



Minutes

Cowlitz Transit Authority
Agenda
RiverCities Transit

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*Dennis Weber (Chair), Lisa Alexander,
Mike Wallin, Anthony Harris (Nonvoting), Nancy Malone (Alternate),
Arne Mortensen (Alternate), MaryAlice Wallis (Alternate)*

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

4:00 PM

Zoom/Hybrid
Longview Council Chambers
1525 Broadway St, Longview

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1525 Broadway St, Longview. The meeting is also available via Zoom.

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 12, 2022

4:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Wallin called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Dennis Weber, Member Lisa Alexander; Member Mike Wallin, Member (Alternate) MaryAlice Wallis

Absent: Member (Non-Voting) Anthony Harris, (Alternate) Nancy Malone, Member (Alternate) Arne Mortensen

Staff Present: Ken Hash, Public Works Director; James Seek, Transit Manager; C. Maureen Wingler, Administrative Assistant; Nancy Vandehey, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Ken Pearrow, CWCOG

3. CONSTITUENT COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 08, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Wallis, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021, CTA Board meeting. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

22-00018 December 08, 2021, CTA Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Wallis, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

22-00019 Invoice - City of Longview - February 2022 \$249,701.67

22-00020 November County Treasurer's Report

22-00021 November CTA Fund Balance Report

6. REPORTS

A motion was made by Wallis, seconded by Alexander, to approve the Reports as presented. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

22-00022 2021 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

22-00023 December 2021 Fixed Route Ridership

22-00024 December Fixed Route Ridership by Hour

22-00025 December Average Passengers per Trip

22-00026 December 2021 LIFT Ridership

22-00027 December CTA Ridership Graph

22-00028 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2021 VS 2020**7. HIRING UPDATE ~ Presented by James Seeks**

Transit Manager Seeks reported that Operator Judy Lavey has retired, and we wish her a happy retirement. RiverCities recently rehired an operator and has three new operators going through training. Currently, there are two operators on long-term leave as well as one administrative employee. The Transit Maintenance and Facilities Technician, Michael Richards, was promoted to Operations Supervisor effective Monday.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT ~ Presented by James Seeks

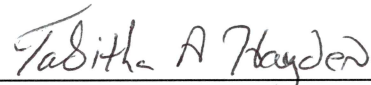
RiverCities is currently limping through the COVID surge. This surge has required some team members to work many more hours to provide coverage. The City's negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union are ongoing. I was able to take a couple of days of vacation in Central California last month. I did make it a bit of a "busman's holiday," as I spent a few hours visiting two transit agencies that had interesting projects and/or software that we will consider for fixed-route dispatching. One agency, Porterville Transit, is partnering with Uber to provide shared-ride micro-transit on a city-wide basis. Porterville has also had some interesting challenges with battery-electric buses and vans. In Hanford, CA, KART is very happy with the computer-aided dispatch software they use and is also planning to partner with Uber, but only in areas that are poorly served by fixed-route buses.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.



Tabitha Hayden, Pro Tem Clerk of the Board



Dennis Weber, Chair