



TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11/3/2021

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Greg Story at 4:33 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting was opened with an introduction of Yakima Transit staff in attendance. Members present from staff included: Greg Story, Transit Assistant Manager; Jeff Beaver, Transit Operations Supervisor; Kelly Darbyson, Community Transportation Coordinator; and Jessica Bland, Office Assistant.

2. Ridership Statistics

- Total Ridership for July - September are as follows:
 - Fixed Route: 122,517 passenger trips
 - Dial-A-Ride: 9,238 passenger trips
 - Yakima – Ellensburg Commuter: 1,917 passenger trips
 - Vanpool: 923 passenger trips

3. Fixed Route Bus Service Updates

- Holidays: There will be no Bus service on Veterans Day (November 11th), Thanksgiving Day (November 25th), Christmas Eve (December 24th), Christmas Day (December 25th), New Year's Eve (December 31st), New Year's Day (January 1st), Martin Luther King Day (January 17th)
- Fall / Winter Bus Book: The Fall/Winter Bus Book run through January 3rd, 2022.

4. Dial-A-Ride is operating as normal.

5. Vanpool Service Updates

- Reduced Number of Vanpool Groups: There are currently two Vanpool group in operation. We had three at the beginning of July but the third was discontinued a few weeks after starting due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

6. Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Service Updates

- Seasonal Run: The seasonal run will operate through December 10th, 2021.

7. Grants

- New Buses: We received \$4.5 million of American Recovery grant funds which we are intending to use to purchase 6 new buses for a cost of \$2.5 million - \$3 million. The use of these funds for

the purchase of buses was approved by the Yakima City Council on November 1st, 2021. At this time we are not considering alternative fuels due to lack of infrastructure.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Operating Hours: We received community suggestion to extend operating hours in the evening. This will be taken into consideration for our future service planning.

Next meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2022.