



Application to be Considered for Appointment to the TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)

CAT

The Committee on Accessible Transportation advises the TriMet Board of Directors and TriMet staff on issues in regard to the District's transportation plans, policies and programs for persons living with disabilities and older adults. Committee members are appointed to discuss and advocate for increasing access to transit.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility

TriMet is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility.

Historic barriers have prevented some of our most vulnerable community members from participating in the public process, which is why we strive to create educational and engaging community dialogue that is inclusive of all races, cultures, identities and abilities—ensuring fair access for traditionally underserved communities.

Work of Committee Members

- CAT members are appointed to two (2) year terms and are required to attend at least 1 business meeting per month which currently occur on the third Wednesday of every month (except August) from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Each committee member is expected to participate in at least one of the sub-committees of CAT: the LIFT Paratransit sub-committee and/or the Fixed Route sub-committee. During the course of the meeting year, additional Ad Hoc committees are presented forth by the CAT executive team.



Name:

Pronoun(s):

Home Address:

(including apartment or unit number)

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Mailing Address (if Different that Home Address)

Street Address:

(including apartment or unit number)

City:

State:

Zip:

County:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Email Address:

Preferred Method of Communication:

- Email**
- Phone**
- Mail**
- Other**

Preferred Language:



Please Indicate Your Age Group:

- Less than 65 years of age**
- 65 Years of Age or Better**

Ethnicity:

- Native American, American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to answer
- An ethnicity not included above (please specify)

Do you have a disability? (CAT seeks to represent a wide array of transit riders who experience disability, so your answer here helps TriMet to ensure we represent the diversity inherent in the community of riders with disabilities.)

- No**
- Yes**

(Optional) If yes, please describe briefly

Do you require any accommodations for in-person or virtual public meetings?

- No**
- Yes**

If yes, please describe:



Please describe your current use of TriMet’s services: (mark all that apply)

- Don’t Use any TriMet Service
- Ride Fixed Route Buses Number of trips per week Number of trips per month
- Ride MAX Light Rail Number of trips per week Number of trips per month
- Ride LIFT Paratransit Service Number of trips per week Number of trips per month
- Ride Portland Streetcar Number of trips per week Number of trips per month

How did you hear about the Committee on Accessible Transportation?

Membership positions on the Committee are in two categories:

1. (**“Consumer”**) Members who are persons experiencing disabilities and/or older adults who use or are familiar with TriMet’s public transportation services.

OR

2. (**“Representative”**) Members representing persons with disabilities and/or older adults who use or are familiar with TriMet’s public transportation services. “Representative” members should have a direct affiliation with an agency or organization that provides services or advocacy to older adults or people living with disability, and represent the needs of the participants in that organization’s work. Representative positions are expected to share information with their organization(s) about the work undertaken by CAT and inform their role on CAT by the mission of the organization they represent. Each applicant’s transit usage and/or familiarity with the transit system will be considered during the recruitment/interview process.



Please indicate the membership category(ies) you wish to be considered for:

- “Consumer” Position**
- “Representative” Position**

Please Note: If you wish to be considered for a **“representative”** position, please attach one or more letters or recommendation from the community group, organization, or agency that provides services to and/or advocates for persons with disabilities and/or older adults, for which you represent.

Have you previously served as a member of the CAT, and/or served on a TriMet CAT sub-committee, task force, or work group?

- No** **Yes**

If yes, please note when you served and the CAT sub-committee, task force, or other role(s) in which you participated.

Among the responsibilities of the CAT, as designated by the TriMet Board, are to:

- Represent the community on matters affecting transportation access for older adults and/or persons with disabilities, and;
- Convey community views on public transportation matters affecting persons with disabilities and/or older adults to organizations and communities of concern.



Please summarize your past and present involvement in community activities, diverse groups, organizations, and agencies that serve and advocate for persons with disabilities and/or older adults. Include paid and volunteer work:

1. Activity/Group/Organization

Your Involvement

Approximate Dates From To

2. Activity/Group/Organization

Your Involvement

Approximate Dates From To

3. Activity/Group/Organization

Your Involvement

Approximate Dates From To

Please provide examples of how you contributed to productive group decisions and collaborated in multicultural settings:

References:

Please provide two references and their contact info that we can connect with:

1.

2.



Please describe further your interest in serving as part of the Committee on Accessible Transportation. What do you hope to contribute? What would you hope to accomplish? What's your commitment to supporting equitable outcomes:

Thank you again for your interest in serving on the CAT. All applications must be received online or by mail by **Friday, January 31st, 2025.**

By Mail: (2800 NW Nela Street, Portland, OR, 97210)

Appointments will be **made by May 31**, and you will be advised of the decision at that time.

Preference will be given to applicants that have participated with CAT as part of the general public.

The Nominating Committee expects to interview some applicants prior to making their recommendations to the CAT. Interviews will be scheduled in advance with consideration for applicant availability.

If you have any further questions, please contact Justin Rossman at 971-269-9488 or by email- rossmanj@trimet.org or TTY 7-1-1