

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City of Ellensburg
Date & Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Minutes of PTAC Meeting
January 18, 2022 3:30 PM
Held Remotely Via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Bob Mersinger, Adan Mendoza, Bruce Tabb, Jason Berthon Koch, Christopher King, Ynggrid Winter

Roll Call Absent: Josh Hackney

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion and second (Bob M | Christopher K) to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 PTAC Meeting. **Motion Affirmed.**

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion and second (Jason | Bob) to approve the January 18, 2022 PTAC Meeting Agenda. **Motion Affirmed.**

4. Follow Up Items

- The 2021 Public Transportation Mobility Report link was emailed to the members of PTAC.
- Betsy is scheduled to present at the Adult Activity Center February 4th at 11:30.

5. Ridership Stats

- A review of monthly and year to year comparison stats was presented for Fixed Route, Paratransit, Cabulance, Dial A Ride and Kittitas County Connector. A full-service map showing December boardings per route per stop was shared. Betsy shared Central Transit ridership continues to trend up and has fared much better than many other agencies.
- Lisa with HopeSource shared survey results from the Kittitas County Connector identifying a majority of passengers as students and workers going to and from employment.

6. Agenda Items

- There are no agenda items.

7. Transit Marketing Updates

- Twitter and Facebook
- Updated brochures are being delivered to local businesses and facilities.
- FB Posts and 88.1 the Berg.

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8. Transit Updates

- Central Transit suspended services for 2 days on January 6th and 7th due to excessive snow fall, impassable roads and snow berms. The suspension was posted using service alerts on the Transit app, website and social media.
- Central Transit contracted with Reecer Creek Excavating to remove snow berms from bus stops.
- While no complaints were received, many compliments and messages of thanks were received for the speedy way roads and bus stops were cleared.
- Several Central Transit 4th quarter surveys were shared. All were positive with a few suggestions of having more time stops.
- The committee spoke of the importance of having an inclement weather policy as well as an emergency management plan.

9. Member Updates:

- Bruce suggested we work with legislators to ensure transportation benefit districts are not restricted to 2 renewals.
- Bob suggested we look into having a Central transit county wide service.
- Bob requested ridership stats from Yakima Transit for the Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter.
- Jason Berthon Koch was thanked for his service as a Public Transit Advisory Committee member and for his support of Central Transit as he did not seek another term as a committee member.

10. Next PTAC Meeting:

The next regular PTAC meeting will be held on February 15, 2022.

11. Adjournment:

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Betsy Dunbar

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