



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	May 27, 2015
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Bruce Warner	Location:	City of Portland Building 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Auditorium Portland, Oregon 97204
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman T. Allen Bethel Joe Esmonde Shelley Martin Craig Prosser Travis Stovall Bruce Warner	Board Members Absent:	

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

1. The following Board Committee Reports were provided:

- A. **Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)** – T. Allen Bethel reported that the Committee met on May 20, 2015 and that the Board has received a memo highlighting the topics discussed. Director Bethel stated that the CAT Nominating Committee has made their recommendations for Neil McFarlane's approval. Director Bethel stated that it was requested that LIFT vehicles be allowed to use the Tilikum Crossing and after staff consideration it was determined that it would not be feasible. It was also recommended to honor our LIFT operators as part of the Operator of the Year ceremony.
- B. **Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)** – Johnell Bell, Director, Diversity and Transit Equity, reported that the committee met on May 21st and discussed the Service Enhancement Plans (SEP), and focused on the Eastside SEP, specifically initial visions including the north/south lines proposed for future budget considerations. The committee also discussed eFare and potential Title VI implications and the community engagement elements.
- C. **Finance and Audit Committee** – Craig Prosser reported that the Committee met this morning and received briefings on: 1) budget follow-up and changes that Dee Brookshire will be reviewing with the Board this morning; 2) savings from PMLR project; and 3) update on payroll tax and discussions.

2. General Manager Report

A. **GM Comments** – Neil McFarlane, General Manager, reported on:

- Plaque presented from the Troutdale Police Department at the Operator of the Year Ceremony in appreciation of our service and assistance during the tragedy that occurred at Reynolds High School last year
- April Ridership
- Performance Indicator Report
- Upcoming New Service
- Safety Report

B. **Service Enhancement Plan (SEP) Annual Update** – Alan Lehto, Director of Policy and Planning, introduced and shared where we are in the process. Planners Tom Mills, Vanessa Vissar and Kate Lyman provided a report on where we are on Westside, Eastside and North-Central SEP's respectively. Mr. Lehto spoke about the importance of working with our partners to deliver the full vision overtime. The following people spoke about the benefits of improved and increased transit to their employees and the region:

- Marie Hagenlock, Safety & Facilities Manager of Gerber Legendary Blades
- Sarah Angell, Director, Swan Island Business Association and Transportation Management Association
- Selene Andreasen, Board member for Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County as well as the HR Generalist for Willamette View Manner

C. **Bus Turning Warning Program** – Safety & Security Executive Director Harry Saporta provided an overview of the Pedestrian Collision Warning Demonstration Project outlining:

- Study objectives
- Technologies assessed
- Process
- System findings
- Technology effectiveness
- Acceptance of technologies
- Options for improving technologies
- Cost benefit analysis
- Considerations
- Next Steps

Director Stovall asked if there was research done to show that the technology works to prevent vehicle accidents as well.

Harry Saporta responded that research on vehicle accident prevention was not done as part of this program, but that there are other technologies being developed that do look promising that we will consider as the technology evolves.

Director Esmonde asked that the step to create an internal team to recommend best technology happens as soon as possible.

President Warner stated the importance of ensuring that the technology had been vetted before moving too quickly, and asked that the Board receive periodic updates on where we are in the process.

D. Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Shuttles – Alan Lehto provided a brief overview and explained the importance of the shuttles and the funding challenges we face to provide this important community connector service:

- Grove Link
- Tualatin
- Ride Connection

3. Consent Agenda

Action: Craig Prosser moved to approve the consent agenda items listed below; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion. Directors Esmonde, Stovall, Prosser, Bethel and Warner voted yes, Directors Bauman and Martin abstained – motion passed.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2015

Resolution directing that all ordinances shall be read by title only

Resolution 15-05-18 Authorizing a Modification to the Contract with Arinc Incorporated for Central Control System Software Upgrades for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project

Resolution 15-05-19 Authorizing a Contract with G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. for Ticket Vending Machine Revenue Collection Services

Resolution 15-05-20 Authorizing a Contract with Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc. for Providing Investment Advisory Services for Pension Trust Funds

Resolution 15-05-21 Adopting an Election of Limits for Uninsured Motorist Benefits and Election of No Personal Injury Protection, and Superseding Resolution 13-04-25

Resolution 15-05-22 Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriated Funds within the FY2015 General Fund Budget

4. Resolutions

Neil McFarlane introduced the following resolutions:

Resolution 15-05-23 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Budget and Appropriating Funds

Discussion: Director Esmonde asked if there were warranties in place for the PMLR equipment, and if so, is the manufacturer liable for downtime?

