



Agenda

Cowlitz Transit Authority

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Erik Halvorson, Anthony Harris (Nonvoting), Steven Ferrell, Spencer Boudreau (Alternate),
Mike Karnofski (Alternate), Richard Dahl (Alternate)*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

4:00 PM

**Hybrid Meeting
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, April 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway St, Longview, WA. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

AND,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Public Hearing** on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway St, Longview, WA. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on RiverCities Transit replacing the CAP service to Vancouver.

Agendas are made available the Friday before the meeting at www.mylongview.com under “Agendas & Minutes.”

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89844443333>

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Webinar ID: 898 4444 3333

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Written comments may be submitted up to forty-eight (48) hours in advance via email at customerservice@rctransit.org.

Next meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 12, 2025 MEETING**
25-00268 March 12, 2025 CTA Board Meeting Minutes
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
25-00269 2025 February CTA Treasurer's Report
25-00270 2025 February CTA Fund Balance Report
25-00271 Invoice #2025-05 - City of Longview \$510,135.00
25-00338 Invoice #E69B1C00-0006 - TDN \$443.60
7. **REPORTS**
25-00272 2025 Annual Fixed Route Ridership
25-00273 2025 March Daily Fixed Route Ridership
25-00274 2025 March Daily Fixed Route Ridership by Hour
25-00275 2025 March Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip
25-00276 2025 March LIFT Monthly Ridership
25-00277 Five Year Ridership Graph
25-00278 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2025 vs. 2024
8. **SUMMARY SHEET: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RAINIER COMMUTER BUS SERVICE**
25-00337 **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**
In June 2021, The Columbia County (OR) Board of Commissioners indefinitely suspended much of its CC Rider transit service, including service between Rainier (OR) and Longview, due to loss of ridership and financial resources. This has made travel between the neighboring cities extremely difficult for individuals without access to a private vehicle.

In February 2025, RiverCities Transit (RCT) staff was notified by the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cowlitz County and Rainier, that Columbia County was unable to match Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 grant awards from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). CWCOG recommended RCT as a potential recipient of the funding so as to reconnect Rainier and Longview with transit service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Conduct a public hearing to receive comments from the public on the potential addition of Commuter Bus Service between Rainier and Longview.

THEN:

Approve the proposal to establish a Commuter Bus Service between Rainier and Longview effective July 1 2025, contingent on sufficient funding from both the Federal Transit Administration and the City of Rainier as well as permission from Columbia County to operate in its jurisdiction.

Attachments:

A – Memorandum – Rainier Service Survey Results

B – Memorandum – Rainier Service Sample Schedule and Fares

9. AGENDA SUMMARY – I-5 COMMUTER BUS SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

25-00347 SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At the January 8, 2025 meeting, this board approved a proposal to establish a Commuter Bus Service between Longview and Vancouver, effective July 1, 2025, contingent on sufficient funding from the Washington State Legislature.

Staff will provide an update on legislative status to date.

Staff will also provide information on a potential alternative to full service, should the request for state funding fail.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None – information only.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

11. MISCELLANEOUS

12. ADJOURNMENT