

## Agenda

### Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### A. Welcome

Staff in attendance: Greg, Barb, Israel, Yajaira

#### B. Introductions

- ◆ Members
  - Lisa
  - Reginald
- ◆ Visitors
  - Tony

#### C. Current Transit Services

- Fixed-Route Bus Service
  - Ridership Stats
    - January 2025: 55,853                      2024: 53, 676
    - February 2025: 46,347                      2024: 57,423
    - March 2025: 58,686                      2024: 63,686
  - Ridership is almost to the 2019 numbers which was before covid.
  - Holidays with no service for Transit – Memorial Day (May 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>), Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - There will be no 4th of July shuttle this year the numbers have been to low these last few years.
  - Transit Center is being remodeled starting today May 7<sup>th</sup>, it will be on and off for about 2 months. There will be new paint outside, update bathrooms inside the transit center, benches will be updated, garbage cans. There will also be security updates like new cameras, adding cameras, and new bubble cases.
  - The Transit officer identified the blind stops for the cameras to see all areas will be adding 3-4 new cameras and replacing 2 cameras. The camera's at the Transit center have they ever caught anyone? Yes they have.

- Will replace the benches and the curb cuts outside of the Transit center
- Is the Transit Center downtown going to move? No, the new transit build, which was the old Subaru building, will be for office staff and for the buses. There has been discussion about having a transit center on the westside of Yakima, just for transfers, but nothing has been decided.
- There could be route changes in the future and any changes will be brought up at other public meetings. There will also be a stop survey, which shows what stops are used the most and which are not. The stops will be updated but these changes will not happen until the next 2-3 years.
- Dial-A-Ride Services
  - Ridership Stats
 

- January 2025: 4,239	2024: 3,499
- February 2025: 4,090	2024: 3,999
- March 2025: 4,796	2024: 4,168
  - The last Dial A Ride cutaway vehicle will be taken out of service soon and will be auctioned out.
  - There are 10 new vans that will be out in service soon.
- Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter
  - The commuter partners CWU, DOT, City of Selah, City of Ellensburg, and YVC (not a current paying partner) met for the first time since 2015. The commuter partners will discuss possible changes to the commuter. There might be changes to the schedule. If there will be any changes it will be brought up in a Citizens' advisory committee meeting before changes are made if any.
  - The portions of payment will also be discussed. Yakima Transit last year paid \$374,000 for the service when it was originally supposed to be 40,000. We are looking how to receive more funding for the commuter and discussing funding with the partners.

- Will the Ellensburg continue to run? Yes, it will not but cut, the schedule might change.
- The run that might be cut is the seasonal run. The seasonal run is only when the classes are in session.
- Central Washington University would like to add an hour and the end of the day but the issue with that is that the Yakima transit buses stop running so there would be no transfers for the passengers from the commuter that come in on the last run. For the Yakima transit buses the ridership drops after 7 pm and that is why we stop at around 6:45
- The partners will meet again in July and then in September.
- Seasonal run in effect until June 6<sup>th</sup>. Fall seasonal run will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup> is this is pending depending on the meeting that will be held in July with all the partners.

#### **D. Open discussion**

- Could there be a list from the streets department of what curb cuts are going to be replace and which streets are being worked on to inform those who use those streets.
- Could the public bathroom at the Transit Center be updated with multiple stalls and open at all times, for the time restriction of switching buses.
  - The Problem with that is there is a constraint on space and the cost of the upkeep. The Parks and recs department have had the issue were people go into the bathroom at night and take off the sinks from the walls and take off the stall doors. There was discussion about the Portland loo because the design is very sturdy but the price is very expensive.
- Is the bus book up to date? Yes but we are ordering another order of book as we transition a map that fits in your pocket.
  - If there is going to be a map could you make one that is 14 point font to have a large print option available upon request. -Yes

#### **E. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**