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TriMet Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee – Virtual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Additional Panelists Present	Committee Members Present	Committee Members Not Present
Marissa Clarke - Coordinator, Senior, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Jan Campbell - Board President, Disability Rights Oregon	Ray Atkinson - Transportation Systems Analyst, Clackamas Community College
John Gardner - Director, Equity, Inclusion & Community Affairs, TriMet	Jonath Colon - Deputy Director, Centro Cultural	Scott Brumitt - Residential Services Manager, Northwest Housing Alternatives
Dr. LaVerne Lewis - TriMet Board of Directors	Lee Helfend - Organizing Director, OPAL	Frederick Casey - Vice President, ATU757
Jessica Stanton - Global Communications Facilitator	Adam Jenkins - Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Cesar Tapia-Chavez - Educational Access Program Manager, Latino Network
Pat Williams – Director, Security and Emergency Management, TriMet	Annadiana Johnson - Committee on Accessible Transportation Member	Jairo Rios-Campos - Recreation Manager, City of Fairview (PlayEast)
Andrew Wilson – Executive Director, Safety & Security Division, TriMet	Zach Lindahl – WACO chamber of commerce- for Nansi Lopez	
	Joseph McCleary - Outreach Worker, Homeplate Youth Services	
	Celess Roman - Resource & School Outreach Manager, Clackamas Service Center	
	Wendy Sell - Service Coordinator, Lifeworks NW	
	Lonnie Silva - Housing Program Supervisor, Urban League of Portland	
	Kasi Woidyla - Marketing Communications Director, Virginia Garcia Memorial	

10/19/2022 EDIT/ CORRECTION: Jairo Rios-Campos was listed as present at this meeting and he was not present. This was due to the minute taker not being able to accurately see who was attending the meeting.

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

Marissa Clarke opened the meeting at 3:33pm, welcomed the group and kicked off introductions popcorn style. Cesar Tapia-Chavez and Ray Atkinson have moved onto other positions. Mahesh Rao Udata stepped away from the committee due to other obligations. Dr. Lewis also welcomed the group, outlined objectives and set for the motion to approve the July minutes. Jan Campbell approved, Wendy seconded and the motion was passed to approve the minutes.

Meeting Overview

Marissa Clarke reviewed the agenda and next steps.

Safety & Security Update

Pat Williams provided details on security hired, the Safety Response Team and the security challenges faced on the system. GM, COO and Andrew Wilson modified security contracts to give pay raises as they help make the system safe. A robust conversation ensued about clarification of titles, who’s requesting additional security/ staffing presence on the system and SRT’s are focused on acute customer needs not law enforcement. It was clarified the Customer Safety Supervisors do not carry weapons.

“PROJECT TIMELINE”

Andrew Wilson spoke about the Safety Quarterly Report and asked for feedback. Bringing all this work to fruition in December and celebrate the changes & accomplishments.

- John Gardner spoke to the recommendations set aside for this committee to work through and feedback to gather in the next 60 days. SRT’s make thousands of referrals & wellness checks. John also went over recommendation areas for staff and committee work.
- Annadiana Johnson asked about the training proposals that did not have applicants and John Gardner provided clarification.



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- Kasi Woidyla asked about the budget and the sustainability plan moving forward. John Gardner and Andrew Wilson provided clarification.

Safety Quarterly Report Final Review

Marissa Clarke provided an overview of community engagement.

A robust conversation ensued about perceived racial demographics, tools used to eliminate bias and how information is used on a government issued ID.

Draft Survey Template Discussion

Amparo Agosto, John Gardner and Jessica Stanton discussed the draft survey template and gave a 2023 Transit System Safety Survey update.

A robust conversation ensued about the survey length, specific questions asked, choice of wording, incentives for survey takers, barriers for ridership and a separate parallel survey. Another conversation ensued about the committee members referring colleagues who can help and their organizations participating in the survey.

Rider “Ambassador”/ SRT CONCEPT OVERVIEW & Homework Initiative 2.5

Marissa Clarke spoke about the material that will be covered in next month’s meeting. The committee meetings will be extended to 2 hours, allowing extra work and longer conversations for the next few meetings.

Community feedback

No one signed up for community feedback.

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- Marissa Clarke- please note the meetings have been extended for 30 minutes. The next meeting is 10/18/22 from 3:30pm – 5:40pm. Meeting ended at 4:52pm.

Chat statements not captured in the spoken committee meeting:

Unable to capture due to the nature of Zoom calls.