



## TRANSIT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8/7/19

### MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Alvie Maxey at 4:00 PM

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Alvie began the meeting by introducing himself and the staff in attendance. Members present from staff included:

Alvie Maxey, Transit Manager  
Greg Story, Transit Assistant Manager  
Jeff Beaver, Transit Field Operations Supervisor  
Jennifer Williams, Community Transportation Coordinator  
Agustin Ortega, Transit Operations Specialist  
Jessica Bland, Transit Office Assistant

Members of the public in attendance were welcomed.

2. Alvie introduced Jessica Bland who has filled the position of Transit Office Assistant.

3. Fixed Route Bus Service Updates:

- Holidays: There will be no Transit Services on the following Holidays:
  - **Monday, September 2nd**: Labor Day
  - **Monday, November 11th**: Veteran's Day
  - **Thursday, November 28th**: Thanksgiving
  - **Wednesday, December 25th**: Christmas Day
  - **Wednesday, January 1st, 2020**: New Years
- Bus Book: The Fall/Winter Bus Book will start September 3rd and run through January 6th, 2020.
- Route 8 Update: Beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Route 8 will be departing from the Yakima Cinema stop at 6:00 AM. Currently, Route 8 departs from the Yakima Cinema at 6:05 AM. This schedule change was made to ensure those riding Route 8 to the Transit Center are able to make 6:15 AM connections.

4. Dial-A-ride Services: No updates.

5. Vanpool Services:

- Yakima Transit had applied for a grant to replace three aging vehicles in the Vanpool fleet. This grant was not received.
- Vanpool participants are down. Currently, there are eleven vanpool groups in operation.



## 6. Grants:

- DoubleMap Project: The \$500,000 grant for IT updates is almost completed. New signs and DoubleMap App should be available soon.
- Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter Grant: Yakima Transit is in the process of renewing the state grant for the operation of the Yakima-Ellensburg Commuter. The funding for this service has always been stable and it is expected that funding will be received and operations will continue as normal.
- Regional Mobility Grant Program: Twenty new bus shelters have been installed throughout the city of Yakima. Transit is currently working on installing solar lighting with motion sensors in the shelters that are not near street lighting.
- New Buses: Currently working on a grant for three new buses. Gillig supplies buses for Yakima Transit. Gillig currently has a lead time of eighteen months on new buses.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

7. Current routes: A member of the public stated her most commonly used routes are 3 and 4. She stated that the current routes serve a lot of people, but as a consequence are very lengthy routes. Alvie mentioned that Transit is currently evaluating further revisions to some routes so that there would be faster and more frequent routes throughout the city. It was mentioned that which side of the road the bus drops off passengers should be considered carefully to ensure that people don't have to cross multiple lanes of traffic to get to or from their destinations.

8. Bus Service to Pool: Per Jennifer, the numbers regarding how many people used the pool passes this year will not be available until the end of the summer. Last year over 1400 passes were given out which equated to nearly 3000 passengers trips and the expectation is that the number will be as much or higher this year.

9. Event Shuttle for Luminaria: Previously Transit buses utilized the parking lot at a nearby U-Haul storage facility to shuttle passengers to the Arboretum. That facility has since expanded and there may not be room for parking or for the buses to safely navigate in the future. Between 5,000 and 6,000 people utilized this shuttle in the past, so Yakima Transit is in the process of looking at other alternatives. Final decisions will be made by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM**

**Next Meeting will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**