



Community Transportation Advisory Group [CTAG] Meeting

Meeting Summary for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:30pm–5:30pm

This meeting was held virtually through video conferencing software. To attend a future meeting, visit the [CTAG webpage](#) and follow the directions on the next posted meeting agenda.

Attendees

- Terry Terry
- Myron Wlznak
- Kirsten Wert
- Mark Challender
- Andrew Reding
- Todd Slind
- Shelby Zimmerman
- Bonnie Ventura
- Prakash Sundaresan
- Maralise Fegan
- David Crook

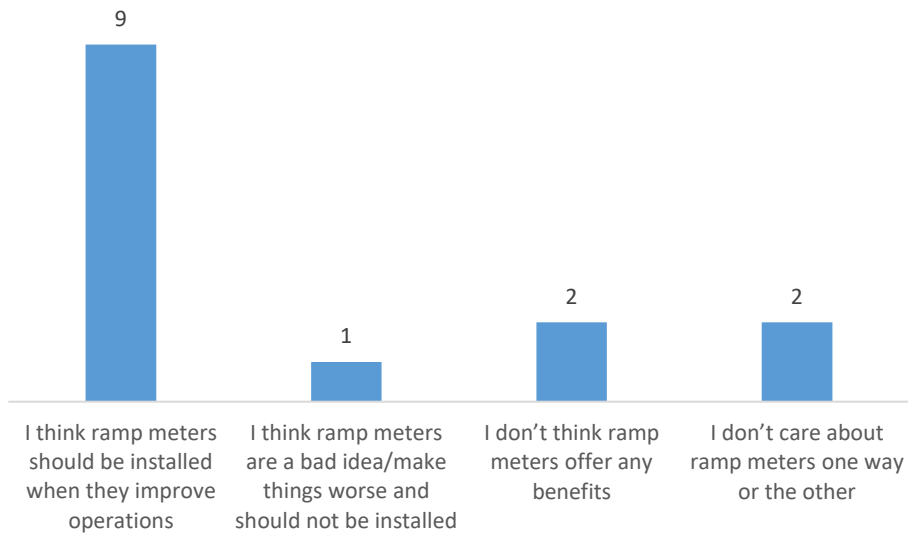
Technical Advisement

- Jaymes McClain, Whatcom Council of Governments
- Hugh Conroy, Whatcom Council of Governments
- Kirsten Wert, Whatcom Smart Trips
- Tim Wilder, Whatcom Transportation Authority
- Genevieve Carrillo, Whatcom Transportation Authority
- Carr Lanham, Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Topic discussions and virtual polling

Is ramp metering at our region's busiest I-5 interchanges a good idea?

Poll:



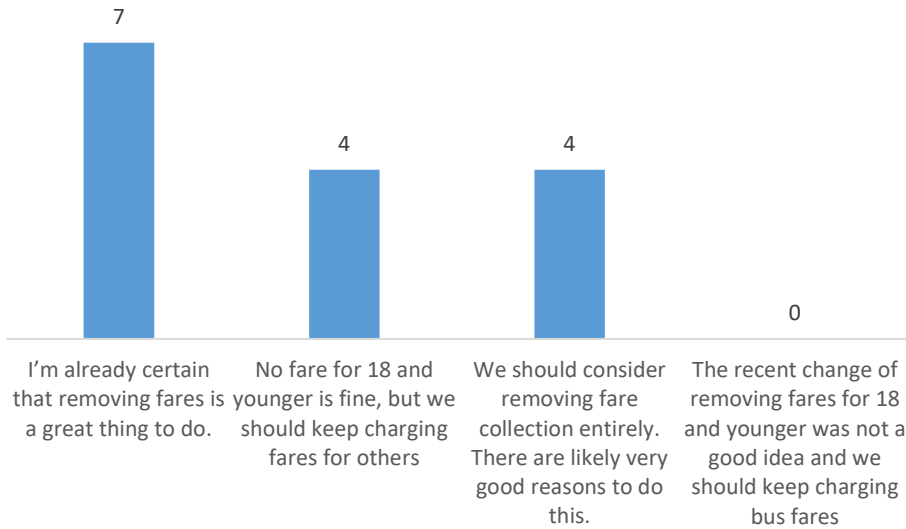
Participants discussed the choices they selected in the poll. Discussion points included:

- Concerns about physical space for queuing cars at on-ramps on I-5 through Bellingham
- Desire for separate HOV-lane if ramp meters were installed



WTA (like many transit agencies) has stopped collecting fares from riders 18 years old and younger. Should we consider ending fare collection for all riders?

Poll:



Participants discussed the choices they selected in the poll. Discussion points included:

- Cost of collecting fares and fare-box maintenance cuts into fare revenue
- Applying car-based travel subsidization philosophy to transit
- Using physical money for fares is inconvenient
- Transit trips requiring multiple transfers is financial burden on vulnerable commuters