Dan Blocher responded that there are varied warranties on all our equipment and that we have limited downtime because our maintenance staff are trained to respond directly and we do not need to wait for the manufacturer. Dan Blocher stated that he would provide the Board with detailed information on warranties.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Resolution 15-05-23; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. Directors Esmonde, Stovall, Prosser, Bethel and Warner voted yes, Directors Bauman and Martin abstained – motion passed.

Resolution 15-05-24 Authorizing Modifications of the Streetcar Operating Agreement with the City of Portland

Action: After general discussion, Craig Prosser moved approval of Resolution 15-05-24; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion. Directors Esmonde, Stovall, Prosser, Bethel and Warner voted yes, Directors Bauman and Martin abstained – motion passed.

Resolution 15-05-25 Authorizing Ride Connection to Provide Job Access Reverse Commute Services

Action: T. Allen Bethel moved approval of Resolution 15-05-25; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. Directors Esmonde, Stovall, Prosser, Bethel and Warner voted yes, Directors Bauman and Martin abstained – motion passed.

5. Ordinances

Ordinance 338 Adopting Honored Citizen Fare Increases, and Amending TriMet Code Chapter 19 (Second Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine read Ordinance 338 by title only.

Neil McFarlane stated that TriMet has been actively seeking public input regarding the proposed increase to our Honored Citizen Fare and that the latest outreach report has been provided to the Board. Mr. McFarlane explained that the proposal includes a 25 cent increase for a single ride ticket and a \$2 increase for a monthly pass; bringing fares from \$1 to \$1.25 and from \$26 to \$28, respectively. We are working with honored citizen stakeholders and Ride Connection to implement mitigation efforts that include:

- Increase in discount on HC fares from 5% to 20% for organizations who service Honored Citizens.
- Expand Small Grants program for new nonprofit organizations who service HC populations (earmarked for low-income Honored Citizens and persons with disabilities).

President Warner stated that the Board has seen the extensive community outreach that has been done, heard from community members, considered the Transit Equity Analysis, and is aware of the policy direction this Board has wanted to move forward, and asked for discussion on Ordinance 338.

Director Prosser stated there is never a good time to raise fares because there will always be legitimate concerns about raising fares for the most vulnerable part of our community. While it may look like we have a healthy bottom line, this is a critical time to build a fare structure that is equitable and sustainable over the long-term to provide and expand the service that is so needed and asked for throughout the region. Director Prosser stated that he is confident in the existing and the expanded mitigation that would assist the people who are most impacted and would allow us to move forward with providing and expanding the much needed service.

Director Stovall asked for clarification on Table 3 of the Transit Equity Analysis, community engagement, and the mitigation program.

Director Esmonde asked how many organizations are participating in the mitigation program – Johnell Bell responded over 85 and explained the outreach process.

President Warner stated that he agrees with Director Prosser that we need to look at the long-term and be very deliberate in our fare policies and maximize service while minimizing adverse impact. President Warner stated the importance of a broader community conversation in a holistic manner to balance increasing service with an equitable fare policy.

Director Stovall stated his concern that the Transit Equity Advisory Committee did not officially weigh in on this Ordinance and stated the importance of advisory committees to the Board vetting these important issues.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Ordinance 338; Travis Stovall seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote resulted in the approval of Ordinance 338:

Joe Esmonde.....	Yes
Shelley Martin.....	Abstained
T. Allen Bethel.....	Yes
Bruce Warner.....	Yes
Lori Irish Bauman.....	Abstained
Travis Stovall.....	Yes
Craig Prosser.....	Yes

Ordinance 339 Adopting Service Changes, Updating Route Designations and Amending TriMet Code Chapter 22, and Repealing TriMet Code Chapter 20, Charter Rates (Second Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine read Ordinance 339 by title only.

Neil McFarlane summarized the major service changes and explained the housekeeping change that would remove the provisions that dealt with charter rates because Federal rules do not allow us to provide charter service.

President Warner stated that the Board is aware of the extensive community outreach that has been done, considered the Transit Equity Analysis for Ordinance 339, and asked for discussion on Ordinance 339.

There was no Board discussion on Ordinance 339.

Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Ordinance 339; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote resulted in the approval of Ordinance 339:

Craig Prosser.....	Yes
Travis Stovall.....	Yes
Lori Irish Bauman.....	Abstained
Bruce Warner.....	Yes
T. Allen Bethel.....	Yes
Shelley Martin.....	Abstained
Joe Esmonde.....	Yes

6. Other Business & Adjournment

Neil McFarlane addressed Joe Esmonde's concern about the timing of creating an internal team to recommend best technology for the Pedestrian Collision Warning system by Fall of 2016. Mr. McFarlane stated that while we do need to consider all we have on our plate right now with the Orange Line opening and emerging technologies, we agree that this technology is essential to our layer of safety for the overall system, so we will come back to the Board with a revised schedule and program to show the timing and pacing that would consider that.

President Warner adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary