



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	August 9, 2017
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Travis Stovall	Location:	City of Portland Building 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Auditorium Portland, Oregon 97204
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman Joe Esmonde Craig Prosser Linda Simmons Travis Stovall	Board Members Absent:	T. Allen Bethel Bruce Warner

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Presiding Officer Stovall called the business meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. General Manager Report

- **Service and Network Disruptions** -- Neil McFarlane reported on the heat-related service issues and explained the network disruption that occurred last week while upgrading our equipment. Neil McFarlane thanked staff for their diligence in getting the system back up and running through the challenges and the riders for their patience.
- **Quarterly Performance Indicators** – Doug Kelsey, Chief Operating Officer, went through the key elements of the second quarter report and answered Board questions.

2. Consent Agenda

Action: Craig Prosser moved to approve the consent agenda items listed below; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously (Director Esmonde was out of the room).

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2017

Resolution Directing that the Reading of all Ordinances be By Title Only

Resolution 17-08-61 Authorizing a Contract Modification with Milliman, Inc. for Actuarial Services

Resolution 17-08-62 Authorizing a Contract with Lorentz Bruun Co. Inc. for Facilities Maintenance Building Renovations

3. Resolutions

Neil McFarlane introduced the following resolutions and responded to Board questions:

Resolution 17-08-63 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Portland Public School District for the Student Pass Program

Director Simmons stated that it is her understanding that Portland Public Schools will be responsible for two-thirds of the funding, but will seek funds from the City of Portland. Neil McFarlane stated that is correct and this will be going to the School Board for approval next week.

Director Prosser asked how we are communicating with other school districts about this program. Neil McFarlane stated that Tom Strader, Senior Fare Policy Coordinator, has met with some of the districts to offer the same funding options. Mr. McFarlane explained that it is more difficult for the other districts to fund this program because their transportation dollars fund the yellow bus program that is in place – the only district without a yellow bus program is Portland Public Schools.

Director Prosser asked that TriMet send a formal invitation to other school districts within the tri-county area to participate in the Student Pass Program with the same parameters as the Portland Public School District. Neil McFarlane responded that staff would be happy to do so.

Director Stovall stated that he feels this is great program and agrees with Director Prosser that other schools districts around the region would benefit and should have the same opportunity if interested.

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 17-08-63; Craig Prosser seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 17-08-64 Authorizing a Contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. for Purchase of Xcelsior 40' Zero Emission Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure for Fixed Route Service

Young Park, In-Street Projects Manager, Eric Hesse, Strategic Planning Coordinator, and Charlie Allcock, PGE Business Development Director, shared a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted: 1) the promise of electric buses; 2) the challenges; 3) key project components; 4) budget; 5) route selection; and 6) timelines and responded to Board questions.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Resolution 17-08-64; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 17-08-65 Authorizing a Contract with Southwest Transit Partners, LLC for Transit Design Services as Part of the Project Development Phase of Design for the Southwest Corridor Transit Project

Action: Lori Irish Bauman moved approval of Resolution 17-08-65; Craig Prosser seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. Ordinance 346 of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) Amending TriMet Code Chapter 28 Concerning Long Term Exclusions from the TriMet System (Second Reading)

Shelley Devine, General Counsel, read Ordinance 346 by title only. Erik Van Hagen, Senior Deputy General Counsel, explained the Ordinance and responded to public comments and Board questions.

Public Comments during Public Forum on Ordinance 346:

Kimberly McCullough, ACLU Policy Director, asked the Board to consider tabling Ordinance 346 to further community dialogue utilizing the Transportation Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) that may result in a better solution that does not include a lifetime exclusion option yet simultaneously protects individual rights and promotes safety for all TriMet riders. Written testimony was provided and will be included as part of the Board record.

Julie Reardon expressed concern with Ordinance 346 and the final authority it grants the General Manager with no community oversight. Ms. Reardon asked, "How do you plan to safeguard the vulnerable from further criminalization at the intersection of poverty and mental illness." Ms. Reardon requested that TriMet collaborate with social services and mental health experts when considering the adoption of this ordinance and to hold off on adopting this Ordinance as written to spend more time with the community and build out this Ordinance in collaboration with TEAC to consider those most impacted.

Maria Hernandez, OPAL, expressed concern that Ordinance 346 would affect those considered in advocating for House Bill 2777 and Senate Bill 357 and specifically have collateral consequences on their housing, employment and military service. Ms. Hernandez asked the Board to delay approval of Ordinance 346 to engage the community through the work of TEAC to ensure that the changes do not lead to racial, social and economic disproportion.

Orlando Lopez, OPAL, stated that he feels there are not the checks and balances in place on Ordinance 346 to ensure control of power and that the community and TEAC should provide input and oversight of this process before moving forward.

Director Stovall asked those who testified for specific suggestions or changes to Ordinance 346 -- while the speakers did not give any specific suggestions they did feel that additional community input was needed.

Director Prosser requested that the GM report long-term exclusions to the Board.

Director Stovall stated the importance of TEAC's input on any discipline related issue on the system and encouraged TEAC input on any future discussions.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Ordinance 346; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote resulted in the approval of Ordinance 346:

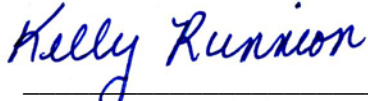
Joe Esmonde	Yes
Linda Simmons.....	Yes
Travis Stovall.....	Yes
Lori Irish Bauman	Yes
Craig Prosser.....	Yes

5. Other Business & Adjournment

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Director Stovall adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary