their work environment or culture to meet the following three categories: Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and being Tobacco Free. Through the support of Pierce Transit's Executive Team and Board of Commissioners, many employees joined forces to make this award possible. Dan and Amy extended their thanks to all the members of the committee, and a special thanks to committee Chair Jody Guy of Vanpool, and Co-Chair Denise Downs of Marketing who spearheaded this effort.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. Proposed Sale of Surplus Property**

Director of Procurement, Warehouse, & Administrative Services Gisela Ratajski said this hearing was scheduled to hear comments from the public on the proposal to surplus Pierce Transit's property at 1720 Broadway. Pierce Transit was approached by the University of Washington Tacoma, they are interested in purchasing the property as part of their expansion program. If we can agree on a price, it is our preferred method of disposal to sell to the UW Tacoma. If not, we will put the property on the market. In light of the upcoming service cuts, this property is no longer needed.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 4:15 p.m.

**William P. Kiley, 4420½ N 'I' ST, Tacoma 98406.** Said he would like to buy this property.

**Allen Douglass, 2314 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Apt #27, University Place 98466.** Stated that if Pierce Transit no longer needed or used the property, it would be a good idea to sell to the University of Washington.

**Louise Bachelor, 5314 N 46<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98407.** Said the Sound Transit expansion bridge over Pacific Avenue need never have happened if they had used Jefferson Street.

**Sylvie Pelesasa, 734 Berg Court NW, Gig Harbor 98553.** She said she heard that transit is going to take buses up to 72<sup>nd</sup> or Tacoma Community College. Please don't put the cart before the horse. Don't do this until facilities are set up for operators.

With there being no further public testimony, Chair Thomas closed the hearing at 4:19 p.m.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

1. Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-012, **Declaration of Surplus of Real Property at 1720 South Broadway, Tacoma, Washington and Authorization of Sale Thereof.** Motion **carried**.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS CONT.**

2. **Authority to Execute up to Fifteen Percent Transit Service Reductions to become Effective on or Before February 19, 2012.**

Principal Planner Tina Lee reminded the Board why service cuts are necessary. With the recession we have seen significant loss in revenue to the Agency. We receive 70 percent of our income through the local sales tax. The gap in funding for service is about \$140,000,000. Pierce Transit has saved \$89,000,000 through cuts and cost saving measures, which still leaves the Agency with a \$51,000,000 financial gap. Through a series of service reductions and route eliminations Pierce Transit will close that gap.

Tina said the Agency had five System Reduction public hearings in April. As of June 3, we have received 257 public comments on the service reduction. What we heard that was important was: get people to jobs and schools, expand Saturday service, maintain regional connections, serve the most vulnerable in the community, and provide service for the military and veterans. Pierce Transit is working with as many people, groups, and agencies as possible to help meet individual transportation needs.

As bus service is reduced or eliminated, SHUTTLE service will also be reduced or eliminated. Pierce Transit has about 6,400 active SHUTTLE clients. SHUTTLE users who end up being outside the new boundaries will need to travel into the service boundary to be able to utilize SHUTTLE trips. We have been providing early notice to everyone who is eligible to utilize these services. We are also working in advance with service providers to notify them of the service reduction impact to the community.

Tina said the Federal Transit Authority is emphasizing the requirement to complete a Title VI analysis for significant service reductions and fare increases. Title VI is a Federal statute that says, *“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial assistance.”* Pierce Transit is in close contact with the FTA regional office and they are working with our Agency on this required analysis. The size of Pierce Transit’s service reduction is what prompts this review. The Title VI analysis is completed by analyzing census data route-by-route, and then system-wide. We are required to identify routes that serve both minority and low income populations.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m.

**Chris Roberts, 6879 S Yakima, Tacoma 98409.** He said he was not happy. Put people on the road to get to work.

**Susan Witt, 317 – 152<sup>nd</sup> ST E #112, Puyallup 98445.** Said her route has been cut twice. She rides her scooter 2.5 miles to work. With the proposed cuts, she will be riding her scooter up to 10 miles to work and back.

**Andrea Sewell, 9262 – 181<sup>st</sup> AVE E, Bonney Lake 98391.** She said she rides the 496 from Bonney Lake. She will have no service if the 496 is eliminated. However, she is pleased with the efforts made by both Pierce Transit and the Board.

**Lonnie Sewell, 9262 – 181<sup>st</sup> AVE E, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said he has been retired from Metro Transit for 17 years. Please don’t cut the routes. He said the County as a whole voted no on Prop 1, so the County as a whole should pay with cuts.

**Sam Roberts, 6839 S Yakima, Tacoma 98409.** Said he is a college student. Please keep service running until 9 p.m. Otherwise, he will have no way to get home.

**Mary Amenson, 15853 – 64<sup>th</sup> ST E, Sumner 98390.** Said if the 408 is cut she won’t be able to get to work, the doctor, or do grocery shopping. She rides the BusPlus.

**Tammie Cox, 6615 – 150<sup>th</sup> ST SW #127, Lakewood 98439.** Said buses need to be accessible on base. The 300 is not going to the base. She is concerned for soldiers and civilians working on base.

**Dave Kulee, 6856 Portland AVE E, Tacoma.** Congratulated the Agency on doing their best. He uses a wheelchair. He is worried about the start and stop times. Five p.m. is a little too early to cease service.

**Mike Bulling, 421 E 65<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma.** Said he works at Sea-Tac Airport and takes the 42 to the 574. Without the 41 he will have to walk to the 42. Cerebral palsy makes that hard.

**Marcus Isom, 9509 – 234<sup>th</sup> AVE E, Buckley.** Said now Buckley, Bonney Lake, and Sumner will be cut off from service. He suggested that the 406 and the 408 be combined to be more efficient.

**Anna Tucker, 15926 – 52<sup>nd</sup> ST E, Sumner.** Said she has degenerative disc disease. She was here to represent Sumner, Bonney Lake, and Puyallup citizens. They rely on the SHUTTLE to take them everywhere. They need this service. Please don’t take away their lifeline. She said the Board of Commissioners should take a cut in pay and fixed route drivers should no longer get overtime pay. She said the citizens would pay more and so would businesses that will be impacted by the cuts.

**Ron Buchanan, 2617 SW 34<sup>th</sup> ST, Federal Way.** He said he uses the Twin Lakes Park & Ride. He and his family live in NE Tacoma. He requested that mid-day trips be eliminated instead of entire routes.

**Megan Marks, 3101 – 45<sup>th</sup> ST NE, Tacoma 98422.** Said she uses the bus to get to the UW of Tacoma. She has no other transportation.

**John Meredith, 509 – 161<sup>st</sup> ST CT E, Spanaway.** Said he has ridden SHUTTLE buses all over the USA and Pierce Transit has the best crew.

**Betsy Elgar, 818 S 11<sup>th</sup> ST #301, Tacoma, 98405.** Said she thinks we need all the SHUTTLES running in the county.

**Sylvia Laurence, 22113 – 12<sup>th</sup> ST E, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said she rides the 496 from Bonney Lake. Eastern Pierce County needs buses. Sumner has no parking. The 496 is Standing Room Only.

**Durene Olson, 204 – 9<sup>th</sup> AVE SE, Puyallup 98372.** Said she rides the SHUTTLE in Puyallup. She uses the SHUTTLE to go to the doctor, church, grocery shopping and social events.

**David Harvey, 22615 E 79<sup>th</sup> AVE, Graham 98338.** Said he has been to every meeting and all the proposals stink. However, the one being presented today works for him because the 402 stays. He said he supports this plan.

**Tammy Hogancamp, 1717 S 84<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98444.** Said her friends rely on the SHUTTLE. Please save our SHUTTLE.

**Judy Wendling, 5401 S 12<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98465.** Suggested the Commissioners should ride the buses.

**Bill McCaffrey, 1813 S Meridian, Puyallup 98371.** Asked the Commissioners if they had considered those who work swing shift. He rides the bus to Seattle, and thinks it is better than driving a car. He is lucky to clear \$18,000 a year. Please keep East Pierce County in mind.

**Lee Renney, 204 – 9<sup>th</sup> AVE SE, Puyallup 98372.** Said East Pierce County is paying \$4.8 million for bus service (*14.4% of the total revenue*). He said East Pierce County and Gig Harbor may vote out of the taxing district.

**Tricia Pu'u, 15902 – 63<sup>rd</sup> AVE CT E, Puyallup 98375.** Said she is very grateful for Pierce Transit and the services they provide. She said the 446 BusPlus gets her to her job in Federal Way. Can the 410 - 444 - 446 be combined? She will be riding the bus to work, but will have to rely on family to get home.

**Louise Batchelor, 5314 N 46<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98407.** Said she voted against the proposition because Pierce Transit employees have too many raises. The SHUTTLE is inefficient. She said the 220/51 should go north/south through town.

**Michelle Taylor, 10921 – 62<sup>nd</sup> AVE CT E #15-103, Puyallup 98373.** Said she rides the Bonney Lake run. She is a 50 year bus rider.

**Jennifer Farrell, 8403 Locust AVE E E-4, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said she rides the 496 because there is no parking in Sumner.

**Linda Marcomb, 9314 S Ash #G-22, Tacoma 98444.** Said she needs the SHUTTLE because she is low income.

**Pamela Rang, 7220 – 239<sup>th</sup> ST CT E, Graham 98338.** Said she works at the Goodwill as an Employment Specialist. She thanked the Commissioners for saving route 300. She emphasized the need for extended hours. About 75 percent of all Goodwill employees are disabled or

disadvantaged. Continued bus service across the area is important for the at-risk adults who visit their REACH Center. The Center has served more than 1,800 young adults, with nearly 300 of those coming in from the outlying areas, such as Buckley and South Hill. Most using public transportation.

**Jackie Clark, 1727 S 82<sup>nd</sup> ST, Tacoma 98408.** She thanked the Commissioners for helping her to keep her job at McChord.

**Russ Edington, 1206 Eleanor CT, Steilacoom 98388.** Said he thinks this is a good plan. One concern he has is route 212. If that service is eliminated on the weekends people can't get to businesses to spend money, or to church. He would like to hear more about slide #7 in the presentation.

**David Gribb, 602 S Wright AVE #2B, Tacoma 98418.** Said he works at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Goodwill. The fire at Pierce Transit made his buses late. So what, if the buses are late, who cares? He cares.

**Terrance Evans, 15300 Portland AVE SW, Lakewood 98498.** Said he lives in the Tillicum area. The 206 was not cut, but the times don't work for him.

**Marilyn Snider, 7308 – 1046<sup>th</sup> ST SE, Lakewood 98439.** Said she is concerned about route 206. Please add one route at 10 p.m. Cut some other non-producing routes.

**Judith Browne, 7306 – 146<sup>th</sup> SW #B, Lakewood 98439.** Said she lives in Woodbrook. She can't get to church on Sundays, or evenings. Why not keep the East Pierce County buses running in the a.m. and the p.m. for the Sound Transit commuters. Use the BusPlus for more people.

**Mike Raymond, 4313 E 'G' ST #7, Tacoma 98404.** Said he works in Gig Harbor. Please don't cut our buses.

**Sarah Fessler, 6100 Soundview DR #2F, Gig Harbor 98335.** Said she rides the bus a lot. She understands Pierce Transit is going through hard times, but that you need to look out for all the riders. Her mom and dad will have to help her get around.

**Crestina Marez, 2365 S Wilkeson ST, Tacoma 98405.** Said the times of buses will not work for meetings she attends at TACID.

**Cristopher Christian, 1701 Elm ST, Sumner 98390.** Said he works at VADIS in Sumner. They serve people with disabilities Sumner and East Pierce County. When routes 408 and 409 are eliminated, 33 people will lose their jobs.

**Kristina Walker, 950 Pacific AVE, Tacoma 98402.** Said she represents Downtown on the Go and that 33,000 workers and students commute to downtown Tacoma every day. They support the proposed plan.

**Andy Bacon, 3803 – 212<sup>th</sup> CT E, Spanaway 98387.** Thanked the Commissioners and Pierce Transit for their efforts. He asked that some routes be kept on bases.

**Frances Sablan, 1660 S Columbian, Seattle 98108.** Said thanks for supporting the veterans and employers by not reducing service.

**Carol Buchholz, 7622 – 171<sup>st</sup> AVE CT E, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said her daughter has downs syndrome and has been employed for 15 years. Carol voted yes on the proposition. If her daughter rides the bus, then Carol can keep her job, too. Thank you for the services they receive.

**Barb Lewandowski, 2271 – 107<sup>th</sup> ST E, Buckley 98321.** Said her 83 year-old mother lives with her. Because they live out in Buckley, they need SHUTTLE services.



**Dan Swatman, 6027 – 195<sup>th</sup> AVE E, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said he is a Bonney Lake councilmember and appreciates the route 496. East Pierce County contributes \$4.8 million to the transit authority. He said that even though Bonney Lake needs the service, they may opt out of the transit boundary.

**Steve Schmidt, 9319 – 226<sup>th</sup> AVE E, Buckley 98321.** Said he didn't know about the levy. Heard about the cuts. Why is route 496 being cut? It has standing room only. The Bonney Lake Park and Ride is full.

**Alex Haraada, 4009 – 53<sup>rd</sup> ST NE, Tacoma 98423.** Said he lives in NE Tacoma. Please don't eliminate all service in that area.

**James Moore, 33706 – 38<sup>th</sup> PL SW, Federal Way 98023.** Said he commutes on the route 61 mornings and evenings. Students and downtown Tacoma workers ride buses from NE Tacoma. Please save that service.

**William P. Kiley, 4420½ N 'I' ST, Tacoma 98406.** Said he is a SHUTTLE user. Suggested that Pierce Transit raise the fares.

**Cheryl Hunsaker, 1106 – 204<sup>th</sup> ST E, Spanaway 98387.** She asked that the buses to East Pierce County where she works, not be cut. She needs the SHUTTLE and the route 409.

**Alan Douglass, 2314 – 70<sup>th</sup> W #27, University Place 98466.** Thanked the Commissioners for all the help given to him and Janice.

**Grace Land, 15518 – 20<sup>th</sup> AVE CT E, Tacoma 98445.** Said she was representing Local 1199 NW. These cuts hurt all workers.

**Haley Ethencairn, 12809 – 47<sup>th</sup> AVE SW #B-18, Lakewood 98499.** Said she has ridden buses for years. Thank you to the excellent operators. Right now buses are late, and beyond capacity. She lives alone and rides buses to get around.

**Valerie Mahood, 14209 'C' ST S #C-30, Tacoma 98444.** Said she needs the SHUTTLE.

**Caleb Swift, 3608 S 'D' ST, Tacoma 98418.** Thanked the Commissioners for their email responses. He is disappointed in the new Tacoma Mall schedule. Asked if anyone has talked with business owners? He said the Saturday run to Federal Way has priority. Why?

**Vernon Woods, 6007 Portland AVE E, Tacoma 98404.** He rides the 408 and 409. He has to miss church service, and he wants East Pierce County saved.

**Mary Iversen, 2810 Garden Court, Steilacoom 98388.** Said that one-quarter of the service to NE Tacoma was eliminated. She goes from Steilacoom to Browns Point for school. The route schedules are only for the day, evening service is important, too.

**Robert Wardell, 3825 N Pearl, Tacoma 98407.** Said he is serving on the Special Olympics, but not for long. He can't get where he needs to go.

**Linda Smith, 3715 N 16<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma 98406.** She thanked the Commissioners for looking at alternatives. Her son Adam has ridden the bus to VADIS in Sumner for 15 years. Work is good for him. It teaches him social and cognitive skills.

**Rick Sorrels, 9316 Glencove Road, Gig Harbor 98329.** Said he lives on Key Peninsula. The nearest bus is in Purdy. All bus services are too far away from the Peninsula.

**Charlene Hill, 5011 E 'L' ST, Tacoma 98404.** Said she is worried about services to the Hill Top and East Side areas. What are we going to do when all systems collapse in Pierce County? She thanked the Commissioners for all that they do for the transit riders.

**Meg Herring, 7016 S 'D' ST, Tacoma 98409.** Said she has been riding buses for over 20 years. She takes the route 16 to Wilson High School. Times are not good right now.

**Donn Lewis, 11004 – 188<sup>th</sup> AVE E, Bonney Lake 98391.** Said he is a Bonney Lake Councilmember. He asked the Commissioners to please not cut service to East Pierce County. It is a lifeline service. Please keep it open at least two days a week.

**Kim Gapsch, 7508 – 41<sup>st</sup> ST CT W #11, University Place 98466.** Said she has ridden buses for over 30 years. She has no support network and completely relies on the bus system.

**Renee Workman, 3716 E 'F' ST, Tacoma 98404.** Said it takes her two hours to get to her swingshift job.

**Roy McGee, 6604 E Portland, Tacoma 98404.** Said he supports swingshift routes to keep people in Pierce County employed.

**Robert Brown, 10718 – 103<sup>rd</sup> ST, Tacoma.** Said he can't get to the Lakewood Coin Club, where he has been going for 30 years. He just can't get there anymore.

**Helga Zutte, 3334 – 96<sup>th</sup> ST #73, Tacoma.** Said she has a hidden illness and needs the SHUTTLE service.

**Lt. Paul B. Stewart, 14514 Canyon RD, Puyallup.** Encouraged the Commissioners to do the right thing. Keep SHUTTLE service running.

With there being no further testimony, Chair Thomas closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION ~ Reduction Plan**

**Commissioner Fey** asked Ms. Lee to clarify the route 496 cuts. Ms. Lee stated that any adjustments to the route 496 would mean cuts elsewhere.

**Commissioner Johnson** asked what the savings will be with the elimination of East Pierce County. Ms. Lee said she did not have those figures. Her focus has been on ridership.

**Commissioner Farrell** said he was glad to see the route 500 (Fife/Milton/Federal Way) was included in this reduction plan. He would like to see a lifeline connection for East Pierce County. He said some communication should occur with VADIS in Sumner and the Veteran Affairs office to assess their needs.

**Commissioner McCarthy** said that the Board has held many hearings on this issue. We love our riders and we are on your side. We feel your pain. But, we have to cut service.

**Commissioner Strickland** said this efficiency plan is ready to pass. Prop 1 failed and a 35 percent reduction is the result. We are sad about this. The 35 percent cut was the best alternative. She said this governing body needs to make a decision, so that bus riders will know what the future holds. Bonney Lake passed a resolution for non-support of Prop 1, and now they don't have service.

**Commissioner McKnight** said Pierce Transit has tried to be all things to everyone. That equates to 100,000 trips per month. We need to be more efficient.

**Commissioner Johnson** reminded the City of Tacoma Mayor that Pierce Transit is a social service for Pierce County. If East Pierce County is eliminated, then the small cities will need help in figuring out how to provide service.

**Commissioner Fey** said tough decisions need to be made. Citizens will be unhappy and yes, Pierce Transit is a social service. We are trying to serve as many people as possible with the resources we have. We need to make a decision today.

Commissioner Thomas asked the Clerk to read the motion.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2. Commissioners Fey and Manthou **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-013, **Authority to Execute up to Fifteen Percent Transit Service Reductions to become Effective on or Before February 19, 2012.**

Commissioners Strickland and Fey moved and seconded to amend Resolution 11-013, **Authority to execute up to 15% transit service reductions to become effective on or before February 19, 2012 or a date determined by the CEO of Pierce Transit, and that the proposal be consistent with retaining the route 496 through the February 2012 service change, and authorize staff to look at other minor changes suggested by the Board of Commissioners.** Motion **carried**.

Motion **carried**.

### **INFORMATIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

#### **Finance Committee Update**

Commissioner Malloy shared the actions taken at the Finance Committee meetings during May and June. Briefly; the contract for the Pacific Avenue Intelligence Transportation System Improvements was amended, the annual audit by Washington State started in May, and a contract was executed for real estate broker services for properties in Gig Harbor and Lakewood.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:31 p.m., Commissioners Manthou and Fey **moved** and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session *pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b)(c), and Executive Session will be convened to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.* Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas reconvened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
July 11, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember  
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive (*4:01 p.m.*)  
Rick Talbert, Pierce County Councilmember

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO  
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance, Audit, and Administration  
Alberto Lara, VP of Human Resources & Technology  
Kelly Hayden, Acting VP of Transportation Services  
Rod Baker, Chief of Public Safety & Transit Police  
Kristine Dupille, Director of Labor and Employee Relations  
Dan Dzyacky, Director of Transportation Services  
Keith Messner, Director of Information Technology  
Scott Morris, Director of Public Affairs  
Gisela Ratajski, Director of Procurement, Warehouse & Administration  
Bill Spies, Director of Maintenance  
Kathy Sullivant, Director of Finance  
Amy Anderson, Admin Services Supervisor  
Terry Artz, Risk Manager  
Kevin Bradley, Service Support Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Carlos Davis, Fleet Maintenance Manager  
Joan Cormany, Physical Security & Records Manager  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Scott Gaines, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Marvino Gilliam, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Kelly Johnston, Organizational Learning Manager  
Larry McCarthy, Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Liz Passmore, Finance Manager  
Jay Peterson, Customer Services Manager  
Tim Renfro, ADA Manager  
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager-Auto  
Amber Simonsen, Executive Project Manager  
Dennis Swansby, Assistant Fleet Manager  
Hazel Whitish, Fixed Route Operations Assistant Manager  
Dena Withrow, Specialized Transportation Assistant Manager

Monica Adams, Planner II  
Allison Berg, Travel Trainer  
Sandy Byers, Emergency Planning Coordinator  
Ellen Cintron, Vanpool Coordinator  
Angie Haggard, Risk Management Assistant  
Jason Hovde, Safety Officer  
Sandy Johnson, Senior Planner  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Michelle McKendric, Executive Assistant  
Syl Pelesasa, Transit Operator  
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner  
Monnett Ross, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Elvy Sablan, Transit Security Specialist  
Bill Serenbetz, Maintenance Training Coordinator  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Candy Shackelford, Contracted Services Administrator  
Lind Simonsen, Community Relations Coordinator  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator  
Peter Stackpole, Senior Planner  
Sharon Stockwell, Business Partnerships Coordinator  
J. Michelle Swope, Sr. HR Analyst  
Isaac Tate, Transit Operator  
Treva Percival, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Mike Horan, Project Dimensions  
Verna Lily, Citizen  
Duane Mask, Project Dimensions  
Roy McGee, Citizen  
Lee Renney, Citizen  
Tom Wolfendale, Legal Counsel

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on July 7, 2011. Commissioners Fey and Farrell **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10  
Self Insurance Fund #40  
ST Self Insurance Fund #41  
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 306143 through 306683 and wire numbers were 0816 through 0831 for a total of \$6,747,965.47.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **APTA 2011 Bus Safety & Security Excellence Award**

CEO Lynne Griffith was pleased to share that Pierce Transit's Department of Public Safety received one of only two Gold Awards for Security Excellence presented by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) on May 22 at the annual Bus & Paratransit Conference. To show the competition we were up against, the other award was presented to New York City Transit. This is the top honor awarded by APTA. Awarded in four categories determined by annual ridership, the Safety & Security Excellence Awards recognize public transportation organizations for their positive and proactive safety and security programs which are dedicated to improving safety and security for employees, passengers, and the public. Pierce Transit has witnessed a 26 percent decrease in overall criminal activity when comparing 2008 to 2010. The Pierce Transit Department of Safety is led by Chief Rod Baker and Deputy Chief Bill Cassio, and is comprised of 13 Transit Police; along with 12 fully-trained Transit Security Officers, and part-time officers from the cities of Lakewood and Tacoma. Way to Go, Public Safety Department!

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Lee Renney, 204 – 9<sup>th</sup> AVE SE, Puyallup 98372.** Said he just wanted to thank all the bus operators for their years of service. Those that are leaving will be missed.

**Roy McGee, 6604 E Portland, Tacoma 98404.** Said he had heard that Prop 1 might be on the ballot again in October. If so, please let everyone know so they can help.

**Isaac Tate, Pierce Transit Operator.** Said he has been a Union representative for 25 years. The layoffs that occurred as a result of I-695 were different than those being discussed today. There was a slim opportunity to be rehired. Today things are different; unemployment is not guaranteed, the state health plan is in jeopardy. Where will these newly laid-off employees turn? In the past three years, Pierce Transit's Project Innovation program didn't provide the training needed to help employees survive a layoff.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Commissioners Fey and Farrell **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-014 **Authority to Execute a Contract for CNG Project Oversight Management Services with Project Dimensions.** Motion **carried**.
2. Commissioners Fey and McCarthy **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-015 **Authority to Execute a Contract for Printing "The Bus Stops Here" Booklet.** Motion **carried**.
3. Commissioners Fey and Farrell **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-016 **Authority to Initiate the Reorganization of Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel.**

**Verna Lily, SEIU 1199NW Local representative.** She expressed her sympathy about the layoff. She voiced her concerns about how the upcoming service reductions will affect our communities.

**Isaac Tate, Pierce Transit Operator.** Said with this reorganization, what is Pierce Transit's priority? Are we a transit agency, or an employee agency? We need to be a transit agency first, and everything else can wait.

Motion **carried**.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

At 5:00 p.m., Commissioners Fey and McCarthy **moved** and seconded to adjourn to Executive Sessions for a period not to exceed 30 minutes *pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i)(iii): Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the Agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency; and Pursuant to RCW 42.56.110(1)(g): To review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140, when the Board elects to take final action setting the salary of an individual employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.* Motion **carried**.

Chair Thomas reconvened the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

## **ADJOURMENT**

Commissioners Fey and McCarthy **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
August 8, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember  
Jake Fey, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma City Mayor (*4:04 p.m.*)  
Rick Talbert, Pierce County Councilmember  
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO  
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance  
Alberto Lara, VP of Administration  
Kristine Dupille, Labor Relations Officer  
Dan Dzyacky, Sr. Manager Transportation  
Keith Messner, Information Technology Manager  
Bill Spies, Sr. Manager Maintenance  
Kathy Sullivant, Finance Manager  
Terry Artz, Risk Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Randy Hendrickson, Paratransit Manager  
Cathie Reid, Budget Assistant Manager  
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager-Auto  
Dena Withrow, Paratransit Assistant Manager  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Scott Morris, Market Research Administrator  
Syl Pelesasa, Transit Operator  
Peter Pryszlak, Sr. Systems Analyst  
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator

Others Present:

Raul Silva, First Transit  
Tom Wolfendale, Legal Counsel



## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on August 4, 2011. Commissioners Fey and Farrell **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10  
Self Insurance Fund #40  
ST Self Insurance Fund #41  
Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 309000 through 319465 and wire numbers were 0832 through 0843 for a total of \$6,770,226.33.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-017 **Authority to Amend the 2011 Capital Budget**. Motion **carried**.
2. Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-018 **Authority to Amend the 2011 Capital Budget and Authority to Purchase Real Property**. Motion **carried**.
3. Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-019 **Authority to Execute Order No. 1 for Twenty-seven (27) Paratransit Vans from the Existing Multi-Year Contract with Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc.** Motion **carried**.
4. Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-020 **Authority to Adopt a Transit Advertising Policy**. Motion **carried**.
5. Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to approve Resolution 11-021 **Authority to Declare Surplus of Real Property at 96<sup>th</sup> Street and South Tacoma Way, Lakewood and in Gig Harbor and Authorization for Public Sale Thereof**. Motion **carried**.

## **SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE**

Commissioner Fey shared that Sound Transit approved a preferred route for the Sound Transit East Lane Project, as it relates to Bellevue. The proposal includes a tunnel. The completion date for this project is approximately 2020.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:40 p.m., Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for a period not to exceed 20 minutes *pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a): The governing body to discuss, plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining negotiations and/or to review the proposals made in the negotiations of proceedings while in progress.* Motion **carried**.

Chair Thomas reconvened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURMENT**

Commissioners Fey and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

**PIERCE TRANSIT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
September 12, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commissioners present:

Claudia Thomas, Chair of the Board, Lakewood City Councilmember  
Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair of the Board, Tacoma City Councilmember  
Tim Farrell, Pierce County Councilmember  
Don Malloy, Puyallup/University Place Representative (*Puyallup Councilmember*)  
Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive (*4:12 p.m.*)  
Marilyn Strickland, Tacoma City Mayor (*4:06 p.m.*)  
Rick Talbert, Pierce County Councilmember  
Don McKnight, President/Business Agent, ATU Local 758

Staff present:

Lynne Griffith, CEO  
Wayne Fanshier, VP of Finance  
Alberto Lara, VP of Administration  
Terry Artz, Risk Manager  
Bill Cassio, Deputy Chief Transit Police  
Carlos Davis, Fleet Manager-Bus  
Kristine Dupille, Labor Relations Officer  
Dan Dzyacky, Sr. Manager Transportation  
Lani Fowlkes, Vanpool Assistant Manager  
Scott Gaines, Transportation Assistant Manager  
Randy Hendrickson, Paratransit Manager  
Keith Messner, Information Technology Manager  
Cathie Reid, Budget Assistant Manager  
Van Sawin, Fleet Manager-Auto  
Bill Spies, Sr. Manager Maintenance  
Kathy Sullivant, Finance Manager  
Dena Withrow, Paratransit Assistant Manager  
Tracy Adams, Transit Operator  
Kim Huynh, Journey Level Mechanic  
Tina Lee, Principal Planner  
Justin Leighton, Public Relations Coordinator  
Syl Pelesasa, Transit Operator  
Peter Pryszlak, Sr. Systems Analyst  
Janine Robinson, Senior Planner  
Barb Schatz, Sr. Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Ashley Smith, Sr. Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator  
Trevia Percival, Clerk of the Board

Others Present:

Linda Doherty, Citizen

Shirley Norton, Citizen

Raul Silva, First Transit

Tom Wolfendale, Legal Counsel

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board on September 12, 2011. Commissioners Manthou and Farrell **moved** and seconded to approve the vouchers subject to proper audit. Motion **carried**.

Those vouchers included in the listing are further described as follows:

Operating Fund #10

Self Insurance Fund #40

ST Self Insurance Fund #41

Capital Fund #90

Voucher numbers were 319466 through 319994 and wire numbers were 0844 through 0856 for a total of \$6,089,549.06.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Linda Doherty, 1201 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma 98402.** She represents Propel Insurance and expressed concern about the changes in the Route 61. It has been renamed Route 62 and does not deliver riders to downtown Tacoma. In order to get downtown riders are now on the bus for more than an hour (*for a 10 mile ride*). Bus 500 is standing room only for a very long trip. The Stadium High, UW, and School of Arts students all need the Route 61. Please reconsider and keep Route 61.

**Shirley Norton, 690 Barnes Boulevard, JBLM 98438.** Said that eliminating transfers would save lots of money. Charge everyone \$2 to ride the bus, every time. Don't make your drivers have to deal with fare evasion issues. Eliminate strollers or make people pay \$20 to ride with strollers. The elderly and disabled shouldn't have to move from the special needs seating on the bus just because someone has a stroller. It's not right.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Operator of the Quarter – Tracy Adams**

Scott Gaines, Transportation Assistant Manager, presented Transit Operator Tracy Adams with the Operator of the Quarter Award. Tracy has been with the Agency since February 2004. He has been on the Honor Roll four out of five years. He has never taken any sick leave time and is an exemplary employee. Tracy said he loves working for Pierce Transit and hopes to be here for at least another five years. Way to go, Tracy!

#### **Maintenance Employee of the Quarter – Kim Huynh**

Carlos Davis, Fleet Manager-Bus, presented Journey Level Mechanic Kim Huynh with the Maintenance Employee of the Quarter Award. Kim has been with Pierce Transit for over eight years. He began as a Mechanic I and was quickly promoted to Journey Level. Kim's mechanical knowledge and high quality work enables Pierce Transit to maintain an operational ready fleet. Kim was instrumental in helping Pierce Transit initiate 566/577 service by determining what tools and supplies would be needed to affect repairs on the road. For the last several months, he signed for and worked the east side of I-5 on the 566 route. He received numerous compliments from both Operations and Maintenance personnel for his dedication to making this service a success. Besides Kim's expertise and stellar work ethic, he has had perfect attendance for seven consecutive years. Kim said he works hard for Pierce Transit and does the best that he can. Way to go, Kim!

#### **Tacoma Streetcar Update**

Jessyn Farrell, Strategic Advisor, introduced Rachel Smith from Sound Transit. Rachel said that Sound Transit, Pierce Transit, and the City of Tacoma jointly facilitated a stakeholder group from

July 2010 to February 2011. The group submitted a final report that provided information on community values, potential corridors, and general observations about expanding the Tacoma Link. This month ST will be issuing a Request for Proposals to bring on a technical consultant to do an Alternatives Analysis (AA) – a planning study that looks at various routes. The AA will be a 12-18 month process that will look at potential alignments and gather community feedback. Sound Transit, Pierce Transit, and the City of Tacoma will continue to work cooperatively on this effort.

### **Legislative Recap**

Jessyn Farrell shared the Legislative recap for State Transportation Funding and Policy Bills. A detailed report will be sent to the Board of Commissioners.

CEO Griffith shared with the Board that Jessyn's last day with Pierce Transit would be October 2, 2011. She said that Jessyn has been asset to the Agency. Jessyn has increased Pierce Transit's reputation in the legislative arena and has been an excellent representative. She will be greatly missed. Lynne also said that Lars Erickson would be rejoining Pierce Transit as our Public Information Officer on October 3, 2011, so there won't be any gaps with media coverage and contact.

### **SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE**

Commissioner Fey shared that Sound Transit approved a preferred route for the Sound Transit East Lane Project, as it relates to Bellevue. The proposal includes a tunnel. The completion date for this project is approximately 2020.

### **SOLE SOURCE DISCLOSURE**

There was no discussion of the quarterly sole source disclosure document.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

At 4:45 p.m., Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for a period not to exceed 60 minutes *pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) and (iii) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity may, or is likely to become, a party and/or legal risks is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency; and pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a): The governing body to discuss, plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining negotiations and/or to review the proposals made in the negotiations of proceedings while in progress; and pursuant to RCW 42.56.110(1)(g): To review the performance of a public employee. However subject to RCW 42.30.140, when the Board elects to take final action setting the salary of an individual employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.* Motion **carried**.

At 5:45 p.m. Chair Thomas extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes. At 6:05 p.m. Chair Thomas extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes. She reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioners Manthou and Strickland **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried**. Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

Prepared by: Barbara Schatz, Senior Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

## FACT SHEET

TITLE: Authorization to Amend Pierce Transit Code  
Section 3.72, Fare Schedule

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ORIGINATOR: Wayne Fanshier

PRECEDING ACTION: Resolution 1998-094, Authorizing Amendment of Pierce Transit's Fare Structure effective  
February 1, 1999

COORDINATING DIVISION:

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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Vice President

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

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Chief Executive Officer

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Legal Counsel

ATTACHMENTS:

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### BUDGET INFORMATION

2011 Budget Amount  
N/A

Required Expenditure  
N/A

Impact  
N/A

Explanation: There is no or minimal financial impact associated with the proposed fare policy change.

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**BACKGROUND:** Pierce Transit is proposing to change its fare policy regarding law enforcement officers use of Pierce Transit service for no fare. Currently, uniformed commissioned law enforcement officers may ride for no fare on Pierce Transit local bus service. Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro Transit, Kitsap Transit, and Sound Transit allow commissioned law enforcement officers (in uniform or not) to ride for no fare. In an effort to provide operators with fare simplification and regional consistency, Pierce Transit proposes to align our commissioned law enforcement policy with the other transit agencies in the region.

Current policy:

Uniformed Commissioned Public Safety Officers employed by a federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agency, regardless of the jurisdiction where they are employed, shall ride free on all Pierce Transit services. Excluded from this policy are plain-clothes police, firefighters and non-general authority officers, such as security guards and correctional facility officers.

Proposed policy:

General authority Washington peace officers of a general authority Washington law enforcement agency, or fully commissioned federal peace officers may ride Pierce Transit service without payment of fare provided such officers are in uniform or display their police badge(s) to the transit operator.

