

**SKAGIT TRANSIT  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 11, 2014 5:00 p.m.  
Skagit Station Conference Room  
Mount Vernon, WA

Susan Pole called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Members**

Caroline Nazareno  
Dick Phillips  
Susan Pole  
Joy Kane  
Oliver Berentson  
Valerie Rose

**Skagit Transit**

Dale O'Brien  
Carolyn Chase

**Members of the Public**

Richard Kent

**I. Approval of minutes:**

Susan Pole made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Valerie Rose and passed unanimously.

**II. Information Items:**

Carolyn Chase gave an update on efforts between WTA and Skagit Transit to coordinate fares on the Route 80X. The project will, amongst other things, create a 31-day County Connector pass that is valid on all routes in WTA's and Skagit Transit's systems including the 90X and a 1-day Skagit-Whatcom pass that is good on all WTA and Skagit Transit routes, excluding the 90X. She also updated the group on the MOA feasibility study currently underway to find a new location for Skagit Transit's headquarters. Carolyn also reported that the Route 255 with service to Big Lake will end effective December 31, 2014.

Valerie Rose reported that riders on the 305 are requesting later runs to accommodate students taking evening classes. Valerie also asked staff to review information available for the Rt 750 on the website for clarity and accuracy.

Dale O'Brien reported on the upcoming Farmhouse Gang meeting that will focus on funding the County Connector routes. He explained that funding the routes with local funds makes it difficult to expand local services. Dale also reported on the agency's positive experience with the BYD electric bus and that future trial periods with other electric buses were likely.

Joy Kane reported on the Ride Pass Grant Program awards. Ten organizations submitted applications for a total of 15,000 requested passes. All agencies requesting 1,200 or fewer passes were fully awarded. The three agencies requesting more than 1,200 passes will each receive an equal number of passes. Joy had ideas for collecting additional information on the application forms such as asking for information on what percentage of a program's users were passes being requested for. It was also mentioned that the application could ask for information on if an organization has other resources for purchasing bus passes. Several CAC members mentioned that they could see requests grow during the 2015 application call. Staff will share ideas for improvements with Marcia Smith who runs the program.

**III. CAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

- A motion was made by Valerie Rose and seconded by Joy Kane to approve Caroline Nazareno as CAC Chair. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Susan Pole and seconded by Valerie Rose to approved Joy Kane as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

The group briefly discussed supporting the Tulip Festival. It was decided to revisit this conversation in January to include interested CAC members that could not make the December meeting. One idea was to encourage the Tulip Festival organizers to include exiting bus route information into their publications and outreach materials.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Caroline Nazareno, Chair  
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Carolyn Chase  
Transit Planner