

HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2023

Attendees

- Adam Argo – TriMet Board District 4 representative
- Andi Howell – Sandy Area Metro
- Andrew Plambeck – Portland Streetcar
- Anne Buzzini – Washington County
- April Bertelsen – Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)
- Brandon Brezic – Central City Concern
- Claudia Robertson – Committee on Accessible Transportation
- David Bouchard – TriMet
- Deanna Palm – Washington County Chamber of Commerce
- Dyami Valentine – Washington County
- Emily Motter – Ride Connection
- Erick Moe
- Eve Nilenders – Multnomah County
- Jamie Surface – TriMet
- Jan Campbell – Committee on Accessible Transportation
- Jeff Rogers
- Joanne O'Connell
- John Whitman – Ride Connection
- Julie Wilcke Pilmer – Ride Connection
- Justin Trubiani – TriMet
- Kelsey Lewis – Wilsonville SMART
- Kristina Babcock – Clackamas County
- Luis Aguilera – Spanish Interpreter, Centro Cultural
- Mamak Tabrizian
- Margi Bradway – Multnomah County
- Mariana Valenzuela – Centro Cultural
- MaryAnn Potter – Centro Cultural
- Paul Savas – Clackamas County Commissioner
- Penny Hung – Centro Cultural
- Reza Farhoodi – TriMet Board District 5 representative
- Rich Eisenhauer – PBOT
- Roy Rogers – Washington County Commissioner
- Tom Markgraf – TriMet
- Tom Mills – TriMet

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Non-TriMet Transit Provider Progress Updates

Clackamas County

Kristina Babcock's presentation focused on Clackamas County's strategic use of STIF funding to enhance and expand transit services. She highlighted the success in implementing efficient shuttle services, such as the Oregon City and Clackamas Industrial shuttles, and the addition of the CCC express shuttle. Babcock also emphasized improvements in demand response services for medical and dialysis rides. The development of an integrated website, rideclackamas.org, was noted for facilitating better coordination among county providers. Future plans include continued support for the Mount Hood express service and addressing transit gaps in the county.

Wilsonville SMART

Kelsey Lewis from SMART in Wilsonville presented the agency's recent achievements and future strategies. The presentation highlighted SMART's successful efforts in enhancing regional connectivity, which included eliminating fares on local routes and advancing towards environmentally sustainable fleet technology by integrating electric charging stations. Lewis also outlined SMART's ambitious future plans, such as extending services to Clackamas Town Center and transitioning the fleet to alternative fuels.

Sandy Area Metro

Andi Howell from Sandy Area Metro (SAM) provided insights into their services and future developments. SAM's focus on enhancing transit in the Sandy area was emphasized, especially through key routes like the Gresham route and services for non-emergency medical transportation. Howell highlighted SAM's achievements in increasing ridership and service efficiency. The integration of electric vehicles and other technological advancements were noted as part of SAM's ongoing commitment to improving and expanding transit services in response to growing community needs.

Multnomah County

Eve Nilenders from Multnomah County focused her presentation on the county's efforts in developing and enhancing public transportation services. She detailed the implementation and success of various shuttle services providing crucial connections to jobs, especially in industrial areas. Nilenders also discussed the county's initiatives in public engagement and transit planning for rural communities. The future plans for expanding these services and assessing transit gaps in rural areas were highlighted, reflecting Multnomah County's commitment to improving transit accessibility and efficiency.

Washington County

Dyami Valentine from Washington County presented on the county's utilization of STIF funding in collaboration with Ride Connection. The focus was on providing a diverse array of services, including dial-a-ride services in rural areas and community connector shuttles. Valentine highlighted recent expansions and improvements in these services and detailed future plans. These plans include enhancing existing routes, adding new services in areas like Bethany and Cedar Mill, and procuring new vehicles to support the growing transit needs in Washington County.

Ride Connection

Emily Motter from Ride Connection discussed the organization's significant role in providing diverse transportation options in the region. She emphasized the importance of STIF funding in supporting Ride Connection's network of transportation providers. The presentation highlighted the direct services offered, technology enhancements, and the impact on community mobility. Motter also included testimonials from partners and clients, which illustrated the profound community impact and effectiveness of Ride Connection's services in meeting the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and others requiring specialized transit solutions.

FY24-25 Committee Roster Updates

This section of the meeting involved updates regarding the HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee roster for the fiscal years 2024-2025. The committee welcomed new members and expressed gratitude to departing members for their contributions.

New Members:

- Andrew Aebi – TriMet Board District 3
- Michael Morrow – TriMet Board District 7
- Phil Selinger – TriMet Board District 2
- Brandon Brezic – Central City Concern
- Commissioner Julia Brim Edwards – Multnomah County
- Shante' Hinshaw – Constructing Hope
- Marshall McGrady – IBEW Local 48
- Dyami Valentine – Washington County (representing public transportation service providers outside the district)

Departing Members:

- Cameron Bennett – Portland State University
- Vee Paykar – Climate Solutions
- Dwight Brashear – SMART
- Pat Daniels – Constructing Hope

- Mercedes Elizalde – Central City Concern
- Jodi Parker – Former Co-Chair
- Commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson – Multnomah County
- Huy Ong – OPAL
- IRCO Representative

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.