

King County Transit Advisory Commission

May 17, 2022

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Teleconference:

Link to join the meeting via computer: <https://zoom.us/j/87261006083>

Dial in information: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 872 6100 6083

6:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns, if you would like to share
- Access needs
- Check in question

6:15 p.m. Consent agenda, Announcements, April meeting recap

- Consent agenda
 - Vote: Meeting minutes – April 2022
 - Oskar votes to approve, Sonja seconds, April minutes approved.
 - Present:
 - **TAC Members:** Bobby W., Oskar A., Cheryl H., Sonja T., Angela T., Lin R.
 - **Metro Staff:** Lizette, Regina
- Announcements
 - Staffing transitions
 - Regina transitioning from role as Community Engagement Planner, joining Learning & Development Team at Metro
 - Potential return to in-person or hybrid meetings
 - Effective June 1, meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) are no longer required to be held remotely. The default is that meetings will again be held at a physical location.
 - Implementation of this policy at the County and department-level remain fluid; TAC meetings will continue as virtual for the time being. King County Metro still needs to review their meeting spaces and technology set-up in order to justify a decision to allow fully remote or hybrid meetings.
- April meeting recap, reflection, follow up
 - General Manager's Update
 - Fare Systems Proviso and Fares Forward Update

6:30 p.m. Developing the 2022 TAC Work Plan

Discussion Question: What Metro projects are a priority for the TAC?

- Cheryl: Metro communications strategy, would like to understand Metro Alerts response. Regular updates from **Access/Paratransit**.
- Angela: Accessibility, design, way finding, announcements at stations at bus stops. We should be able to provide input on these things.
- Lin: **Quarterly General Manager Discussions** are helpful, and we should keep them going. **Safety** is huge topic in community right now and we should continue engaging on it. **Fares and new ORCA**.
- Bobby: **Access/Paratransit** is my biggest priority
- Oskar: **Rapid Ride** expansion is a preference for me
- Sonja: Wants to see a transit system that focus on the people who are most reliant on transit. **Rapid Ride expansion. Metro Connects and strategic planning**
- David (via email): **Service re-structures and changes** (such as potential improvements, prioritization models, return to workplace impacts on service, etc.) and **service reliability** (such as how Metro minimizes dropped runs, predictable service, transit priority and right of way)
- *Sub question: For members interested in safety, have the regular updates on SAFE Reform been useful? Do we want to dive deeper into other safety topics?*
 - Bus maintenance
 - Update on closure of Downtown Seattle corridor
 - Collaboration with community-based organizations on safety

Discussion Question: What commission standards and processes do we need to establish or strengthen?

- Cheryl: Wants Metro to come to us for advice. Wants to **develop avenue for TAC to share our concerns with Metro leadership**.
- Angela: My goal is that the **TAC would remain flexible as things evolve**.
- Oskar: Would like TAC to **balance getting regular updates on hot button topics with getting evolved earlier and deeply into longer term projects**. Would like Metro Liaisons to continue developing tools that help us organize the work.
- Sonja: **TAC leveraging advocacy avenues (Letters/testifying)** to provide feedback to leadership

7:45 p.m. Good of the order

- TAC approved SDOT request to present on Comprehensive Plan. Topics of interest include transit accessibility, and the relationship between transit, gentrification, and displacement.
- Request to learn more about the Metro Strategic Plan.
- Request for regular update on improving communications for access.

8:00 p.m. Adjourn