

**SKAGIT TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
Skagit Station Conference Room Mount Vernon, WA

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**Committee Members**

Judy Jones  
Chris Jones  
Craig Edens  
Louise Edens  
Joy Kane  
Joe Kunzler

**Skagit Transit**

Brad Windler

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Louise Edens

**II. Introductions**

None

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Meeting Minute Approval**

Postponed

**V. Update Proposed Skagit Transit Fare Increase**

Youth summer pass is before the board to be voted upon. Monthly pass for paratransit dollar amount is not defined yet. \$2 per paratransit single ride is before the board. Transfers eliminated. The board will decide action at July board meeting.

**VI. Staff Update**

Electronic fare box bids went out and a vendor was selected. Once board agrees on the award the vendor name can be advised. It is a touch pass system.

Monthly passes can be bought on internet or over the phone with system. NWRC can buy passes for their needs electronically. This system will not replace the GFI system have now.

**Outreach Team Update**

New Marketing and Public Affairs Specialist will call upon different skills than the Mobility Trainer. Hired out of the ranks of Coach Operators. Starts later in the month. Name is Cheryl Willis

Everett Trip

Group may do a trip rather than a meeting in August. Fridays don't work. Late August best time for those present. Brad will send an email to other CAC members not present to get their schedule preferences and communicate to the group.

Berry Dairy Days Parade

Let Brad know in the next 24 hours if wish to participate in the parade event June 15<sup>th</sup>.

County Fair

Thursday August 8 is Family Resource Day and Skagit Transit will be tabling and stamping kids passports inside the Fair. Anyone wish to volunteer to give Cheryl a break? Or email Brad yes. Will be participating in Stuff the Bus program at Fair with Diaper Bank. The food bank didn't respond in time to do a food stuff promotion.

## **VII. Agenda Items for Fall 2019 Discussion**

Invite potential new CAC board members

Applications review of potential new CAC board members

Guest speakers wish to have – email Brad names and contact info

Mailers in the future include a blurb about CAC and how to apply to be on CAC board.

(Brad noted paratransit rider reached out (former CAC board member) interested in starting in Fall)

Electronic fare capture presentation perhaps Sep or Oct

Bylaws review

CAC special project – Joe interested in developing a style guide recommendation

Way finding on Transit – app for Skagit Transit (app not clear on routes to be on with Everett Transit)

Studies ref inter county transport and demand review

State ferries advisory committee and San Juan Committee Task Force join meeting to look at expanding pass system that works on both Skagit Transit and ferries. What are road blocks?

## **VIII. Roundtable**

Pilot Program VIA – South King County pick up at work site drop at light rail (12 passenger van) King County Transit subsidizes along with City of Seattle. Is considered a transfer part of the light rail pass. Use ORCA card for rides.

ORCA card system \$750,000 annually. Sponsorship is required to participate in the system.

Request that 90x first run stop at Skagit Station rather than expressing to South Mt Vernon Park and Ride.

Chris Jones would like partnership with other transportation modes and get regional fare pass in place.

Issue with regional pass system is sorting out who gets money from fares collected. They don't break down % each transit gets when pass card is used like the airlines.

WTA and Skagit transit worked out that whatever company collects the fare get to keep the money.

North Sound Transportation Alliance – San Juan, Island, Skagit and Whatcom Transit (Farmhouse Gang) meet with Washington State ferries to see what ferries long range plans are. This group lobbies the legislature for county connector funding and the system.

Flyer stops – stop on side of interstate highway. Community transit has one at I5 exit Lynwood

Look at studies for inter-county transport demand.

First Mile and Last Mile program – rural area folks access models – get riders to fixed route or light rail. Whacom Transit study how to better service areas with more frequency.

Rideshare.com website – pick up individuals at park and rides lots so can sue HOV lanes in King county.

Uber and Lyft partner possibilities for first and last mile and other transportation providers.

Joe will email out a reading list to the group.

Reminder to attend the Skagit Transit Board meeting next week at Burlington City Hall. Extra paratransit available for getting to Burlington.

## **IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Judy Jones to adjourn the meeting; Chris Jones seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 6:05 p.m.

Attest:

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Brad Windler, Planning & Outreach Supervisor