Policies regarding new smoking ban

Information compiled December 1, 2005

The Question: With the recent smoking ban in public places being voted in, how is your agency going to tackle this issue?

Ben Franklin Transit says… We are in the process of developing a policy. It will be a couple of weeks before it is complete.

Clallam Transit says… We are planning on building a small shelter away from the building for smokers. The designated smoking area will be noted in the rental agreement for groups that lease a meeting room.

CUBS says… We have not made any decisions regarding the smoking issue.

Everett Transit says… We have been smoke free for years.

Grays Harbor Transit says… We are not sure, I would be interested in seeing what everyone else is going to do.

Island Transit says… This should mean minor changes in our policy. We do not allow smoking at Harbor Station and all the shelters are also smoke free. The sign in the shelters now say 15 feet away and we will change them to read 25 feet away.

Jefferson Transit says… We are doing the things the same as always at Jefferson Transit. For years smoking at Municipal Transit Station has been a misdemeanor according to RCW 9.91.025. Check it out, it is pretty comprehensive.

What we do is post signs and when we see a person smoking, we point out the signs and ask them to put it out. We also have placed butt receptacles at our Park & Ride. They have helped with the cigarette butt litter problem.

We are wondering how our park & ride / transfer center figures into this. It is public space. Also, a big issue is smokers walking up to the door of a bus with alit cigarette. I have looked at the RCWs and there is nothing in particular about transit facilities. It would be nice if there was, or at least an interpretation of the law regarding transit.

Kitsap Transit says… We are planning to prohibit smoking with 25' of all buses, bus stops, transit centers and other transit facilities. This will take some time to accomplish as we have to put up much new signage and select designated smoking areas at all of our facilities including the ferry terminals (Bremerton and Bainbridge Island) that will comply with the new law. We've asked the drivers to keep the peace and gently inform customers of the law change effective 8

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December 05 while we get signs and rider alerts up. We did restrict smoking in our open air ferry terminals and transit centers that are under covers or awnings last year so this just takes it a step further. If anyone has questions or comments, feel free to call Roy Harrington at 360-478-6228.

Link Transit says… Nothing will change as we already enforce a no smoking ban except in designated areas.

Mason Transit says… That's because we just talked about it on November 22 for the first time and came to no conclusion. Sorry.

Pacific Transit says… We are not planning to do anything. If we have a situation or problem, we will refer it to the proper authorities.

Pullman Transit says… We are still working on this. I will let you know when we have a policy.

Skagit Transit says… We took on the Skagit Station, Multi-Model building, this year and are currently working on policies and implementation/enforcement of the smoking laws. Nothing yet but hope to have something in place very soon.

Twin Transit says… We already have a policy in place prohibiting smoking within 15 feet of buses, shelters or any other T.T. property. We will just update the policy to 25 feet.

Valley Transit says… At this point we are going to wait and see what other Transit Agencies are going to do. If I understand the law correctly there could be an impact on outdoor Transit Centers since a bus could be considered a work place and smoking within 25 ft. could be a problem.

WSTIP says… See attached for Ron Franz opinion on smoking legislation.

Yakima Transit says… The City already has a policy about no smoking on / in City property & buildings.

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Chapter 1 GENERAL POLICIES

1.6 Non-Smoking Policy
(Source: Memo October 23, 1987, from Dick Zais, City Manager)

Effective Monday, January 4, 1988, the City will implement a Non-Smoking work rule and policy for <u>both</u> employees and members of the public using City facilities and vehicles. This rule supersedes and replaces the prior rules on this subject contained in Admin. 700 of the Administrative Code, dated August 7, 1985.

1. <u>No Smoking in City Buildings.</u> Employees and members of the public will not be permitted to smoke in any City-owned building. This includes City Hall, the Shops and Maintenance Operations Center on Fruitvale, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, all recreation buildings and the Fire Department headquarters and fire stations. This is an <u>absolute</u> ban. There will be <u>no</u> designated smoking areas inside any City building.

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2. No Smoking in Rented or Leased Facilities. The same non-smoking policy will apply to employees and the public using facilities leased by the City.
3. No Smoking in City Vehicles. As with the City's buildings, smoking will be prohibited under this policy in all City-owned vehicles. This means the entire City fleet, including assigned and unassigned vehicles.

WHERE CAN YOU SMOKE

Smokers may smoke out-of-doors on or off City property.