

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

Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Skagit Station Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Committee Members

Joy Kane
Lynne Jordan
Valerie Rose
Dick Phillips
Craig Edens
Louise Edens
Noelle Eschete

Skagit Transit

Carolyn Chase

Members of the Public

Mark Hamilton, Skagit Council of Governments
Carol Ehlers
Joe Kunzler

I. Elections:

Elections were held to select a new Chair following the resignation of Caroline Nazareno. A motion was made by Dick Phillips to appoint Joy Kane as Chair. The motion was seconded by Louise Edens. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dick Phillips to elect Valerie Rose as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Craig Edens. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of minutes:

Lynne Jordan made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Valerie Rose and passed unanimously.

III. Long Range Regional Transportation Plan:

Mark Hamilton made a presentation to the group on the planning process for the Skagit County Long Range Transportation Plan. Hamilton explained that the plan looks out to year 2040 and includes a list of projects to be completed during this planning horizon. Mark explained that the plan looks at projected revenues and expenses over the planning horizon and that project lists are fiscally constrained. He also explained the transportation model used to identify roadway capacity problems. The model is simplistic and doesn't include freight or transit. As the County and SCOG grow, the model will likely become more complex. Mark discussed some of the public outreach that has and will take place and showed the group the product of a dot exercise that asks people their thoughts on transportation priorities. The results of the dot exercise showed that the majority of people thought that transit should be expanded.

The CAC had a number of questions and comments on the model, specific roadway projects, funding, safety and security at March Point Park and Ride, and railway crossings signals.

Mark encouraged the CAC to attend the September 17th community meeting for the Regional Plan. The meeting is to be at 6PM on September 17th at Skagit Station.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Joy Kane, Chair
Skagit Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee

Attest:

Carolyn Chase
Service Development Planner