

Authority Meeting Highlights
a brief recap of the Authority Meeting of June 17, 2020

In order to comply with the Governor's guidance to "Stay Home and Stay Healthy" and in keeping with the Governor's Proclamation 20-28.4 Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act, this meeting was held remotely.

Action Items

Wednesday night, the Authority:

- Adopted the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for projects with anticipated Federal funding.
- Adopted the September 20, 2020, service change package with associated staff recommendations.

Other Items of Interest – General Manager's Report:

- We are resuming approximately one-third of our bus service on Sunday, June 21, 2020, and will retain the Advanced Reservation System and maintain the Dial-A-Lift service.
- Due to personal or family COVID-19 related vulnerability or related child care issues, approximately 45% of our Operators are available to drive on a regular basis.
- Staff has been preparing and ensuring for a smooth transition. Operators have been going through a refresher training and staff has been focused on ensuring stops are clean and equipped with trash cans and information regarding our limited return of service.
- Staff has also been focused on ensuring vehicles are prepared. We are experiencing some supply chain issues; however, we are installing touchless hand sanitizers on board and face mask dispensers. We have acquired several hundred cloth masks through the United Way, which were sewn and donated locally to share with our passengers; and we just received several thousand cloth masks through the Federal Transit Administration.
- Thank you to Commissioner Menser for arranging a meeting with Schelli Slaughter and Dr. Diana Yu to insure we're moving forward providing service in a way that is consistent with advice from our Public Health Officials.
- We have provided approximately 26,000 trips thus far on the Advanced Reservation System.
- We will continue to provide the Advanced Reservation System to Pierce County and will look at reintroducing bus service to Pierce County once both counties are fully into Phase 3.
- The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will make a recommendation to the TRPC Board for federal funding on July 10, 2020, for the following:
 - \$1,606,273 for the Pattison Street Maintenance, Operations & Administrative Facility Rehabilitation, Expansion and Modernization.
 - \$258,000 for the Walk N Roll – Youth Education Program for the 2023/2024 school years; and they are also recommending the same for the 2025/2026 school years.
 - Intercity Transit asked for nine propane-powered Dial-A-Lift vehicles, and TPB is pushing forward a recommendation for one propane-powered vehicle in the amount of \$134,950.

Vanpool Update:

- As of April there are 177 active vans assigned to groups; 94 of them are commuting and 83 are parked because individuals are telecommuting.
- The state talked about suspending vanpool/carpool for their employees until they felt it was safe to allow employees to travel together. Our staff joined the conversation to offer some suggestions, which have been well-received. We are uncertain at this point on what they will decide. Currently,

412 state employees commute in 106 of our vanpools (the vans consist of employees from multiple employers).

- We have our second employer branded van ready for delivery on June 18 to Girard Wood Products (formerly Pallet Services). This employer relocated from Lakewood a year ago and we solved their transportation barrier by supporting vanpool for their employees.
- UNFI, a food wholesaler located in Lewis County made contact requesting vanpool support. They currently have 140 open positions and are recruiting in Thurston County. Transportation was identified as a barrier, and we are hopeful we are able to assist them.

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