

*11/5/2020 Executive Committee Meeting*  
*Public Comment Submissions*

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To Sound Transit Leadership & Board,

Thank you for moving forward with a fare ambassador pilot program. We strongly support this shift in approach to helping people ride transit, rather than punishing those who cannot afford it, or for a variety of reasons, have difficulty accessing fare media.

We were appreciative of many board members' vocal support for a fare system that is completely divorced from the court system. We are here to support the agency as it works through any additional policy changes necessary to achieve this.

We look forward to continued partnership as the pilot develops, and as we work toward safe and accessible transit for all people.

Sincerely,

Transportation Choices Coalition

OneAmerica

Puget Sound Sage

Transit Riders Union

Seattle & King County Coalition on Homelessness

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Advocacy Director

*Joe Kunzler*

31 October 2020

**RE: Motion M2020-63 for Sound Transit Board Exec Committee; Request for Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Advocacy**

Dear Sound Transit Board;

I went over M2020-63 before the Sound Transit Board Executive Committee and am really disappointed you decided not to advocate for a stronger Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Right now, your public comment is e-mail with online calling in for hearings. There is no Alex Tsimerman hurling hate speech; and therefore I am asking you please stand up, be responsible, and have more inclusive public input free of hate speech.

Let me be clear: We have to think *strategically* about reopening and what kind of a world do we want when we do. Alex Tsimerman is still out there. Do we want to go back and have Boardmembers appeasing Alex Tsimerman or do we want to keep the safe, secure skies of 2020?

For me, the choice is clear. Keep what we have now. Keep the Governor's Proclamations on Open Public Meetings Act of 2020 to hold our ground and our airspace.

At the very least, please demand an online public comment option and model rules on public comment. As Tony Blair said, "This is a moment to seize. The Kaleidoscope has been shaken. The pieces are in flux. Soon they will settle again. Before they do, let us re-order this world around us." We know we can stop Alex Tsimerman once and for all, not just due to a pandemic. It's a policy choice to welcome and appease Alex Tsimerman – *please* choose better. I move we work together to stop him and his fellow travelers permanently.

As to your other legislative priorities, I support them. Generally and will stop there.

Very thoughtfully;

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