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<b>Meeting:</b>	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	June 22, 2022
		<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m.
<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Lori Irish Bauman Ozzie Gonzalez Linda Simmons Thomas Kim Kathy Wai	<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Keith Edwards LaVerne Lewis

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President Simmons called the business meeting to order at 9:08 am.

### 1. **Committee Reports**

**Accountability Committee** – Director Kim provided a summary of the June 8, 2022 meeting. Items on the agenda included a review of the Accountability Website statistics, a high-level review of complains submitted to the Ethicspoint Hotline, and a review of the accountability pages on the TriMet website. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for December 7, 2022.

**Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)** – In Director Edwards’ absence, Margo Moore, director, Accessible Transportation Programs provided a summary of the June 15, 2022. Items discussed during the meeting included CAT executive committee nominations, a LIFT/Contractor report and a presentation from TriMet staff about regional Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2022.

**Finance and Audit Committee** – Director Irish-Bauman provided an overview of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The committee received two presentations from staff. The first was in regard to the Hop Card downtown pass discontinuation. The committee also received a presentation updating them on Service Reduction. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022.

**Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** – Director Kim provided an overview of the May 25, 2022 meeting. There were two items discussed at the meeting. The first was an update on Metro’s Community Placemaking grant program. The second was a presentation on the factor of homelessness and Metro’s Supportive Housing Services Measure. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2022.

**Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSAC)** – In the absence of Director Lewis, John Gardner, director of Transit Equity, Inclusion & Community Affairs, provided a summary of the June 21, 2022 meeting. Items discussed at the meeting included a Safety and Security Update, Update on training RFP process, reviewed an outline for Quarterly safety and security report. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022.

**Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)** – Director Wai provided an overview of the June 14, 2022 meeting. The committee had its first ever retreat to look at Mission, Vision and Values of

TEAC. Director Wai shared a summary of the activities that took place during the breakout sessions as well as additional topics that will be covered at the next meeting. There will be a second component of the retreat which will be held in July.

## **2. General Manager Report**

### **Temporary Service Level Cuts**

Mr. Desue discussed the temporary service level cuts. He said the agency is making strides in operator hiring averaging about 70 to 80 applications a week. Unfortunately, despite efforts to hire operators, TriMet is still in a deficit – and will be – for months to come. As a result customers are experiencing more and more canceled buses and MAX trains. Mr. Desue said that because of this the agency must take steps needed to make the schedule more reliable. Mr. Desue introduced Mobility Planning & Policy Director Tom Mills to present an overview of the temporary cut in service levels that will go into effect in September. A copy of the presentation can be found in the board meeting archives on [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).

### **100-Day Countdown to FX**

Mr. Desue discussed the September launch of FX – a new type of bus service. After more than two years of construction, the Division Transit Project is nearly complete, and the 100-day countdown to the start of service has already begun. Sixty-foot articulated FX buses will run every 12 minutes the majority of the day, carrying more riders than our standard buses. Transit-priority lanes and signals along the route, multiple-door boarding and bike storage on board will move riders faster and more efficiently between Gresham and Downtown Portland. A celebration day is in the works for September 17, the day before FX service begins running.

### **May 2022 Ridership**

Mr. Desue provided an update on ridership numbers from May. TriMet provided nearly 4.5 million rides in May. While that is down 46.5% from May of 2019, it is the second month in a row that weekly ridership averaged more than a million rides. Rides increased by more than 176,000 in May over April and the weekly ridership was up 25.5% compared to a May of last year.

### **Transit-Oriented Development Update**

Mr. Desue introduced Lance Erz, our Real Estate & Transit Oriented Development Director and members of his team who provided an update on TriMet's Transit Oriented Development program. A copy of the presentation can be found in the board meeting archives at [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).

## **3. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of amended Board Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2022
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2022

**Action:** Director Gonzalez moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Director Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

## **4. Resolutions**

### **Resolution 22-06-36 - Appointing Members to the 2022-23 Transit Advisory Committee and Updating Advisory Committee Bylaws**

Mr. Desue provided an overview of Resolution 22-06-36. He said HB 2017, also known as the Keep Oregon Moving Act, requires the Board to establish and appoint members to a Transit Advisory Committee. This committee provides critical assistance to TriMet in developing projects and programs funded by HB 2017. Members of the Advisory Committee represent transit users, seniors, people with disabilities, employers, environmental and educational interests, minorities, youth and low-income communities. The resolution requests that the Board confirm the re-appointments of returning Advisory Committee members. It also requests the appointment of replacements for departing Advisory Committee members. The proposed 2022-2023 Advisory Committee includes 20

re-appointments and six new members. The resolution also requests that the Board approve amendments to Advisory Committee bylaws that indicate how many terms advisory committee members may serve. Although approval of this resolution will have no direct budgetary impact, Advisory Committee maintenance is necessary for TriMet to receive HB 2017 funding.

