



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING: BOARD WORKSHOP**  
**Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5 p.m.**  
**Benton County Administration Building, Room 303**  
**7122 W. Okanogan Place Building E, Kennewick, Washington**

*Meeting attendance options included in-person and virtual via Zoom*

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CONVENE BOARD MEETING**

Chair Will McKay called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Board Anel Montejano asked the Board of Directors to state their name when their jurisdiction was called.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Representing</b>	<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
City of Pasco	Charles Grimm	Director	Present
City of Kennewick	Brad Beauchamp	Vice Chair	Present
City of Richland	Kurt Maier	Director	Present
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom	Director	Present
Franklin County #2	Stephen Bauman	Director	Present
Franklin County #1	Clint Didier	Director	Present via Zoom
Benton County	Will McKay	Chair	Present
City of Prosser	Steve Becken	Director	Present
City of Benton City	David Sandretto	Director	Present via Zoom
Teamsters Union 839	Caleb Suttle	Union Representative	Present

**BFT Staff:** Janet Brett, Imelda Collop, Terry DeJuan, Tony Kalmbach, Christopher Lilyblade, Brian Lubanski, Gabe Martin, Mackenzie Miller, Rob Orvis, Aimee Ramirez, Joshua Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Kathryn Wall

**Legal Counsel:** Jeremy Bishop

**Interpreters:** Ruth Medina, Ynez Vargas

**3. PRESENTATION**

Chief Planning & Development Officer Kevin Sliger began the presentation going over the public

transit benefit area growth, fixed route analysis tools, how the planning team uses data to make informed decisions on service, fixed route ridership, and improvements made based on trends that have been observed over the past couple of years. He discussed the impacts of I-2117, if repealed, and tentative scenarios. He then presented the 2024 modified service plan revisions. Mr. Sliger discussed scenario A, if I-2117 does not pass, and scenario B, if I-2117 is passed and funding is repealed. Transit Planning Manager Gabe Martin presented information on the youth ride free program and ridership trends throughout the system.

**4. DISCUSSION**

Board members commended the presentation. There was discussion on each of the scenarios presented, the cost and usage of fuel, and reasons for the increase in ridership. Staff were asked to convert percentages to numbers. Board members also expressed an interest in the school walk zones.

**5. OTHER**

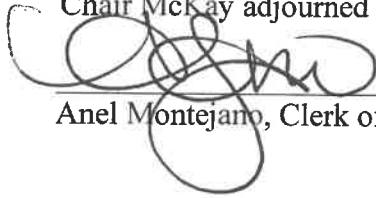
There were no other agenda items.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



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Anel Montejano, Clerk of the Board

8-8-2024  
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