

Transit Equity Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Tuesday,
April 11, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Present: Abby Griffith, Marcela Tupayach, Tristan Isaac, Jennifer Koozer, Irena Cheredayko, John Carter, Bhaktirose Dawdy, Anitha Lobo, Lonnie Silva, Trieste Palmer, John MacArthur, Nicole Erickson, Karol Orozco, Amparo Agosto, John Gardner, Clay Thompson,

System Updates- John Gardner

Transit-Oriented Development- [Equitable TOD](#)

- Clackamas County opened 100 new affordable housing units in Happy Valley on Monday (The Fuller Station)

A safer route for Cleveland High Students

- Changing the Line 70 route means fewer students who live south of Powell will need to cross it on foot. Dropping students off on SE 21st Avenue instead of SE 26th Avenue is safer because of the lower traffic volume on 21st Ave. Additionally, students will spread themselves out on the walk to and from Cleveland High School, minimizing crowding on SE 26th Avenue.

TriMet Union (ATU 757) met with Multnomah County District Attorney's office to discuss safety in the system.

Milestone reached in our reduced fare efforts

- More than 50,000 Oregonians have signed up to save money on their transit trips through our reduced-fare program.

We are still hiring. Visit our career site: <https://trimet.org/careers/>

Outreach Report on Fare Increase Proposal- Jennifer Koozer

<https://trimet.org/fareproposal/>

- How are students and PSU staff affected by the fare increase? Students can continue to pay \$28/month, the monthly cap will not change with fare increase; the price for the monthly hop passes will remain the same, the cap is set at \$100 per month.
- Is the survey data available to the public? Yes, the Outreach Report is available online at <https://trimet.org/fareproposal/pdf/Outreach-report-on-fare-increase.pdf>

Title VI Report

The Report is available online at

<https://trimet.org/meetings/board/pdfs/Special%20Meetings/2023-03-29/Title%20VI%20Preliminary%20Report.pdf>

Members asked questions around how to get more folks enrolled in fare relief programs, and connecting with those paying with cash.

- 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.
- Communicating to the public the benefits of the Hope Pass- The hope pass is not accessible. 85% of payments are paid with Hope

Bylaws Review

- Minimum of 12 and a maximum of 21 voting members
- Members are encouraged to discuss educational opportunities and to bring issues forward, and be transparent.
- Members serve at least 24 months and may be appointed for an additional term.
- John MacArthur: Asked if approval is by the 2/3rd vote of the committee, including amendments. John Gardner said we could clarify that in future versions.

Fare Research Workgroup

- Promising practices and reviewing current practices
- RFP for a professional research firm to find out where are the funding sources
- Research on fareless systems
- Exploring new models and maybe a “family pass.”
- Articulate recommended changes
- Recruiting workshop members in April
- Launch RFP in June
- Workgroup volunteers commit to 2-3 hrs for 6-7 months
- Present preliminary findings to TEAC in December or January
- John MacArthur was interested in helping
- Bhaktirose also expressed interest