

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City of Ellensburg
Date & Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Minutes of PTAC Meeting
October 19, 2021 3:30 PM
Held Remotely Via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Bob Mersinger, Josh Hackney, Adan Mendoza, Yngrid Winter, Bruce Tabb, Christopher King

Roll Call Absent: Jason Berthon-Koch

Also Present: Betsy Dunbar – COE, Lisa LaPorte – HopeSource, Spencer Klewin – HopeSource, Nicole Klauss – COE

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion and second (Bob M | Josh H) to amend the Agenda adding a section on accessibility under section 4 of the October 19, 2021 PTAC Meeting Agenda.

Motion Affirmed.

Motion and second (Josh H | Bob M) to approve the amended Agenda under section 4 of the October 19, 2021 PTAC Meeting. **Motion Affirmed.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion and second (Bob M | Josh H) to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 PTAC Meeting. **Motion Affirmed.**

4. Follow Up Items

- The Amended Agenda included an update from Josh Hackney with Central Washington Disability Resources to provide transit map reading training utilizing large tactile route maps. Josh also stated they are able to print the maps in braille if needed.
- Bruce Tabb suggested we schedule a special in person meeting for PTAC members to review the history of Central Transit and Transportation acronyms.
- Partnership between CT, HopeSource and CWDS for trip training as well as Grant research for trip training funds.
- It was agreed to set up a meeting with HopeSource, CWDS, Mayor Tabb and Betsy to discuss trip training.
- Follow up with enunciators on the 3 new CT buses scheduled for repaired.

5. Ridership Stats

A review of monthly and year to date stats was presented for Fixed Route, Paratransit, Cabulance, Dial A Ride and Kittitas County Connector. State ridership was shared with the committee reporting the lowest monthly ridership of minus 76% in April

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2020 with current ridership remaining roughly 40-45% statewide from where it was before the pandemic. Central Transit is well above the state average at 17.6%.

6. Agenda Items

Motion and second (Bob M | Josh H) to approve a Letter of Intent to extend the contract with HopeSource. **Motion Affirmed.**

7. Transit Marketing Updates

- Bite of the Burg was a great success speaking with many students and encouraging them to download the Transit app.
- Updated Fixed Route Schedules/ along with updated ADA Paratransit Brochures both in English and Spanish.

8. Transit Updates

- Transportation Manager, Lisa LaPorte with HopeSource spoke of the 3 new Hybrid buses HopeSource was awarded through a Capital Grant.
- Bus stop schedule holder inserts were updated and are at the printers.
- 3 new bus stop landings have been completed with 8 more to be constructed.
- Central Transit received an ARPA Grant for \$142,983.00 with no required local match.

9. Next PTAC Meeting

The next regular PTAC meeting will be held on November 16, 2021.

10. Adjournment:

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46PM.

Betsy Dunbar

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