



## → Pierce Transit Special Public Hearing on June 4

Lakewood, WA - The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners will be holding a special public hearing on June 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to take comments on a ballot resolution to utilize Pierce Transit's remaining taxing authority. The meeting will be held in the Rainier Room of the Pierce Transit Training Center located at 3720 96<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

On Friday May 11, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners met for a work session to discuss the financial impacts of 10 months of continuing declines in sales tax revenue and the removal of jurisdictions from the Pierce Transit boundary.

The Board carefully reviewed agency financial projections and scenarios that ranged from staying at the current 0.6% sales tax authority to putting forward a ballot measure that could utilize the 0.1%, 0.2%, or 0.3% capacity that remains. They also discussed timing options for potential ballot and the merits of including a sunset clause.

The Board came to consensus that securing funding to restore access to essential services for seniors, the disabled, and people who rely on Pierce Transit requires a November 2012 ballot measure asking for 0.3% (three cents on a \$10 purchase).

The final decision regarding the level of sales taxing authority to submit to voters will be made at the regular Board meeting on June 11, 2012. If you cannot attend the special public hearing on June 4, public comment will also be taken at the June 11 meeting.

Pierce Transit has made significant cuts in service since 2008 to mitigate the impacts of the recession. Nearly \$111 million dollars has been cut or saved including 43% cut in bus service, elimination of special events service, sale of land and assets, and a 19% cut in staffing- including 31% in management. Pierce Transit moved to a high ridership and efficiency service plan in 2011 during the most recent cut to service to focus on moving the most people with the limited resources available.

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## → [HUD Makes \\$85 Million Available to Fund Housing for People with Disabilities with Very Low Incomes](#) ← [click here](#)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the availability of \$85 million for state housing agencies to provide affordable supportive housing for extremely low-income persons with disabilities. This is the first time in the history of HUD's [Section 811 Supportive Housing](#) for Persons with Disabilities Program that funding will be offered to state housing agencies that meet new eligibility criteria, including having a partnership with a state [Medicaid](#) agency to provide support and services.

Visit [Disability.gov](#) for more housing resources, including information about where to find affordable housing and how to make your home accessible.

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## → [Enterprise Green Communities](#) sees the development of this Universal Design specification as an important step in the ongoing national conversation regarding social sustainability and housing. This Specification has been designed as a companion to the 2011 Green Communities Criteria, as well as a resource for those designing and building vibrant, multi-generational housing. After the event, attendees will be able to identify how to integrate the Universal Design Specifications into their future projects.

Presented by: Lauren Baumann – Vice President, New Ecology, Inc. & Josh Safdie – Director, IHCDstudio

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➔ **Join Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, the Housing Development Consortium, and Congressman Adam Smith** for a lively discussion on affordable housing and homelessness issues impacting the new and old 9th District and our region.

Wednesday, June 13 4-5:30 pm

[Community Room at Appian Way Apartments](#)

25818 26th Place South Kent WA

[RSVP to Alouise Urness](#) **RSVPs must be received by June 8, and are required for security reasons.**

Space is limited, so reserve your seat early.

4 - 4:45 A conversation between Representative Smith & local affordable housing & homelessness experts

4:45 – 5:30 Reception with the Congressman, with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

*Please note that parking at Appian Way is limited,*

*so we encourage carpooling or public transportation to this event.*

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➔ **Gubernatorial Candidate Forum** Enterprise Community Partners invites you to a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum, co-hosted with Forterra and NAIOP Washington Chapter, on Wednesday, June 27th at 7 a.m. at the Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Av

Enterprise, Forterra and NAIOP have chosen to co-host this event to educate the members of the general public. Our state urgently needs new approaches based on common interest. The host organizations share an interest in smart infrastructure, green affordable housing, and land use that accommodates growth while preserving the State's extraordinary natural assets. The forum will focus on each Candidate's vision for how to build economic prosperity for all the State's residents, while setting our communities on a course for a sustainable future.

