

**Public Comments for August 6, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting  
From Jenny Anderson**

Taken via phone by Rachel Woods on 8/5/20

I have a problem as a TAC member for DART. I have a problem with mask requirements on both fixed routes and paratransit. It is my understanding that the driver cannot ask why a passenger is not wearing a mask.

The reason I have a problem is that I have a service animal and anyone has the ability to ask me at any time if I have a service animal and what that animal does for me. Therefore, I think the Board needs to make clear to the public the CDC guidelines and state them. Because if there is an issue of conflict with the same issues that deal with service animals, then as a member of the Advocacy Committee of the Blind, I need to be aware and inform the committee.

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**From:** Joe A. Kunzler <growlernoise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** vbruscas@everettwa.gov  
**Cc:** madams@everettwa.gov; Ryan Bisson; Jon Nehring; Emmett Heath; Executive Office  
**Subject:** [Ex]:Crosswalk Request for Everett Transit Stops 5015 and 5020  
**Attachments:** Gmail - Joe here with 3 serious questions.pdf

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6 August 2020

Dear Vince (and esteemed CCs);

Joe A. Kunzler, a transit advocate here. Ryan Bisson of Everett Transit and I traded a few e-mails as per the attachment about the need for an Everett Transit bus stop at CT's Casino Road facility (W Casino Rd & 23rd Ave W) since that's where they're moving their boardroom to - if they reopen the Boardroom physically - after they renovate the building? I would hope that Community Transit can please work with you to get a safe crosswalk - hopefully with pedestrian crossing lights - considering the unique clientele of the transit agency, high likelihood of employees using transit as a commute option, and unique legal responsibilities Community Transit has with RCW 42.30 the Open Public Meetings Act plus disability accommodation laws; I would hope that you would please be able to prioritize a crosswalk at Everett Transit Stops 5015 and 5020 (W Casino Rd & 23rd Ave W).

The closest crosswalk is 0.3 miles away; which means over a half mile to safely cross a 3-lane street at this intersection. Most pedestrians will not make that walk and chance the traffic. This clearly is a pedestrian safety problem and a traffic violence tragedy waiting to happen. Or tragedies.

Rather get this request to you sooner rather than later. I just see a crosswalk - preferably with a beg-button - a fair investment to encourage safe transit use.

Very sincerely;

Joe A. Kunzler  
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**CC via e-mail:**

Melinda Adams, Everett Transit  
Ryan Bisson, Everett Transit  
Jon Nehring, Community Transit Board Chair  
Emmett Heath, Community Transit CEO

## Community Transit Board & Board Staff



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**Ryan Bisson** <RBisson@everettwa.gov>  
To: "Joe A. Kunzler" <growlernoise@gmail.com>  
Cc: Vincent Bruscas <VBruscas@everettwa.gov>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 10:21 AM

Joe,

Go figure, way finding signage works! Ha ha. Like I said, I do find it interesting that there isn't something there already because of the large number of business buildings there. Speaking of crosswalks, the contact for these request is [Vince Bruscas](#), Capital Projects Manager, and please do Cc [Melinda Adams](#) and myself on the email.

The Council presentation is on the 19<sup>th</sup> now, so do put that on your calendar. Again, after the presentation the information will be available to the public.

Cheers!

**Ryan Bisson**

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**From:** Joe A. Kunzler <growlernoise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** Ryan Bisson <RBisson@everettwa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Joe here with 3 serious questions

Thanks Ryan, I *will* stay tuned.

I am lobbying hard CT to really review and renovate their meetings policies to raise them to Everett City Council standards and frankly standards as a fan of both agencies I can stand behind. So thanks for getting a jump on this crosswalk matter. I have to comment likely next month on CT's and possibly ET's Transit Development Plans also so I intend to bring it up.

[Maybe Too Much Information/TMI but a few years ago I had to take a Lyft to my first testimony to a CT Board Meeting. Flagged to the Board both the need for a Lyft and the fact the Lyft went in the wrong entryway at Merrill Creek facility. The Board Admin got signs up to prevent a repeat. So yes, I'm going to stay on top of this one for her and for the cause.]

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I'll be checking the Everett City Council agendas also. Excited!!!

Happy to help get some award nominations for Everett Transit done! More to come next year!

Yours;

JOE

On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 3:40 PM Ryan Bisson <[RBisson@everettwa.gov](mailto:RBisson@everettwa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Joe!

Thanks for the questions and to answers:

1. Stops 5015 and 5020 – That's a good question, let me find out! That is a dangerous corner to not have some sort of crosswalk area at, especially for those who need to get to the businesses around there, the closest crosswalks being at the top of the hill back towards 18<sup>th</sup>, or going all the way down to Airport Rd. Let me gather some info for you and I'll get back to you.
2. The consultants are currently putting together information packs to present to Council and the information will be available to the public after the Council briefing, I believe that is happening next week—there was talk about happening today but I didn't hear anything about it.
3. That's a great nomination—you know you won't hear any argument against Sabina from me. She was a fantastic boss and truly cares about the people she, and her agencies, serves. (Thanks for the shout out too, you're too kind 😊)

I know that's a quick reply, sorry to not have better or more information to offer but I'll get some answers for you and get back to you.

Cheers!



**Ryan Bisson**

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**To:** Ryan Bisson <[RBisson@everettwa.gov](mailto:RBisson@everettwa.gov)>  
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Dear Ryan;

First q: Who do I talk to about a crosswalk for an Everett Transit bus stop at CT's Casino Road facility (W Casino Rd & 23rd Ave W) since that's where they're moving their boardroom to - if they reopen the Boardroom physically - after they renovate the building?

Second q: What is the story with the survey results? Standing by!

Third q: Uh did you hear you are part of a transit hero nomination by me:

For a long time, Everett Transit has rolled about without a strategic plan. As Everett Transit faced structural deficits the past decade, Sabina Popa Araya - now with Community Transit - led the charge to get a strategic plan in 2019. Enviroissues with Erin P. Taylor, Tom Hingson + Ryan Biesson still with Everett Transit & Aaron Gooze with Fehr & Peers also helped. The strategic plan is the foundation of whatever future exists for Everett Transit.

Although Sabina Popa Araya has given a career to the cause of public transit, I really think her best years are still ahead. Plus I'd like to see the supporting cast get recognized also - and knowing Sabina as I do, I'm confident she'd concur.

Figured you'd want to know. We should know what nominations make it by the end of September.

8/6/2020

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