The directors engaged in a robust discussion about the resolution including the representation of the committee members and term limits. At the conclusion of the discussion it was suggested that if the motion did not pass that the staff would amend the resolution to reflect feedback from the board and introduce it at a future meeting.

**Action:** Director Irish-Bauman moved approval of Resolution 22-06-36. Director Wai seconded the motion. The motion failed with a four-to-one vote. Director Kim, Director Gonzalez, Director Simmons and Director Wai were opposed.

### **Resolution 22-06-37 - Appointing Members to the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee**

Mr. Desue provided an overview of Resolution 22-06-37. He said TriMet is the state-designated Special Transportation Fund Agency for Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. Transit providers in these counties apply to TriMet for ODOT Public Transit Division STF money. As the STF agency, TriMet acts as the “pass-through” entity of this funding. The Board appointed the STF Advisory Committee to advise and assist TriMet regarding STF financial distribution. The committee reviews, evaluates, ranks and recommends Board approval of local transit providers’ applications for funding. The committee also provides recommendations for Board approval of projects that seek federal funding to support capital, capitalized preventative maintenance and contracted service for seniors and people with disabilities. The committee must include a broad representation of transportation service users and providers in the tri-county region. With assistance from TriMet staff, the committee formed a nominating committee to identify, recruit, review and select interested candidates from various backgrounds and experiences to replace eight members who had left the committee. These eight proposed members will bring a range of personal perspectives representing the tri-county region. Recruitment focused on candidates who could represent the diverse needs of seniors and people with disabilities within the tri-county area, with a focus on diversity. He added that approval of this resolution ensures that the committee will operate effectively and that state and federal funds are distributed efficiently to meet the needs of local seniors and people with disabilities.

**Action:** Director Wai moved approval of Resolution 22-06-37. Director Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

### **Resolution 22-06-38 - Authorizing the Approval of the Modified Locally Preferred Alternative of the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program**

Mr. Desue introduced Resolution 22-06-38. The Interstate Bridge Replacement Program intends to replace the existing I-5 bridge across the Columbia River with a modern, seismically resilient, multimodal structure. Planning work built on previous Columbia River Crossing project efforts. In coordination with governmental and community partners, the IBR team developed updated design options, desired outcomes and transit investments. The IBR team has now identified a Modified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). It includes a transit investment preference for light rail. This preference was developed with regional governmental partners. These include Oregon, Washington, Portland, Vancouver, local counties and C-TRAN. Extensive stakeholder and community comment, and objective data, were included. Community engagement showed widespread support for expanding public transit—and light rail transit in particular. The LPA will be further analyzed in a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. The IBR Program budget is expected to range from \$3.2 billion to \$4.8 billion. Although

TriMet is committed to serve as a Program partner, there is no commitment of TriMet funds at this time.

**Action:** Director Irish-Bauman moved approval of Resolution 22-06-38. Director Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed with a four-to-one vote. Director Gonzalez was opposed.

**Resolution 22-06-39: Authorizing Personal Services Contracts with Five Vendors for Temporary Augmented Staff Services**

Mr. Desue introduced Resolution 22-06-39 which addresses temporary staffing needs within TriMet's Engineering, Construction & Planning Division. He said staff support is needed to augment current construction and project management services supporting TriMet's Capital and State of Good Repair programs. TriMet used a competitive Request for Qualifications process to select contractors to provide these temporary staff services. TriMet would like to issue separate contracts to five firms to provide subcontracted employees for each of the requested positions, for a total of 24 subcontracts. The total amount of each subcontract will not exceed \$2,500,000 over a term of no more than five years.

**Action:** Director Kim moved approval of Resolution 22-06-39. Director Wai seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Resolution 22-06-40 – Allowing Remote Attendance at Board Meetings by Electronic Means and Reiterating the Regular Board Meeting Schedule**

President Simmons introduced Resolution 22-06-40. She said it is an item for discussion only. At the May meeting, the Board discussed the return to in-person meetings and having an option to attend and participate remotely in certain circumstances. Those circumstances include illness, a family emergency, or excused absences for traveling out of the TriMet district. She noted that the Board member Code of Conduct requires Board members to attend all regular meetings unless excused due to an emergency or serious illness. If a Board member is unable to attend a meeting in person, the Code of Conduct states that the member is expected to attend by telephone, if possible. At the direction of the Board, TriMet's Legal Division drafted a resolution for discussion that clarifies the time, place, and manner of board meetings. The updates would allow Board members to remotely attend meetings and would replace "attending by telephone" when unable to be at an in-person meeting, with attending by electronic means. The resolution also reiterates the current regular Board meeting schedule. The board members offered feedback about the resolution and a revised version will be brought forward at the July meeting.

**Other Business & Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberley Angove, recording secretary