



**Mason County Transportation Authority  
MINUTES of the Special Meeting  
April 26, 2012**

**MTA Board Members Present:** Lynda Ring-Erickson, Chair; Steve Bloomfield, Authority Member; Herb Gerhardt, Authority Member; and Leroy Valley, Authority Member.

MTA Board Members Present Via Conference Call: Deborah Petersen, Vice Chair; John Campbell, Authority Member; and Pat McGanney, Authority Member.

Authority Members, Mike Olsen, Rick Engelhart and Tim Sheldon were absent.

**Others Present:** Brad Patterson, General Manager; Rob Johnson, MTA Legal Counsel; Kathy Cook, Administrative Services Manager and Clerk of the Board; Sara Wazewski, Finance Manager; Libby Avery, TCC Manager; Gordon Neilson, Transportation Planner, Skokomish Indian Tribe; Lennea Magnus, Director Community Development Office, Skokomish Indian Tribe; John Piety, and Ross Gallagher.

**Called to Order:** 10:10 am.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

**MOTION** to approve the agenda as presented. **Bloomfield/Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Piety expressed he's looking forward to the expanded service along Hwy 101 to Cushman, further conducting passenger surveys in this area in the future.

Brad Patterson introduced Gordon Neilson and Lennea Magnus representing the Skokomish Indian Tribe.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Herb Gerhardt referenced the fixed hourly rate of \$60.00 for each service hour shown on page 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding, commenting it seems unbelievably low given insurance, driver's pay, vehicle maintenance, vehicle depreciation and overhead. Sara noted that an analysis was prepared and it does cover cost for the addition of service to existing routes. Brad reported that the vehicles being used have been fully depreciated, and to continue this service past the pilot project period, the Skokomish Indian Tribe would need to secure capital grant funds to purchase vehicles. In addition, typos were noted in Exhibit B within the proposed pilot project schedule. Staff acknowledged the typos will be corrected before final publication.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Skokomish Indian Tribe and Mason County Transportation Benefit Area Authority**

Brad Patterson reported that as a subrecipient/contractor to the Skokomish Tribe, Mason Transit will provide vehicles and drivers to operate a route to serve tribal members and the general public along highway 101 between Shelton, Hoodspout and Lake Cushman areas. The term is one year, with service commencing on March 30, 2012.

Rob Johnson reported that he and Mike Oliver met with Skokomish Tribe representatives and finalized the Memorandum of Understanding between the Skokomish Tribe and Mason Transit.

Lennea Magnus reported Mike Oliver and the former General Manager were instrumental in providing assistance over the past year working on the project, further expressing appreciation for continued assistance and cooperation provided by Mason Transit staff. This project will better assist people to reach employment by way of public transit.

Ring-Erickson, Chair, requested confirmation from Authority Members participating via conference call that they heard all of the discussion. Deborah Petersen acknowledged she did not, and noted she will refrain from voting on this matter. John Campbell and Pat McGanney acknowledged they did hear all of the discussion.

**MOTION** that the Mason County Transportation Authority Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Skokomish Indian Tribe and Mason Transit Authority for the management and operation of a pilot public transit service enhancement project. **Campbell/Gerhardt.**  
**Petersen abstained. Motion carried.**

Rob Johnson noted that the Memorandum of Understanding be recorded or posted on Mason Transit's website.

**OTHER BUSIENSS** None

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 4:00 pm  
Mason Transit Business Office