



TRANSIT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5/1/2024

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 January- March 2024 are as follows:
 - Fixed Route: 174,785 passenger trips
 - Dial-A-Ride: 12,111 passenger trips
 - Yakima – Ellensburg Commuter: 12,485 passenger trips
3. Fixed Route Bus Service Updates
 - Holidays: There will be no bus service on Memorial Day (May 27th), Juneteenth (June 19th), Fourth of July (July 4th)
 - Currently we are working on approval to provide service for the Fourth of July. Last year only 168 people rode. Once we have more information on Fourth of July we will update our website. Yakimatransit.org
4. Dial-A-Ride is operating as normal.
 - The 3 new transit vans are now being used. We have had a lot of good feedback on those vans.
 - There are 2 new paratransit vehicles that we should have in about a year.
5. Yakima Ellensburg Commuter:
 - Seasonal run is in effect until June 7th and will resume back up around September 25th
 - The ridership for the Commuter is increasing.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- The meeting minutes need to be more detailed for the community members that do not attend are well informed.
- Riders like the new Dial-A-Ride Paratransit buses.
- Will there be any reduction on the any routes?
 - ❖ The only changes to any routes will be because of detours. No other changes will be made to routes.
- Yakima Valley Council of the blind meet at the Eagles sports room every 3rd Friday of the month from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- YVCOG (Yakima Valley Conference of Governments) received 1.2 Million and are planning on using for demo routes for when the replace of Grey Hound takes place. YVCOG is also waiting on the DOT Plan.
- The name of the new mapping system is Connexionz. Currently is still being this made and we still need to put the software into the buses, we are on time with this project at this moment. There are about 6 or 7 West coast cities that use Connexionz.
 - ❖ A few cities that currently use Connexionz are: Yamhill county Transit, City of Santa Clarita Transit, Pasadena Transit.