

Mason Transit Authority has a new vision statement

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Mason Transit Authority (MTA) has a new vision statement: "Driving our Community Forward."

The MTA Board of Directors last week unanimously approved the new vision statement, which replaces "We serve people through world-class transit."

MTA General Manager Danette Brannin told the board members on April 18 that the leadership team had been reading and discussing the book "Government That Works" by John M. Bernard. They decided to review the agency's vision, mission and guiding principles while talking about creating a team culture, she said.

The group members wanted the statement to be generic enough to cover all of MTA's services, including the Transit-Community Center in downtown Shelton, Brannin said.

Each member of the leadership team submitted at least five proposed statements, which were narrowed down to five favorites, Brannin said. More than 40 employees shared their opinion, and "Driving our Community Forward" was the winner, she said.

"We felt that it summarized what we want to do with our community, and that we drive people," she said.

At the meeting at the Port of Allyn building, the MTA board also reactivated its advisory board after a hiatus.

The five members will serve two-year terms that end in April 2019.

The members are Pamela Hillstrom, John Calabrese, Daryl Gauthier, Glenn Fourre and John Piety. The group is scheduled to meet for the first time on May 9.

One of the group's first tasks will be working with local high school students to create a 25th anniversary logo for MTA, Brannin said.

Brannin also provided an update on park-and-ride sites. The agency is committed to purchasing property in North Mason County for a site before the end of June, she said.

The designs for the park-and-ride facilities at Cole Road and Pickering Road are almost complete, she said.

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