



TRANSIT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2/7/2024

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meetings 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, Barbara Cruz, Community Transportation Coordinator; and Yajaira Barajas, Transit Office Assistant.
2. Ridership Statistics
 - Total Ridership for October – December 202 are as follows:
 - Fixed Route: 180,100 passenger trips
 - Dial-A-Ride: 11,821 passenger trips
 - Yakima – Ellensburg Commuter: 6,530 passenger trips
3. Fixed Route Bus Service Updates
 - Holidays: There will be no bus service on President's Day (February 19th)
 - There is a detour in place for route 7, route 8, and route 9 due to the construction that will be on N 1st st.. The detours will end once the construction is finished, currently estimated to end in fall of 2025.
 - Route 7 detour is: leaving the Transit Center, it will turn right on Walnut St. then turn right on 4th St. then turn right on Chestnut Ave. It will turn left on 6th St. then will turn left on Lincoln Ave. then will turn right on 2nd St. lastly will turn left on I St and resume its normal route.
 - Route 8 detour is: when traveling south on 1st St. It will turn right on I St. then turn left on Front St. next it will turn left on D St. then will turn right on 2nd St. lastly will turn left on MLK Blvd to resume its normal route.
 - Route 9 detour: When traveling east on I St. It will turn right on Front St. then will turn left on Yakima Ave. lastly will turn right on 1st St to resume its normal route.

- Flag stops will be used with these detours. A flag stops mean you will need to signal the bus driver if you need them to stop for you. Please do so safely when doing a flag stop. The flag stops will be used on 2nd St. for route 7 and on Front St. for route 8 and 9. Any questions please call the office at 509-575-6175.

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

- There are 3 new vehicles in Tri-cities that will be delivered soon.
- 10 new vans have been ordered for Dial-A-Ride all vehicles are currently using gas for the fuel.
- These vehicles will be replacing about $\frac{3}{4}$ for the current fleet for Dial-A-Ride. These vehicles will last about 6 years if not longer.

5. Yakima Ellensburg Commuter:

- Seasonal run is in effect from 1/3/2024 – 3/15/2024 for spring break.
- The commuter will continue after spring break.
- We are now contracted with Bell-air for the commuter service and they are doing an amazing job with the route. When the pass was super snowy they stayed safe with chains going through the pass.

6. New Property

- Yakima Transit has purchased the property currently occupied by McCurley Subaru, they will soon move to their new location by Costco.
- Planning to move in in January 2025.
- The buildings will be left on the property, the interiors will be renovated to suit Transit's needs.
- Transit currently occupies about half an acre and the new building is about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres insuring future growth.
- Yakima Transit will be putting up a new fence, roof, and walls and an area for the community to come in and purchase transit passes.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Doublemap- current map to track the buses, will be ending at the end of March.
- The new contract is a 2 year contract with Connexionz.
- There will be no rate increase, if any rate changes will happen it would have to go to council before any changes are made.
- Next meeting will be May 1, 2024.