

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

Thursday, October 9, 2014 5:00 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

Susan Pole called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Committee Members

Susan Pole
Doris Brevoort
Dick Phillips

Skagit Transit

Troy Fair
Carolyn Chase

Members of the Public

Chris Anderson

I. Approval of minutes:

Lack of quorum, September 2014 meeting minutes could not be approved.

II. Public Hearing – Elimination of Flex Route 255:

Chris Anderson spoke in support of Route 255 elimination but also questioned why the sales tax should continue to be paid in a district that will no longer receive service. Anderson said he did not support paying for a service his community would no longer be getting. He commented that he never sees anyone on the bus and said that he feels the Big Lake community is in support of cutting the route. Anderson said that the demographics of the community do not support transit and that the route likely wouldn't be successful, even if the number of service days was increased.

III. Notes from the field:

Troy Fair spoke about increasing paratransit ridership and demographic changes associated with the aging baby boomer generation. He said that Skagit Transit is strategizing about how to make paratransit service more efficient. Troy also discussed how the Skagit Transit Mobility Trainer has been effective at moving people from paratransit to fixed route service. He said that he sees a need for a second Mobility Trainer in the agency.

IV. General Update:

Carolyn Chase reported on highlights from a national mobility attitudes survey.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Carolyn Chase gave an update on the proposed local Sedro-Woolley and Burlington routes. Planning is still underway on the routes and timing with a bus will begin next week.

V. New Business:

Dick Phillips inquired about adding a bus stop in south Mount Vernon on the 90X route. Operations staff had discussed this proposal and there was no support for adding the stop.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Susan Pole, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Carolyn Chase
Transit Planner