

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

Thursday, November 13, 2014 5:00 p.m.  
Skagit Station Conference Room  
Mount Vernon, WA

Valerie Rose called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Committee Members**

Caroline Nazareno  
Craig Edens  
Dick Phillips  
Doris Brevoort  
Joy Kane  
Louise Edens  
Oliver Berentson  
Valerie Rose

**Skagit Transit**

Carolyn Chase  
Troy Fair

**I. Approval of minutes:**

Craig Edens made a motion to approve the September 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Caroline Nazareno and passed unanimously.

Dick Phillips made a motion to approve the October 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Oliver Berentson and passed unanimously.

**II. Information Items:**

Notes from the field:

- Route 90X is doing better with the reopening of the Stillaguamish Bridge. Southbound is back to normal. Two lanes are open northbound over the bridge.
- Route 305 is doing well with the smaller bus and mirror modification. Ridership is strong.
- 40X ridership is good. Riders have expressed interest in adding mid-day runs. The drivers on this route are doing an excellent job.
- Windows on some of the buses are sealed shut. This was brought up at a previous CAC meeting. Staff will check with maintenance on this matter and report back.
- The CAC made a suggestion that the 90X should add Saturday runs; possibly two in the morning and two in the evening. Staff reported that Skagit Transit recently lost grant funding for the 90X and route expenses will be covered completely by local funds in 2015. For this reason, Skagit Transit has no immediate plans to expand Route 90X service days.
- The CAC made a suggestion to install a bus shelter at Park Village on Fir Street in Mt. Vernon.
- The group discussed having a magnetic advertisement for the back of buses advertising the CAC. No decision was made to bring this proposal to Dale.
- A CAC member remarked on how willing fellow passengers were to help out each other when riders are short on fare.
- A CAC member brought up the idea of starting a local Mt. Vernon downtown circulator and for adding signage at Skagit Station that shows downtown amenities and the Riverwalk area.

Grant applications for the local Burlington and Sedro Woolley routes have been submitted and ranked well at the local level. Grants will now be evaluated at the state level. A grant has also been submitted that would help hire a Mobility Manager. This application also ranked very well at the local level.

Staff reported back to the CAC on the use of an electric bus on route 208. The group discussed media coverage of the bus as well the potential cost savings from reduced maintenance and fuel expenses.

The Ride Pass program is now accepting applications. Skagit Transit has been getting lots of interest and the program is expected to be a success.

### **III. CAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

Chair and Co-Chair nominations will be taken to a vote at the December 11<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting. The following nominations were made:

- Caroline Nazareno will consider a nomination for the Chair position over the course of the next month.
- Joy Kane is willing to serve as Co-Chair.

### **IV. New Business**

The CAC requested to speak about how Skagit Transit could help with the annual Tulip Festival in 2015 at the December meeting. The CAC directed staff to put this on the agenda.

### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Susan Pole, Chair  
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

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Carolyn Chase  
Transit Planner