ALTERNATIVES: 1) Maintain current fare policy; or 2) Do not allow law enforcement officers (in or out of uniform) to ride for no fare.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize an amendment to the fare policy regarding law enforcement officers effective November 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-022**

**A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit  
Authorizing Amendment of Pierce Transit's Fare Structure**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington 36.57A provides the Board of Commissioners the authority to set fares; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit's policy regarding uniformed commissioned law enforcement officers was last amended effective February of 1999; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit desires to coordinate fare structures and categories with those of regional transit providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit as follows:

Pierce Transit's Code Section 3.72 is amended as follows:

Section 3.72.090 Free Riding Privileges shall be amended as follows:

B. General authority Washington peace officers of a general authority Washington law enforcement agency, or fully commissioned federal peace officers may ride Pierce Transit service without payment of fare provided such officers are in uniform or display their police badge(s) to the transit operator.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.

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Claudia Thomas, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Trevia Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board



## FACT SHEET

TITLE: Authority to Execute a Contract for Legislative Liaison Services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs  
DEPARTMENT: Executive  
ORIGINATOR: Lynne Griffith

PRECEDING ACTION: Resolution No. 10-033, Adoption of the 2011 Agency Budget

COORDINATING DIVISION: Executive, Purchasing

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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Vice President

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

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Chief Executive Officer

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Legal Counsel

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

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### BUDGET INFORMATION

2011 Remaining Budget Amount	Required Expenditure	Impact
\$9,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$2,250.00 over budget

Explanation: The required expenditure is for the remaining two and one-half months of 2011. The over budget amount is available from savings in other areas.

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BACKGROUND: This resolution seeks authority to execute a contract for legislative liaison services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs.

Pierce Transit's current contract for state legislative liaison services expired on June 30, 2011. A Request for Proposals for state legislative liaison services was advertised on June 21, 2011. Three proposals were received on July 15, 2011, and evaluated in accordance with published criteria by a committee of Pierce Transit staff. One respondent proposed becoming the Agency's federal legislative liaison which was not responsive to the Request for Proposals and therefore was eliminated. The remaining two proposers were interviewed. As a result, staff determined the proposal submitted by Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs to be in the best interest of the Agency, meeting Pierce Transit's needs at a fair and reasonable cost of \$4,500.00 per month or \$54,000.00 annually. The contract term is for five years with options for extensions.

Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs is locally based, has demonstrated their abilities to provide legislative liaison service in Olympia, provides a team approach, has strong relationships with local businesses,

labor, and the Pierce County legislative delegation and local Pierce County and city governments; an important aspect of developing an effective local coalition for transit.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative would be to not award a contract for legislative services which would have a negative impact on future legislative agendas and our effectiveness with the State Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize execution of a contract for legislative liaison services with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs.

## RESOLUTION NO. 11-023

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit  
Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Legislative Liaison Services with  
Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-033, approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2010, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit adopted the 2011 Agency Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 budget includes funds for legislative liaison services; and

WHEREAS, three proposals for legislative liaison services were submitted in response to notice duly published in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place specified in the notice, all proposals which were received were duly opened and analyzed by the Chief Executive Officer, Public Information Officer, and Purchasing Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were evaluated in accordance with general criteria; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted with two proposers; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs to provide legislative liaison services for the amount of \$54,000.00 per year plus reasonable expenses, payable in monthly increments, is the most responsive and responsible overall proposal received is considered to be fair and reasonable, and is by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit finds it in the best interest of Pierce Transit to accept said proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit as follows:

Section 1. The proposal of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs is hereby accepted as indicated subject to execution of a written contract. Pierce Transit, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to revoke the acceptance of this proposal at any time prior to execution of the written contract.

Section 2. The Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute a contract therefor on behalf of Pierce Transit. Term of contract shall be for five (5) years with options for additional contract periods. Said contract is to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board and by this reference incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

1 ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit at a regular meeting thereof held  
2 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

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Claudia Thomas, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Treva Percival, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

**THERE IS NO  
FACT SHEET  
FOR  
RESOLUTIONS  
OF  
APPRECIATON**

**PT Tomorrow Core Strategy Team**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-024**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit  
Commending the PT Tomorrow Core Strategy Team

WHEREAS, the PT Tomorrow Core Strategy Team dedicated countless hours to support the Board's direction related to PT Tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the team members provided unwavering support to the team leads, Tina Lee, Amber Simonsen, Kelly Johnston and Cathie Reid; and

WHEREAS, PT Tomorrow has been lauded as a best practice on all the elements of its function, namely, system redesign, public involvement, operational efficiencies, organizational capabilities and budget impacts; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit benefited greatly from the work of the PT Tomorrow Core Strategy Team and the countless staff contributions in reducing the Agency's costs, engaging the public in designing a more efficient transit system, and in preparing employees for future opportunities and challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit that the PT Tomorrow Core Strategy Team is hereby commended for outstanding performance and public service to Pierce Transit.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of October 2011.

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Commissioner Claudia Thomas Chair

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Commissioner Spiro Manthou, Vice Chair

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Commissioner Tim Farrell

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Commissioner Jake Fey

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Commissioner Pat McCarthy

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Commissioner Marilyn Strickland

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Commissioner Rick Talbert

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Commissioner Don McKnight

ATTEST:

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Treva Percival, Clerk of the Board

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Lynne Griffith, CEO