As an Enterprise partner, you have priority registration for this event between now and Monday, June 4. At that time, any remaining seats will be available to our broader constituencies. However, given the size of the venue we expect this event to sell out quickly. [\[AHC is an Enterprise Partner...let them know you are a member.\]](#) To register, please use the following link:

[http://naiopwa.org/events/events\\_calendar/details/489/2012\\_gubernatorial\\_candidate\\_forum](http://naiopwa.org/events/events_calendar/details/489/2012_gubernatorial_candidate_forum)



➔ [Click here](#) for information

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➔ **Project Homeless Connect** will be happening, not once, not twice, but four times a year starting this October! The proposed dates and locations are:

Date	Location	Approximate Number Served	Focus/Theme
October 2012	Downtown Tacoma/Hilltop	1000	Preparing for Winter
January 2013	Spanaway/Parkland	500	Point in Time Survey
April 2013	Puyallup	500	Preparing for Summer
July 2013	Lakewood/UP	500	Back to School

➔ **Tim Eyman's initiative 1053** was ruled as unconstitutional in King County Superior Court on 05-30. While this is the first step in overturning the 2/3rds requirement it is great news. Next up is the Supreme Court which should rule on the case by December of this year.

You can read more below: <http://slog.thestranger.com/blogs/slog/mobile/2012/05/30/tim-eymans-23-majority-requirement-ruled-unconstitutional>

➔ **HUD Studies Show Housing Counseling Helps Families Prepare for Homeownership and Keep the Homes They Have:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released two reports on May 16, 2012 on the impact of HUD-approved housing counseling for those families who purchase their first homes and those struggling to prevent foreclosure. In both studies, HUD found housing counseling significantly improved the likelihood homeowners remained in their homes. To read the press release in its entirety, and to also read both the housing counseling studies, please visit:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-085](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2012/HUDNo.12-085)

➔ **Bank of America offers Neighborhood Builders Grant:**

[http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\\_neighborbuilders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborbuilders)

➔ **Short-sale aid takes shape** ← click for story Banks might be coming around to the idea that helping people behind on their mortgages sell their properties might make more sense than foreclosing.

➔ **Pierce County-Tacoma Homeless coalition:** To support some social media pages on facebook here are the pages for the homeless coalition and the homeless youth coalition. The Peirce County-Tacoma Homeless coalition page is located at [Homeless education for Pierce County](#) and the Homeless Youth Coalition page is located at [Pierce County Citizens Against Youth Homelessness](#)

Contact: Ian Mearns, Coalition to End Homelessness Assistant 253.591.5070  
City of Tacoma Human Rights & Human Services Department

➔ **Job Openings:** The **City of Tacoma, Human Rights & Human Services Department** is recruiting for 2 full-time Contract and Program Auditors in the Human Services Division. One position is designated as a special project with an anticipated two-year duration of employment, managing the Children, Youth and Families contracts. The second opening is a position managing the new Mental Health, Drug Dependency and Therapeutic Courts Program. Go to: [www.cityoftacoma.org/jobs](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/jobs) Click on "Current Openings" to access the current open positions at the City of Tacoma. Applications for the CONTRACT AND PRORAM

The **Cross Cultural Collaborative** has received funding through a CDC Community Transformation Grant and is seeking a person to coordinate the project. This person would be a contractor, not an employee, and thus the compensation is commensurate with experience and contracting rates.

Contact: Ian Mearns 253.591.5070, Coalition to End Homelessness Assistant  
City of Tacoma Human Rights & Human Services Department

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### → Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

South Sound Outreach Services

Information: <http://affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-2012%20SouthSoundOutreach-Foreclosure%20Prevention%20Class%20General%20.pdf>

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### → Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution

2012 Basic Mediation Training

July 16-20    October 12-14/26-27

Downtown Tacoma, WA 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

More Information & Registration: [http://www.pccdr.org/storage/forms/BMT\\_Flyer\\_Regist\\_2012.pdf.pdf](http://www.pccdr.org/storage/forms/BMT_Flyer_Regist_2012.pdf.pdf)

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### → Capitol Express Newsletter - May 16 – Enterprise news from Washington DC

*[Read the Capitol Express Newsletter in its Entirety](#)*

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### → [How Banks Are Getting Richer Off The Poor - Forbes](#) ← click here for story

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### → Changes to WA State Managed Care Programs July 1

[http://www.hca.wa.gov/managed\\_care](http://www.hca.wa.gov/managed_care)