

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

Thursday, May 8, 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

Susan Pole
Dick Phillips
Tommie Yturralde
Caroline Nazareno
Louise Edens
Craig Edens
Joy Kane
Doris Brevoort

Skagit Transit

Carolyn Chase

Members of the Public

None

I. Public Comment:

None.

II. Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve minutes from the March meeting was made by Dick Phillips and seconded by Craig Edens.

III. Notes from the field:

Carolyn Chase discussed forthcoming changes to Island Transit Route 411. Effective July 1st, Island Transit will no longer be running the leg of this service that goes between March's Point and Mount Vernon. Skagit Transit is proposing to take over this service to its governing board in May. The new Skagit Transit Route would be called the 40X and would be run as a commuter route. As conceived, the 40X would run split day service from 6:10 am to 10:30 am and then from 3:15 pm to 7:35 pm. A \$1 fare would be charged. Doris Brevoort explained that many Coop staff live in Oak Harbor but get off work too late to ride the Rt. 411. She recommend Skagit Transit consider running the 40X later into the evening to accommodate these and other workers.

Carolyn also discussed WTA and Skagit Transit's efforts to coordinate fares on the 80X. The agencies are moving towards accepting only County Connector Pass, on-board fares, student IDs, and a County Connector Day Pass. Skagit Transit will not be increasing fare prices. Some WTA riders will experience price increases when changes go into effect.

Carolyn also discussed efforts to initiate ADA paratransit service in Shelter Bay. The Shelter Bay HOA is helping to notify the public of a Skagit Transit needs survey that will allow the organization to better plan future service.

Carolyn noted that the Ride Pass Program was approved by the Board in April. Carolyn was unaware of the expected launch date. The program will be operated like a grant program with service organizations applying for Ride Passes.

IV. General Update:

Susan Pole gave a general update on the Transportation Day at the mall event. The next meeting to discuss the event will be held May 14th. It was suggested that the group have a laptop at the event showing people how they can use Google Transit to help them plan a trip on the bus.

The CAC agreed to cancel June, July and August meetings.

IV. Unfinished Business:

None.

V. New Business:

Caroline Nazareno volunteered to work the Resource Fair at the Tri Parish Food Bank on May 31 from 12-3 pm. This is a Community Action event.

Susan Pole volunteered to work the Bite of Skagit Event on July 26th from 12-4 pm. This is a Community Action fundraising event with proceeds going to food banks.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Susan Pole, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Carolyn Chase
Transit Planner