



Meeting: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Community Advisory Committee #1
Date/time Wednesday, February 26, 2025| 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: PCC Southeast, Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, Oregon

Members

Jessica Curtis	Clackamas Town Center
Kaitlyn Dey	Clackamas Service Center
Terry Epperson	82nd Avenue Resident
Ana Gonzalez	Verde
Meghan Humphreys	82nd Avenue Resident
Jay Jones	North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Gretchen Kolderup	82nd Avenue Resident
Zachary Lauritzen	Oregon Walks
Jacob Loeb	82nd Avenue Business Association
Eden Melgar	82nd Avenue Resident
Thomas Ngo	The Street Trust
Franklin Ouchida	TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation

Facilitator

Shabina Shariff	TriMet
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Presenters

Paulina Salgado	TriMet
Dameion Samuelson	TriMet
Jesse Stemmler	TriMet
Michael Kiser	TriMet

Other staff

Jason Nolin	Metro
Julia Reed	City of Portland
Anthony De Simone	Clackamas County
Blair Vallie	City of Portland
Kittie Kong	TriMet
Peter Craig	KPFF
Jennifer Koozer	TriMet
Stephanie Wright	Nelson Nygaard
Michael Tardiff	TriMet
Francisco Echeverria	TriMet
Garwood Nichols	TriMet



Welcome and Introductions

Shabina Shariff called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees, provided an overview of the agenda, and reviewed group norms.

Michael Kiser, TriMet's Project Director, gave remarks on the purpose of the project and the need to bring FX service to 82nd Avenue.

Public Comment

No one came forward to comment.

Project Overview (Jesse Stemmler, TriMet – Principal Project Manager)

Jesse Stemmler provided an overview of the project and reviewed the history, scope, budget, and timeline. He also provided insight on coordination with TriMet partner, PBOT, on corridor safety improvements.

Discussion

Question about local service on 82nd Ave in addition to FX. Staff confirmed future Line 72 would operate between Swan Island and Parkrose Transit Center, with some overlap with FX. There will also be local TriMet service in the southern portion of the corridor.

Question about distance between stations; 1/3 of a mile could be a concern. Staff confirmed that stop consolidation is an important element of getting faster, more reliable service. Getting folks to those stops is important and making sure there are investments in accessibility to those stops is a priority.

Question about pass-ups on existing Line 72; could the FX bus have more spaces for people using mobility devices? Staff responded the team will continue to work with TriMet's Community on Accessible Transportation (CAT) on this question. We are somewhat limited in what options bus manufacturers have available. Also, to address pass-ups during school commute hours, we are looking to add "tripper" buses to accommodate McDaniel High school students.

Comment that electric bicycles with the large tires don't fit on our current buses and we should keep that in mind while procuring future FX buses.

Community Engagement (Paulina Salgado, TriMet – Community Affairs Coordinator)

Paulina Salgado, TriMet's Community Affairs Coordinator, gave an update focused on engagement conducted for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project for the last two years. She gave an overview that included previous focus groups including to limited English



proficient (LEP) communities, geographically-focused workshops for the northern terminus, and future outreach.

Discussion

Question about CAC members joining Community Affairs staff when they talk to business owners. Paulina replied that we could look into this.

Question about engagement fatigue within the community. Staff replied yes, we have heard from the community there has been a lot of activity along the corridor; there are a lot of us trying to connect with the community. Partners are working to stay coordinated to avoid engagement fatigue.

Question about how CAC members can help with outreach. Staff replied that the three Community Affairs Coordinators are focused on specific geographic segments, and CAC members should connect with the one for their area. We invite CAC members to recommend businesses and organizations we should reach out to.

Feedback from Open House (Dameion Samuelson, TriMet – Community Affairs Coordinator)

Dameion Samuelson, TriMet's Community Affairs Coordinator, presented on TriMet's most recent open house about the 15% design. An in-person open house took place on January 22, and an online open house January 30 – February 14. Approximately 100 attendees gathered for the in-person format. There were 268 responses, including 171 open-ended comments.

More than half of the respondents felt positive about the proposed station platform locations. Nine percent were displeased with the locations and thirty percent had no opinion on the matter.

When thinking about potential business access and transit lanes (BAT lanes) and intersection widening on 82nd Avenue, respondents prioritized a safe and comfortable pedestrian environment (important for 80%) and faster, more reliable bus service (important for 76%).

There was no discussion about the open house feedback.

Discussion

Staff confirmed that slides will be available on the project website (trimet.org/82nd) and invited members to let the team know about topics they'd like to discuss.



Question about station designs. Staff replied that we'll get into station designs later in the process, but expect them to be similar to those on FX-Division.

Suggestion to consider wayfinding and designating a spot at each station with a universal disability symbol.

Question about the cadence of design milestones and when CAC sees designs. Staff replied that the design team has milestones at 15%, 30%, 60%, 90% etc, with CAC's input on a parallel path but not necessarily tied to the engineers' drawings. CAC's input helps inform how design progresses.

Question about historical placement of bus stops on 82nd Ave. It could be helpful to consider how stops have been added over time.

Adjourned.