

DRAFT MINUTES

July 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris Jones, Judy Jones, Valerie Rose, and Brad Windler.

There were two guests at our meeting, with one submitting an application for possible membership on the committee.

There were no public comments.

The May meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Brad stated there will be some temporary service adjustments on the routes 205, 206 and 207 effective from July 5 through July 29, with thirty minute service changing to hourly.

The Strategic Plan Survey will be disseminated starting Tuesday, July 19, available in paper and on-line formats. Brad is asking committee members to please consider volunteering to pass out surveys at Skagit Station, on bus routes, and at park and rides, and to let him know schedule availability by noon, Monday, July 18. Next month, Brad is requesting that committee members be prepared to discuss their thoughts on the areas of concern portion of the survey.

Doris suggested that Skagit Transit consider utilizing the nextdoor.com site to further publicize transit information. Guest John Norman suggested that route information be posted at senior centers throughout the county, and Doris suggested a one-page flyer plus poster be available at each center with relevant information and schedules, plus a possible training sheet. Such information should also be available at the local YMCA.

Brad announced that starting in August, the youth fare free program will be available for young people, and those from ages 15 — 18 are being required to use the Umo card.

Brad also says that ridership continues to increase..

As of August 29, the Route 300 in Sedro-Woolley will be split. One bus will be a circular route within Sedro-Woolley and the other will travel from the Chuckanut Park and Ride through parts of Burlington, and bac to the Sedro-Woolley Park and ride.

There will also be some changes in some Mount Vernon routes.

Doris suggested more bus service be available in the Hillcrest Park area in Mount Vernon, Brad said there is some discussion going on regarding service introduction in that neighborhood.

Brad announced the Stuff the Bus event on July 15 at the Market Fresh Grocery Store in Concrete, and another on August 6 in Burlington at the Cascade Mall.

Under Region Awareness, Valerie expressed appreciation for the ability to use electronic passes between Skagit Transit and WTA, and has experienced smooth and comfortable traveling on southward routes.

Guest John Norman recommended there be attention given to determining if the 80-X might be able to stop at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham prior to proceeding to the downtown station, and that it is a viable request, as the hospital is classed as an essential service.

During the Round-Table section, Judy suggested that the committee continue discussion on CAC new member recruitment, and to also discuss low-tech solutions for advertisement on buses.

She also shared that the CAC web site should show that meetings are being held and notes taken when there is no quorum, so staff can see consistent and ongoing commitment by the committee.

As there was no further business, it was moved and approved the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jones

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