

Meeting Minutes: HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee

Date: October 25, 2024

Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

Agenda:

- - Call to Order
- - Public Comment
- - Timeline Update
- - STIF Discretionary Grant Proposal Presentations
- - FY26-27 STIF Plan Budget Review
- - Voting Preparation for November Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Michael, with Tom Mills, TriMet's Service Planning Director, introducing the agenda and reminding attendees of the purpose of the meeting. Tom reviewed WebEx features and etiquette, particularly regarding muting, using reactions, raising hands, and the chat function. He also reiterated the importance of WebEx's recording, reminding attendees that all chat comments (including private messages) are logged.

2. Public Comment

Mary Lou opened public comments by addressing an \$11 million funding shortfall that impacts replacement vehicle procurement and service delivery for community-based transportation networks. She highlighted that the current fleet includes vehicles over ten years old, resulting in higher maintenance costs and unreliable service.

3. Timeline Update

Tom Mills provided an update on the STIF plan submission timeline, detailing the upcoming steps for FY26-27. The committee's next meeting in November will focus on voting to finalize the STIF plan. Following committee approval, the STIF plan will be presented to the TriMet Board on December 11 for final endorsement before the state deadline of January 16.

4. STIF Discretionary Grant Proposal Presentations

Transit Priority Spot Improvements, Lift Vehicle Replacement, Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements were presented with discussion points covering funding allocations and community impact.

5. FY26-27 STIF Plan Budget Review

Budget allocations and anticipated funding needs were discussed in detail. Major discussion points focused on Lift vehicle funding, subsidized fare programs, and anticipated regional coordination requirements.

6. Voting Preparation for November Meeting

The committee reviewed ODOT's dual questions regarding STIF applications: funding and ranking. Members unanimously agreed to recommend funding for all STIF applications without ranking.

Attendees:

- Tom Mills - TriMet Service Planning Director
- Aron Carleson - Hillsboro Schools Foundation
- Kristina Babcock - Clackamas County
- Heidi Muller - City of Canby
- Karen Buehrig - Clackamas County
- Clint Culpepper
- Deanna Palm - Washington County Chamber of Commerce
- Julie Wilcke Pilmer - Ride Connection
- Dyami Valentine - Washington County
- David Bouchard - TriMet
- JP Gonzalez - TriMet
- Jennifer Cooper - ODOT Region 1 Regional Transit Coordinator
- Philip Selinger - TriMet Board District 2
- Andrew Plambeck - Portland Streetcar
- Claudia Robertson - TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) Member
- Roy Rogers - Washington County Board of Commissioners
- Brandon Brezic - Central City Concern
- Rich Eisenhauer - Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)
- Luke Norman - TriMet Service Planning

- Andrew Aebi - TriMet Board District 3
- Nansi Lopez - Centro Cultural
- Michael Morrow - TriMet Board District 7
- Adam Argo - TriMet Board District 4
- Eve Nilenders - Multnomah County
- Mary Lou Ritter - Accessible Transportation Funds Advisory Committee (Alternate for Jan Campbell)
- John Whitman - Ride Connection
- Debbie Gregg - TriMet
- Nancy Young-Oliver - TriMet
- Jamie Surface - TriMet
- Reza Farhoodi - Washington County District 5
- Anne Buzzini - Metro
- Emily Motter - Ride Connection
- April Bertelsen - City of Portland PBOT
- Sara Wright - City of Portland
- Justin Trubiani - TriMet
- Kittie Kong - TriMet
- Vikki Payne - Multnomah County District 3
- Jarvez Hall - TriMet Board District 6
- Dwight Brashear - Wilsonville SMART
- Eileen Collins Turvey - TriMet Accessible Transportation Programs Director
- Kelsey Lewis - Wilsonville SMART
- Margi Bradway - Metro Deputy Director