

# Minutes of July 18, 2017 Columbia County Rider Transportation Advisory Committee (CCRTAC)

In attendance:

Sharon Evinger - Chair

Bill Eagle – Vice Chair

Claudia Eagle

Blanche Katz – St Helens Resident

Michael Ray – CC Rider Staff

Chad Mace – CC Rider Staff

Genell Grow – Past Chair

Charlotte Hart

Danny Hernandez – MTR Ops Mgr

Ralph Culpepper – Resident

Meeting Commenced at 6:30 PM.

**ITEM 1:** Welcome and Introductions.

Sharon opened the meeting and Began introductions. She welcomed everyone.

Ralph Culpepper suggested that CC Rider have a booth for next year's Columbia County Fair. Everyone agreed that this is something that is worth proceeding with. Michael will contact the fair organizers so as not to miss any deadlines for getting a booth next year

**ITEM 2:** Bill Eagle motioned for the June 20 minutes to be approved. Sharron moved and Charlotte seconded. Passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3:** Michael discussed that he is to meet with the department heads at the City of Scappoose to talk about moving forward with the grant CC Rider received from the city to mark bus stops in town.

**ITEM 4:** Michael discussed the importance of the state transportation package being adopted and what the transit portion of the legislation means for transit and CC Rider specifically. Michael explained that there will be a 1/10 of 1% payroll tax on all persons employed in the state. This tax will raise a significant amount of funding to be dedicated to transit. The majority of the funding will go to transit agencies. ODOT will keep 1% to develop training resources for transit agencies. Michael explained that CC Rider is expected to receive almost ½ a million dollars in the first disbursement, with a total of \$4+million over the next five biennia. Michael explained that CC Rider must have a transit development plan to receive the funding, which is why receiving the TGM grant is so important. Some of the more relevant pros and cons of the new funding package include:

Pro - More dollars to transit

Con – Could reduce grant dollars

How everything shakes out will be better known over the coming year.

Michael also discussed the upcoming Open house and that he was hoping to get public input on proposed service changes to Lines 1 – 4. Some of the changes involve run cuts identified through the budget process and reversing every other run of Line 3 – South County Flex.

**ITEM 5:** Michael discussed the latest budget numbers which indicate that CC Rider is not so deep in the red as previous estimates indicated. While still in the red, cuts will not be as drastic as once thought.

He also indicated that he would work on getting CC Rider a booth at next year's county fair.

**ITEM 6:** The Education Subcommittee reported that they are going to meet again on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:30 and seconded.**