



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	February 25, 2015
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Bruce Warner	Location:	Beaverton City Hall 12725 S.W. Millikan Way Council Chambers Beaverton, OR 97005
Board Members Present:	T. Allen Bethel Joe Esmonde Consuelo Saragoza Travis Stovall Bruce Warner	Board Members Absent:	Craig Prosser

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

1. The following Board Committee Reports were provided:

- A. **Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)** – Consuelo Saragoza reported that TEAC met on February 19, 2015 and received an update on the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project, including upcoming events and celebrations committee members can be a part of. The Committee discussed the proposed changes to Honored Citizen fares and provided suggestions for what TriMet can do to reduce impacts on low-income Honored Citizens. The Committee reviewed results of the Frequent Service Restoration Title VI Equity Analysis.

2. General Manager Report

- A. **GM Comments** – Neil McFarlane, General Manager, reported on:
- January ridership results
 - Progress and efforts on Service Enhancement Plans
 - Title VI Equity Analysis of 2015 Spring & Summer Frequent Service Restoration (copy of the draft report dated February 19, 2015, was provided to the Board and public and is available at www.trimet.org.)

B. State of TriMet – Neil McFarlane provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting:

- How TriMet makes a difference in the community
- 2014 accomplishments and TriMet's sustainable financial path
- Where TriMet stands financially
- FY 2016 budget priorities
- Budget timeline

Neil McFarlane shared the four key priorities for the FY16 Budget and asked for Board comments:

- 1) Safe and successful opening of the Orange Line
- 2) Advance the culture of safety
- 3) Expand frequent service and improve service reliability
- 4) Demonstrate good financial stewardship

Director Esmonde asked if TriMet has contingency funds if Federal funds are not at the level planned. Neil McFarlane responded that TriMet's contingency would cover one fiscal year and that we would need to look for alternate ways to fund projects in subsequent years.

President Warner asked for an overview of the JARC-funded shuttle projects and allocated funding -- Neil McFarlane responded that staff would provide.

Director Esmonde asked if TriMet had any properties that are considered brownfield. Neil McFarlane responded that he is not aware of any properties, but will follow-up with staff to confirm.

C. Attitude & Awareness Survey Update – Neil McFarlane stated that TriMet gauges the mood and public perceptions of our riders and non-riders through a district-wide Attitude & Awareness survey. The last survey was done in November 2013 and has been planned annually as recommended by the Secretary of State's Audit. Neil McFarlane reported that the results of the November 2014 survey were very good and introduced John Horvick and James Kandell from Davis Hibbitts & Midghall to present the findings.

John Horvick reported on the methodology and detailed results of the Attitude and Awareness Survey and answered Board questions. Mr. Horvick provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting:

- Approval of the job TriMet is doing
- Approval of Bus system
- Approval of MAX
- Perception that buses are safe

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- Perception that MAX is safe
- TriMet riders' satisfaction with their overall experience
- Adults in the region who rode TriMet at least once last year

Director Bethel requested an Executive Summary on the results of the survey and Neil McFarlane responded that staff would provide.

D. Westside Pedestrian Rail Crossings Safety Treatments – Harry Saporta provided a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated:

- Factors influencing crossing safety treatments
- Pedestrian sight triangle
- Pedestrian grade crossing treatments
- Generic concept angled crossings
- Bedsted barriers and active warnings at Orengo
- Gated crossing at Elam Young
- Work in Progress at Beaverton Creek

Harry Saporta reiterated the importance of pedestrian safety and TriMet's concept to:

- Design crossings to channel pedestrians through crossing
- Provide audible and visual warning of approaching trains
- Monitor and evaluate pedestrian behaviors
- Revise crossing strategies as warranted

3. Consent Agenda

Action: Travis Stovall moved adoption of the consent agenda items listed below; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution directing that all ordinances shall be read by title only

Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2015

Resolution 15-02-06 Ratifying Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee Bylaws

Resolution 15-02-07 Authorizing a Contract Modification with Northwest Occupational Health Associates for Occupational Medical Services

Resolution 15-02-08 Authorizing a Contract with Blue Tree Strategies Inc. for Broker Services, for Transit Tax Credits

Resolution 15-02-09 Authorizing On-Call Contracts with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. and Landau Associates for On-Call Environmental Site Assessment and Other Environmental Services

4. Resolutions

Neil McFarlane introduced the following resolution:

Resolution 15-02-10 Authorizing a Contract with Emerick Construction for Construction of the Trolley Barn Renovation Project

Board Discussion: Director Esmonde expressed concern over Emerick's low percentage of MWESB utilization of 10.2% and asked if the other bidders had a higher percentage. Neil McFarlane responded that staff would provide that information to the Board. Neil McFarlane explained that this percentage of utilization is fairly typical for low-bid contracts and that the CMGC approach achieves a different result. Neil McFarlane stated that staff is committed to work with Emerick to grow that percentage as the work continues.

President Warner asked if Director Esmonde was comfortable moving forward with this contract prior to having the information requested. Director Esmonde responded yes.

President Warner stated that the Steel Bridge is a critical link in the system and that it will be good that staff and other partners will be taking a closer look at ongoing issues that are a result of the age and type of structure of the bridge.

Director Bethel clarified that the Steel Bridge is owned by the Railroad and asked if we would be having discussions with representatives from the Railroad and other partners to make the needed improvements to the Steel Bridge.

Neil McFarlane responded that included in our FY 2016 budget proposal is a study that would provide a detailed assessment of the Steel Bridge. The study would involve our partners, including ODOT and the Railroad, to put together a thorough program to address the ongoing issues with the Bridge which is an important statewide asset that provides connectivity to the region.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Resolution 15-02-10; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolutions 15-02-11 and 15-02-12 Authorizing Contract Modifications with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. and CH2M Hill, Inc. for the eFare Program

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Resolution 15-02-11 and 15-02-12; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Ordinance

Ordinance 337 Updating Regulations Governing Conduct on District Property, Proof of Fare Payment, Parking Facilities and Amending TriMet Code Chapters 28, 29 and 30 (Second Reading)

Shelley Devine read Ordinance 337 by title only and Neil McFarlane introduced Ordinance 337.

Discussion: Director Bethel asked if chewing tobacco is prohibited. Shelley Devine stated that she would investigate to see if it has been a problem on the system.

The following roll call vote resulted in the approval of Ordinance 337:

Joe Esmonde.....	Yes
T. Allen Bethel.....	Yes
Bruce Warner.....	Yes
Consuelo Saragoza.....	Yes
Travis Stovall.....	Yes

6. Other Business & Adjournment

There was no other business to come before the Board -- President Warner adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary