



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	October 27, 2021
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman Keith Edwards Ozzie Gonzalez LaVerne Lewis Linda Simmons Thomas Kim Kathy Wai	Board Members Absent:	none

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President Simmons called the business meeting to order at 9:10 am.

1. Committee Reports

Accountability Committee – Director Kim provided an overview of the October 22nd Accountability Committee meeting. He said the committee reviewed statistics for the Accountability and Transparency website. Manager of Digital Communications and Content, Dave Whipple demonstrated the newest additions and updates to the look and feel of TriMet.org. The committee also received an introduction to the Ethicspoint Hotline, from Internal Auditor Darlene Graham, which tracks internal reports of fraud, waste, and abuse from employees. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18 2021.

Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) – Director Edwards said he was unable to attend the October CAT meeting, but shared an overview of the meeting. The agenda included updates from staff on the Burnside Bridge community task force; an introduction to the new Executive Director of Transportation, Rachelle Glazier; updates from the Safety and Security staff; a presentation on the FY23 Annual Service Plan; and an ATP/LIFT report from staff that included an introduction to TransDev’s acting general manager and assistant general manager.

Finance and Audit Committee (F&A) – Director Irish-Bauman provided an overview of the October 27th Finance and Audit Committee meeting. The items on the agenda included an update on TriMet’s liability insurance program from Andrew Wilson, director of Risk Management, and a recap of the recent bond sale by Chief Financial Officer Dee Brookshire.

Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) – Director Kim provided an overview of the September 22nd MPAC meeting. The committee agenda included an update from staff about supportive housing services as well as a discussion about an analysis of housing needs. The next meeting is scheduled for the evening of October 27th.

Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSAC) – Director Lewis provided an overview of the October 11th Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee. Items on the agenda included a review of the committee’s roles, responsibilities and purpose; an overview of the work that has already been

accomplished as well as the focus going forward; an overview of available training; and a discussion about committee homework assignments for the November meeting.

Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) – Director Wai provided an overview of the October 12th TEAC meeting. Items on the agenda included a presentation on the I-205 and I-5 toll project; an overview of TriMet’s Annual Service plan; and an update on the Reimaging Public Safety initiative.

2. General Manager Report

Covid-19 Update

Mr. Desue provided an update on the status of Covid-19 at TriMet. He said incidents of positive cases among employees is on the decline. With flu season upon us, TriMet is holding onsite clinics to make vaccination easy for employees who chose to get this year’s shot. The agency continues to urge employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and has provided an incentive – giving employees an extra vacation day, or for our union workers an extra floating holiday, for full vaccination by October 31. He added that TriMet is awaiting direction from the federal government on how to apply the Biden Administration’s vaccination mandate.

Ridership Update

Mr. Desue provided an update on ridership. TriMet provided nearly 4,020,000 rides in September. Ridership was 26% higher this September over last... but still down about 50% from 2019. One factor that may have contributed to an increase in ridership last month was the return of in-person learning for most students at elementary, high school and college levels.

3. Consent Agenda

- Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2021
- Resolution 21-10-46 – Authorizing a Contract Modification with North Coast Electric Company to Upgrade LED Lighting Fixtures and Controls at Nine TriMet Facilities

Action: Director Gonzalez moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Director Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Resolutions

Resolution 21-10-47 – Authorizing a Contract with CECO, Inc. (Carson) for Bulk R99 Renewable Hydrocarbon Diesel (RHD) Fuel (3 Lots)

Mr. Desue briefly discussed Resolution 21-10-47. He said approval of this resolution continues an important initiative for TriMet to continue its transition to renewable diesel fuel for our buses. He said the buses currently run on ultra-low sulfur diesel and biodiesel fuel and while these are greener and cleaner options over traditional diesel, this will help TriMet reduce its carbon footprint while transitioning to a zero-emissions bus fleet. This resolution authorizes \$93 million contract over five years with CECO Inc., better known to many as “Carson,” to fuel our fixed-route bus fleet with R-99. He then introduced Les Spitler, Director of Procurement and Supply Chain Management who presented an overview of R99 diesel.

Action: Director Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 21-10-47. Director Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Resolution 21-10-48 – Authorizing Submission of Seven (7) Grant Applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2022 Federal Formula and Discretionary Funds and to Advise as to the Current Status of Eight (8) FY2021 Grant Applications

Mr. Desue discussed Resolution 21-10-48 authorizing seven FTA grant applications for FY 22 Federal Formula and Discretionary Funds as well as status updates on eight FY 21 grant applications. He said

board authorization is required for TriMet to submit applications totaling \$100.4 million of FY2022 FTA funds. This is an annual process, required for submission of FTA grant applications. He noted that these grants represents what the Board adopted in the FY 22 budget and is broken out into FY 22 federal formula funding for bus and rail preventive maintenance as well as Operating & Capital Projects. In addition, the resolution calls out grants submitted for awards after budget adoption in the prior year including stimulus funds such as Cares Act, CRRSAA and the American Rescue Plan, as well as competitive grant awards. Approval of this resolution will authorize TriMet to submit applications for the grants listed, as well as TriMet's payment of the local funding match. These grant funds are integral to TriMet's FY 22 Adopted Budget. He then introduced Nancy Young-Oliver, Director of Budget and Grants, and Erika Turney, Program Manager of Grants Administration, to answer your questions the board members' questions.

Action: Director Edwards moved approval of Resolution 21-10-48. Director Wai seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Other Business & Adjournment

Hearing no further business, President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberley Angove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley Angove, recording secretary