

Authority Meeting Highlights
A brief recap of the Authority Meeting of July 1, 2015

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Welcomed James Bush and Karl Hug, Coach Technicians.
- Welcomed Erin Pratt, new Village Vans Supervisor.
- Selected Paula Dillard from Ascent Partners to facilitate the Annual Planning Session being held August 21, 2015. Members also identified topics of discussion for the session.

Other Items of Interest:

- Jerry Spears, Deputy Director of WSTIP, presented Dial-A-Lift Manager, Emily Bergkamp, with the Jeffrey S. Ristau Scholarship.
- Sales tax for June was 9.68%.
- There are 207 active vanpool groups.
- There are 200 new vanpool riders enrolled since the 2014-2015 Vanpool Incentive Program began in the Fall of 2014.
- Staff is working on the Request for Qualifications for the customer satisfaction and market segmentation.
- Staff is in the process of looking for a consultant or a team of consultants to help the agency engage the community in a conversation about the future of public transportation in our region. The goal is to raise awareness and gain an understanding of the expectation of public transportation's role in supporting our regional vision.
- Everyone is invited to join the patriotic "bubble bus" on Saturday, for the Tumwater July 4th parade. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and the bus lines up at 10:45 a.m.

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