



Agenda

Cowlitz Transit Authority

*Lisa Alexander (Chair), Steven Ferrell (Co-Chair), Erik Halvorson,
Jackie Collins, Michael Claxton, Warren Doell (Nonvoting),
Kennan Harvey (Alternate), Chris Bryant (Alternate), Richard Dahl (Alternate)*

Wednesday, September 9, 2026	4:00 PM	Hybrid Meeting Longview Council Chambers 1525 Broadway St, Longview
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, the Cowlitz Transit Authority will conduct a **Regular Board Meeting** on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. 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, September 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Longview City Hall Council Chambers, Longview, Washington. This meeting is also available by Zoom.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive any comments concerning the adoption of the proposed service changes to Routes 31, 32, 33, 45, 57 and 433. The proposed change will be published on RiverCities Transit's website for public comment at www.rctransit.org, on Facebook, and in paper copy at the Longview Transit Center, and in the City Info Weekly.

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>

Telephone options (dial any of the following numbers):

1 253 215 8782

1 408 638 0968

1 669 900 6833

1 346 248 7799

1 312 626 6799

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1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 898 4444 3333

Longview City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the Board Clerk's Office at (360) 442-5664 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

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

Next meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

4:00 p.m. – Board Meeting @ Longview City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2026**
26-00786 2026 08 12 CTA Regular Meeting Minutes
6. **CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2026**
26-00787 2026 08 12 CTA Special Meeting Minutes
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
26-00774 2026 July CTA Treasurer's Report
26-00775 Invoice #2026-10 - City of Longview \$512,043.37
26-00788 Invoice #E69B1C00-0014 The Daily News \$451.08
26-00789 Invoice #594-CWCOG-Mobility Match-\$3,125.00
26-00790 Invoice #598-CWCOG-MPO Match-Q4-\$4,072.56
8. **REPORTS**
26-00776 2026 Annual Fixed Route Ridership
26-00777 2026 August Daily Fixed Route Ridership
26-00778 2026 August Fixed Route Ridership by Hour
26-00779 2026 August Fixed Route Average Passengers per Trip
26-00780 2026 August LIFT Monthly Ridership
26-00781 Five Year Ridership Graph
26-00782 PTBA Sales Tax Data 2026 vs. 2025
9. **PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FIXED ROUTE AND LIFT SERVICE CHANGES**
26-00785 **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**
The Cowlitz Transit Authority bylaws Section 5.3 states that the Authority shall hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on any change in transit service routes amounting to a change in excess of 20% of the total distance of any one route. Staff's proposal for modifications to Routes 31, 32, 33, 45, 57, and 433 meets this criterion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Hold public hearing regarding the service proposal.

THEN:
Motion to approve the service change proposal effective October 12, 2026.

10. **RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE**

26-00784 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:

RiverCities Transit staff has collaborated with the administration of Lower Columbia College to renew the annual agreement that allows Lower Columbia College students, staff, and faculty access to RiverCities Fixed Route service in exchange for a single lump sum payment based on usage from the prior year. RiverCities staff recommends the renewal agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board Chair to execute the 2026-2027 Ridership Agreement with Lower Columbia College.

11. **ESTABLISH BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORM TRANSIT CUSTOMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

26-00783 SUMMARY OF STATEMENT:

The Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) bylaws Section 7.2 states that the Chair may appoint Authority members to special intra- and inter-agency committees and councils as appropriate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authority Chair names two (2) Authority members to a special subcommittee with the purpose of forming a Transit Riders Advisory Group, including which member will chair the subcommittee.

THEN:

Motion to approve the selection of the Transit Riders Advisory Group Subcommittee and Chair.

12. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

13. **MISCELLANEOUS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**