



PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
of the
LEWIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA
(LPTBA dba LEWIS COUNTY TRANSIT)

Held at the Lewis County Transit conference room located at 212 E Locust Street, Centralia
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Meeting ID: 222 535 841 351 0

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MEETING AGENDA— July 8th, 2025 @ 8:30 AM

Chair Mark Westley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Mark Westley, City of Centralia
 Scott Brummer, Lewis County
 Tony Ketchum, City of Chehalis

Staff Present: Joseph Clark, Executive Director
 Makenzie Wilson, HR Manager
 Rafael del Castillo from Copper Strategic

A. Approval of the Meeting Agenda as presented.

B. Action Items

- Discussion and request to extend the previous approval of Resolution 2023-04 to include professional services for equipment installation and site construction, as well as the integration of hydrogen fueling station equipment for the Port of Chehalis Hydrogen Production & Fueling Station. Resolution 2023-04 previously granted the authority to waive competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of hydrogen fueling station equipment from a single source of supply.
 - a. **Hydrogen Fueling Station – Resolution 23-04 Amendment**
Staff requested an amendment to the previously approved sole-source resolution for hydrogen fueling equipment to also cover construction and integration services. The initial 2023 bid process resulted in three high-cost proposals (approximately \$10 million each) that did not include engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC). The Board had previously approved a sole-source purchase for the equipment due to limited vendor capability.

- b. Ameresco was selected through the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) as the ESCO provider and led the design phase using multiple engineering subcontractors. However, Ameresco does not provide construction services. Staff identified FastTech, a California-based contractor with extensive experience in hydrogen infrastructure (over 60 installations), as the most qualified firm to handle construction and system integration. DES has confirmed this approach complies with procurement requirements.

Board Questions and Discussion:

- Board Chair Mr. Westly asked about FastTech’s performance on prior projects. Mr. Clark confirmed positive references were received, including from DES, and no significant issues were reported. One customer had minor issues related to a liquefied hydrogen setup, but they were resolved.
- Board Secretary Mr. Ketchum noted that the draft resolution references “Twin Transit,” which is no longer the correct entity name. Mr. Clark acknowledged the oversight and will revise the resolution accordingly.
- Vice Chair Mr. Brummer asked whether legal counsel had reviewed the amended resolution. Mr. Clark indicated that legal counsel had reviewed the original and was expected to review the amended version, with follow-up pending.

Vice Chair Brummer moved, Secretary Ketchum seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Executive Session

The Board will adjourn into Executive Session, Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), for the purpose of attorney-client privilege discussion of matters with a potential legal or financial consequence to the agency. The session is expected to last no more than 60 minutes.

Adjournment

The Board recessed the regular meeting at 8:36 A.M. No action to follow.

Executive Session recessed at 9:09 AM.

The next regular meeting is on July 29th, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL

LEWIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT
AREA AUTHORITY

Mark Westley, Chairperson

Scott Brummer, Vice Chairperson

Tony Ketchum, Secretary

Respectfully prepared by:

Makenzie Wilson

