

SKAGIT TRANSIT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 12,2020

Committee Members	Skagit Transit
Chris Jones	Brad Windler
Judy Jones	Cheryl Willis
Joe Knunzler	
Robin Gosney	
Valerie Rose	
Joe Kane	
Louise Edens	
Doris Brevoort	

1. Meeting called to order by Chris
2. Introductions-None
3. Public Comment-None
4. Meeting minutes approval-none at this meeting
5. Agency report by Brad-
 - a. Reduced service continues and we are guessing mid- July before there is an increase in services. Para-Transit continues to serve everyone who requests a ride.
 - b. Essential trips encouraged
 - c. Para-Transit fares- Moved to August 5th. Letters going out within a week to Para clients. Contains fare options and how to purchase.
 - d. Brad has not heard back about getting windows in buses open to provide more fresh air.
6. Food Bank updates from Cheryl
 - a. Cheryl has checked with all local food banks and meals on wheels. Most of the food banks have enough help and transportation at this time. Anacortes food bank is interested in doing a food drive. Cheryl working on plans for a STUFF THE BUS, possibly at Anacortes Safeway with a big sign and a big bus. The Store might set up a display at the door with items that the food bank is in need of at this time. Shoppers could come in and purchase food, bring it out to the bus where it would be weighed and deposited inside the bus. Later, the bus will transport it to the food banks.
Committee members could support by letting friends in Anacortes know about the drive.
7. New Para Transit Rider guides coming out per Brad. English and Spanish versions are available now but other than to agencies they will not be widely distributed until closer to the August 5th start date of Para Transit fares. New para guides will have info about eligibility, fares including the touch pass system, the punch cards and cash.
8. More agency updates from Brad
 - a. Ridership on all buses 76% lower than usual.
 - b. Buses continued to be sanitized throughout the day and night with plenty of PPE for

Drivers.

- c. No idea when the community will be able to open up so we can provide more service.
 - d. No updates on financial impacts to Skagit Transit and other transit agencies facing the same.
9. Roundtable
- a. Joe brought up the discussion of a tax increase for the upcoming vote in Nov. Discussed by members and brought it. up for a suggested motion. Committee wanting to help get the word out to support the board if the board decides to do a ballot measure. Brad will look into what the committee can and cannot do as far as advocating to the public about a transit measure. But concerned citizens in our community can do whatever they want to in that regard.
 - b. A motion was made by Judy Jones that the Skagit Transit Community Advisory committee recommend that the Skagit Transit Board of Directors create a ballot measure to increase the sales tax .3% for the upcoming election to support the agency in the future. It was seconded by Joy Kane.
10. Adjournment- Judy Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded By Joy Kane