



TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5/5/2021

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Alvie Maxey at 4:31 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

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

2. Ridership Statistics

- Low Pandemic Ridership: Ridership is down roughly 50% from pre-pandemic levels for fixed route and Dial-A-Ride. Ridership is down roughly 75% on the Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter. Ridership is down roughly 94% for Vanpool.
- Total Ridership for February – March are as follows:
 - Fixed Route: 110,357 passenger trips
 - Dial-A-Ride: 8,813 passenger trips
 - Yakima – Ellensburg Commuter: 1,643 passenger trips
 - Vanpool: 603 passenger trips

3. Fixed Route Bus Service Updates

- Holidays: There will be no transit services on Monday, **May 31st** in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no service on Monday, **July 5th** in observance of Independence Day. Transit will operate as normally scheduled on Sunday, July 4th.
- Summer Bus Book: The Summer Bus Book will begin June 14th.
- Route 4 Changes: In order to serve the new Veteran facility on S 16th Street, Route 4 will be altered slightly. Instead of turning on to Mead Ave. from 16th Ave. the bus will continue down 16th Ave. to Washington Ave. then turn on to 12th Ave. before continuing as normal on Mead Ave. This change will add one minute to time-point 9 (Mead & 3rd Ave.). All other time-points are to remain the same. Route 3 is unaffected by this change.

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

5. Vanpool Service Updates

- Reduced Number of Vanpool Groups: There is currently only one Vanpool group in operation though we have recently received inquiries about the program and hope to have an additional group starting soon.

6. Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Service Updates

- Seasonal Run: The commuter seasonal run is not currently operating due to severely reduced ridership.

7. Grants

- New Buses: We are anticipating further information regarding our grant funding for new buses. The application has been submitted and we are hoping to have at least 3 new buses by next year.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

No anticipated schedule changes for Commuter: at this time Yakima Transit is not considering making changes or additions to the Yakima-Ellensburg commuter.

Continue Zoom Citizens Advisory Meetings: It was made known by a committee member that they find Zoom meetings preferable to in-person meetings. Yakima Transit has not decided how meetings will be handled once pandemic restrictions are loosened. We anticipate the next meeting in August will be held over Zoom.

All Day Pass in Bus Book: All day passes are available directly from bus drivers, they are not available in the ticket window or other places where monthly passes are sold. Verbiage will be added to the next bus book that states the price for an all-day pass.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 4th, 2021 at 4:30 PM.