



BOARD COMPOSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 4, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Place: Kitsap Transit – Harborside Board Conference Room
60 Washington Avenue #310, Bremerton, WA 98337

Designated representatives: Commissioner Oran Root (Kitsap County), Mayor Clarence Moriwaki (Bainbridge Island), Mayor Ed Stern (Poulsbo), Mayor Greg Wheeler (Bremerton), Mayor Rob Putaansuu (Port Orchard)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTION & PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTION – Dave Weibel, Attorney

3. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

4. DESIGNATION OF CLERK/RECORDING SECRETARY

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name for the record. You will have 3 minutes to address the Board.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: BOARD COMPOSITION REVIEW

RCW 36.57A.055 Governing body – Periodic review of composition.

After a public transportation benefit area has been in existence for four years, members of the county legislative authority and the elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the public transportation benefit area shall review the composition of the governing body of the benefit area and change the composition of the governing body if the change is deemed appropriate. The review shall be at a meeting of the designated representatives of the component county and cities, and the majority of those present shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. Twenty days notice of the meeting shall be given by the chief administrative officer of the public transportation benefit area authority. After the initial review, a review shall be held every four years.



7. BYLAWS REVISION REVIEW *(required if changes to Board Composition are deemed appropriate).*

8. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Received by Kitsap Transit Clerk of the Board
Included in the Kitsap Transit Board Composition
Review Committee Meeting Packet for
September 4, 2026**

Support a fair 2026 Kitsap Transit Board Composition Review process!

Please do the
research, hear
all sides



Carol + Rick
Storm
Powlson

Councilmember Rebelowski,

TACOMA WA 983

The addition of two transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board under HB 1418 is a critical step forward.

Democracy needs their voices! Please support Democracy in Bremerton by including these new members.

In solidarity,

Kate Vikstrom



FOREVER



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To:

Jane Rebelowski
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From: [Mark Stroh](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Cc: [Kris Colcock](#); [M Cutting](#); [James Kinnison](#); [John Clauson](#); [Brent Rotter](#); [Carol Price](#); [Ranae Beeker](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Kris Colcock to be shared with KTCAC Members
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 9:49:39 PM
Attachments: [Resolution Letter Sent to KTCAC 7 21 2026.pdf](#)

Jackie:

Please share the attached letter from Kris Colcock, Chair of the Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee members prior to their meeting this month. Thanks.

Mark

July 21, 2026

Dear Kitsap Transit Community Advocacy Coalition Member:

On behalf of the Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, I am writing to share that our committee recently passed a unanimous resolution (see below) supporting exercising the option made available by the enactment of [House Bill 1418](#) which became effective January 1, 2026. This legislation allows transit agencies to add two voting, transit-reliant members through the Transit Board Composition Review Process.

Incorporating the lived experiences of transit-reliant individuals directly into Board discussions prevents unintentional policy filtering and leads to more equitable transit outcomes Kitsap Transit should include riders in board leadership.

We strongly support retaining KTCAC and adding the two voting, transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board and want to draw your attention to Thurston County's Intercity Transit, which has successfully maintained both an advisory council and community transit riders on their board since 1981. They operate as separate bodies, with the advisory council in addition to its critical functions serving as a training ground for future board members.

Our enclosed resolution details the reasoning behind this request. We will expand on these points and share specific input once Kitsap Transit announces the process for the 2026 review.

Thank you for your time and advocacy on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kris Colcock, Chair

Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)

RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

by

KITSAP COUNTY'S ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACAC)

Whereas HB 1418 allows transit boards to add two transit users to their boards and does not require them to eliminate existing Community Advisory Committees (CAC), and

Whereas the Kitsap Transit CAC currently represents a wide range of transit users and geographic areas, and

WHEREAS the Kitsap Transit CAC meets separately and does not have direct conversations with the transit board, and

Whereas when transit users are Board members, allowing them direct conversation with other Board members, ideas, opinions and lived experiences can be shared organically during business meetings, reducing possible unintentional filtering, and

WHEREAS there is no perceived additional administrative cost,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved on this 9th of June 2026, the Kitsap County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee requests that Kitsap Transit add two transit users to the Kitsap Transit board AND maintain the Community Advisory Committee.

From: [Carol Price](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Cc: kwalters@kitsap.gov; crolfes@kitsap.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board Composition Review Public Comment
Date: Friday, August 28, 2026 7:29:28 AM

Dear Kitsap Transit Board Composition Review Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to add 2 voting, transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board. This community-anchored leadership is exactly how we turn high-level climate justice initiatives into reality. Public transit is the backbone of our regional efforts to slash greenhouse gas emissions and reduce our carbon footprint. Right now, frontline communities—including low-income residents, communities of color, and individuals with disabilities—suffer the most from environmental pollution while simultaneously facing the steepest barriers to economic mobility.

True environmental justice means giving the people who ride these buses out of necessity a vote in the boardrooms where decisions are made. Effective and equitable planning is impossible when leadership is disconnected from the daily realities of the frontline riders who depend on this infrastructure to survive.

We do not have to guess whether this model works. We can look to successful examples like Thurston County's Intercity Transit, which has proven that incorporating diverse, community-rooted perspectives builds a stronger system for everyone. I strongly urge you to adopt House Bill 1418 and bring transit-reliant voices into your voting leadership.

While I am an active member of Kitsap Environmental Coalition, I write to you here on my own behalf.

Thank you for your time and your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

Carol Price
Poulsbo resident

From: [Cris Amburgey](#)
To: [Jackie Bidon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Add 2 members to the KT Board!
Date: Friday, August 28, 2026 10:17:41 AM

Please add 2 new members and ease transit for people who are differently able.
Thanks for listening
Cris Amburgey

Silverdale