

Transit Equity Advisory Committee Summary - April 2023

During the meeting, participants discussed various updates on TriMet, which included:

- The opening of new affordable housing units, [Fuller Station Apartments](#),
- A safer route for Cleveland High students resulted in changes to Line 70's route, removing the need for students who live south of Powell to cross the street on foot.
- Regarding system safety, the TriMet Union met with the Multnomah County District Attorney's office.
- The agency also achieved a milestone in its reduced fare efforts. Late last month, TriMet signed up the 50,000th person to ride TriMet, C-TRAN, and Portland Streetcar at a reduced rate based on their income.
- Staff provided information about upcoming hiring efforts and the Community Hiring Event at DoubleTree Lloyd Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on May 9th.

TEAC Members received the outreach report presentation from Jennifer Koozer about the fare increase proposal,

- [Outreach Report on Fare Increase Proposal](#): TriMet began community outreach for the proposed fare increase in December 2022. The report is available online, and it was presented to the board last month by JC Vannatta

John Gardner presented the Title VI report, [Title VI Preliminary Report and Mitigation](#): When the TriMet Board approves the proposed fare increase, TriMet staff and our partners will work on a series of mitigations to ensure any Title VI concerns are addressed and mitigated to the full extent possible.

Members were engaged and as questions about:

- How can we get more people involved in the fare relief programs?
 - Most of our riders are paying the adult fares- Did finance consider the Title VI analysis when running the numbers? Yes
 - What is happening with fare payments? We need to go out and ask the community again.
 - 85% of payments are paid with Hop Card. How can we help people that pay with cash and don't know how to use the card?
- [TEAC Bylaws review](#) - Members reviewed changes and suggested adding clarifying language to the First Approval and Later Amendments section G.
 - Lastly, Members were asked to sign up for the Fare Research Workgroup. The group will begin meeting monthly in May to explore external resources, Fare mitigation models and current fare subsidies, as well as fareless systems and approaches being explored by other agencies. This group will present preliminary findings to TEAC in December 2023 or January 2024.