

## CAC MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris and Judy Jones, John Norman, Valerie Rose, Brad Windler, and Cheryl Willis.

There were no public commenters or guests.

The December minutes were approved as submitted.

Expected Service Changes: The Burlington 101 will become hourly, with the timeline being finalized, based out of the Chuckanut Park and Ride. There are also plans to add another bus to the 513-615 route. Each route should have its own vehicle sometime in the second half of the year. This will turn the 513 into an hourly route, and the 615 every two hours, six days a week.

There are also plans to interline the 513 with the 101, by changing the bus headsign after a brief layover.

Also, due to recent changes to the 40X route, the 615 will depart Shelter Bay fifteen minutes earlier, allowing those passengers to get to Skagit Station to catch the 80X and 90X routes. The idea is trying to add services using minimal vehicle and driver additions. These changes might come along at the same time frame in the second half of the year, July or after, or could come as two separate changes.

Valerie asked when the next schedule printing update will be, and was told changes need board approval.

The Strategic plan is on hold until the new CEO is in place, then will be restarted. At that time discussions regarding a microtransit service for Skagit County will begin.

Activities: The December 28 event at the La Conner Library, presented by Cheryl and Louise received rave reviews from the CAC members, and there was a large turnout, in spite of the inclement weather. An attendee is interested in becoming a CAC member. Louise and Cheryl have been asked to return for a second Skagit Transit event.

Enough CAC members have volunteered to attend two scenario training sessions to staff an information table at Skagit Station on January 24 and January 31 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Those that took a bus during our extreme snow episode in December lavished praise on Skagit Transit for well-organized routing and professional service.

Staff Report: Contract negotiations are still taking place with the preferred CEO candidate, Crystle Stidham-Tinges.

With board approval, Skagit Transit will offer fare-free transportation for those homeless persons requiring it for the January 26 Point In Time event, a federally-mandated day for counting how many homeless persons reside in a given area.

Along with the strategic plan restart, once the new CEO is in place, there will also be a new, robust public meeting plan to implement.

CAC members are going to be presented with a series of questions to answer, regarding what they believe would be necessary changes for improvement to Skagit Transit and services provided. The results will be shared at the subsequent committee meeting.

Valerie asked if there would be a way to see monthly ridership stats, as had been presented to the committee in the past, and Brad said he will check into getting those to the committee membership.

Region Awareness Committee: Doris got to observe a driver in training, and was very complimentary of the driver-trainer's professionalism and personal knowledge of the route and its various idiosyncrasies.

Round Table: Judy asked Brad to confirm Jennifer Davidson as February's guest speaker, from the Skagit Transit HR department.

With no further items to discuss, it was moved and seconded the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair