

**Mason County Transportation
Advisory Board**

Oct. 23, 2012--5:30 pm

AGENDA

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Introductions: Introductions were made and the following were in attendance: John Piety, Loren Gessler, Sandra Sharitan, Glen Fourre, Brad Patterson, Libby Avery, John Calabrese, and Pamela Hillstrom.

Absent: Gene Currier, Kevin Frankeberger, & Christina McClathey.

Minutes from Sept. 18, 2012 Joint Meeting: Pam made a motion to approve the minutes and John Calabrese seconded. Motion was approved.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business-

Advisory Board Membership Planning: Discussion took place about recruitment of membership. John P. would like to see the Mason County Transportation Authority Board to take an active participating in recruitment. Sandra Sharitan expressed an interest in joining the advisory board. She will fill out an application. Also, another party expressed an interest and Libbey will send him an application. In both cases they received the information through a flyer located on the buses recruiting for membership. It was suggested to also put flyers on the Skokomish Pilot Project bus and on Squaxin Transit buses.

MTA Financial Planning Committee, Budget Development: John P. stated that \$2,200 was placed in the 2013 draft budget for conference/travel expenses for a couple of advisory board members. Public budget hearing will be held on November 20th at the regular Mason County Authority Board meeting.

New Business:

Election of MCTAB Officers 2013 Year: John P. opened the nominations for officers for 2013. John Piety was nominated for Chair, Loren Gessler for Vice-Chair and Pamela Hillstrom for Secretary. Nominations will be opened again at the next meeting after which voting will take place.

General Manager's Report: Skokomish pilot project ridership continues to go up and Mason Transit ridership is slightly down.

Brad talked about the progress on designing the new Transit Center. He shared the concept drawings to us and explained that building a second floor on the current building would be cost prohibited. Since it is important to get LEEDS Certification for grant proposals second story portion of the building will be done over the new section located between the gym and the storage bays. With the purchase of Radich property it encourages to have an open walkway from Railroad through the building to Franklin Street. He said construction and remodeling could be done in phases as money is raised. The Environmental Assessment started a couple of weeks ago. Actual construction is expected to begin in February or March and first phase of completion is expected in 2014.

Operations Manager's Report: None. Jane Seymour is ill.

Good of the Order:

Loren brought up an article that was in the October 18, 2012 Seattle Times concerning a mother and baby being kicked off of the bus due to diaper odor. Earlier this year we were discussing personal hygiene issues and policy. She hoped that we can learn something from this and would like to protect the perception of the public and hopefully help us avoid the negative attention this brought to Seattle Metro Transit. Brad will check with Jane Seymour/Mike Oliver about the Hygiene Policy.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012**
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