

Minutes

Transit Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

August 3rd, 2022

A. Welcome

B. Introductions

- a. New Members & Visitors – Colleen Anderson, Charley Mulvey & Phil Hoge

C. Transit Services

- a. Ridership Stats
- b. Fixed-Route Bus Service
 - i. Holidays – No services on Labor Day (Sept. 5th)
 - ii. Fall/Winter Bus Book Runs 9/5 – 1/1
 - iii. Route Changes in Fall/Winter Bus Book – none to report
 - iv. 6 new buses on order and should receive those in November
- c. Dial-A-Ride Services
 - i. Normal operations for Yakima, ridership remains steady
 - ii. Ordering 4 new vans but 2-4 years out on production due to supply chain
- d. Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter
 - i. Seasonal run in effect 6/10/22. Fall seasonal run will begin 9/21
- e. 5th Ave & Fruitvale property purchase and est. move in date of June/July, 2025
- f. Potential of an 18 & Under Fare Free program
 - i. Goes before city council on 8/16
 - ii. If approved 18 & Under Fare Free program would begin 10/1/22

D. Open discussion

- a. How do we find grants?
 - i. DOT, FTA, YVCOG are a few examples
- b. Can the transit tax be raised?
 - i. The transit tax has not been raised since the 1980's. It would have to be presented to council and if approved then to the citizens for a vote.

E. Comments

Bus system is good especially compared to larger cities

Drivers are courteous and helpful

Buses are on time

F. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022