

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City of Ellensburg
Date & Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Minutes of PTAC Meeting
February 15, 2022 3:30 PM
Held Remotely Via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Bob Mersinger, Adan Mendoza, Bruce Tabb, Christopher King, Yngrid Winter, Josh Hackney, Joey Bryant
Roll Call Absent: 0

Also Present: Betsy Dunbar — COE, Lisa LaPorte – HopeSource, Spencer Klewin - HopeSource, Mayra Colazo - DWDR

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion and second (Bob M | Josh H) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 PTAC Meeting. **Motion Affirmed.**

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion and second (Bob M | Joey B) to approve the February 15, 2022 PTAC Meeting Agenda. **Motion Affirmed.**

4. Follow Up Items

- Yakima – Ellensburg Commuter Ellensburg boardings and de-boarding stats were shared with the committee members.
- Spencer Klewin presented an update on driver applications and new hires.
- Bruce Tabb shared there is current legislation action to do away with the 20-year TBD cap yet keep the need to go back to the voters for sales tax renewal. It was also shared the current Washington Transportation Proposal bill will most likely move through to the Senate Floor. Josh Hackney shared with the committee a sidewalk grant opportunity CWDR is reviewing.

5. Ridership Stats

- Multiple years of January ridership stats were shared along with percentage comparisons from year to year for each service.
- A large service map with January boardings per stop was shared.

6. Agenda Items

- There were no agenda items.

7. Transit Marketing Updates

- Betsy Dunbar gave a presentation at the AAC on Central Transit's fixed route, ADA paratransit service and the benefits of riding public transit for seniors. HopeSource had a paratransit bus at the center and seniors were able to board the bus and see how the bus lift operates. HopeSource shared information about their Dial A Ride and Kittitas County Connector services.

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8. Transit Updates

- The Prestige Hearthstone bus stop was moved from under the facility portico to the east side of Chestnut.
- In conjunction with the Helena Complete Streets Project, they will install the Brooksfield Bus Stop as well as a bus shelter at Water Street and Helena where there is currently a bus stop.
- The City Light Dept. added a light on the west side of Airport. This has really improved the lighting at the Verge.
- There was malicious mischief at 5 bus shelters in the form of the garbage cans being emptied onto the ground and strewn about. A police report was made.

9. Member Updates:

- Josh Hackney shared what CWDR is doing to educate their agency and their clients about public transit stating their staff had spent a day riding the buses. The question was asked if the display boards on the outside of the bus are also inside the bus facing passengers.

10. Next PTAC Meeting:

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

11. Adjournment:

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Betsy Dunbar

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