



Meeting: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Community Advisory Committee #12
Date/time: Wednesday, May 27 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: PCC Southeast, Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, Oregon

Members

Kaylyn Berry	Rahab's Sisters
Kaitlyn Day	Clackamas Service Center
Sokho Eath	IRCO
Terry Epperson	82nd Avenue Resident
Gabi Hague	Student Leader
Meghan Humphreys	82nd Avenue Resident
Jay Jones	North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Zachary Lauritzen	Oregon Walks
Thomas Ngo	The Street Trust
Franklin Ouchida	TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation
Wendy Zhen	Business Owner

Facilitator

Shoshanah Oppenheim	TriMet
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Presenters

Devanta Black	Sundt Construction
Bill Bruce	Raimore Construction
Katie Nelson	TriMet
Daphne Patrick	TriMet
Bruce Smith	TriMet

Other staff

Melissa Ashbaugh	Metro
John Gardner	TriMet
Jason Nolin	Metro
Paulina Salgado	TriMet
Shabina Shariff	TriMet
Jesse Stemmler	TriMet

Welcome and Introductions

Shoshanah Oppenheim welcomed the attendees and provided an overview of the agenda.



Housekeeping

Request to revise April meeting notes regarding discussion of hydrogen fuel supply and potential fuel cost increases. Members also requested that the notes reflect a presentation on hydrogen buses will be provided at a future meeting.

Staff reviewed the finalized CAC Charter and clarified TriMet will continue providing administrative support, including meeting scheduling, agenda preparation, meeting notes, and posting materials online.

Staff discussed adding an additional CAC meeting in late July to provide project updates before the August Policy and Budget Committee meeting. Members discussed scheduling preferences and generally supported holding the meeting on July 29, pending room availability.

Public Comment

No one came forward to comment.

Policy and Budget Committee Meeting Update

Thomas Ngo, CAC Co-Chair, provided an update on the recent Policy and Budget Committee meeting.

Discussion focused on project funding, project scope, and the ongoing economic impact study. Members noted concerns raised by business representatives regarding the timeline and progress of the study.

Discussion

The CAC values each member's individual opinion. In an effort to promote free discussion and collaboration during the meeting and to solicit as much feedback as possible, the notes do not attribute specific comments to specific CAC members. CAC members do not vote or make formal recommendations to TriMet. Views and opinions of the CAC are shared in reports to the Policy & Budget Committee and other audiences.

Question regarding when the economic impact study will be completed.

Staff replied that the study is currently being scoped and project partners are evaluating different approaches to address questions raised by stakeholders.

Staff noted that this type of study is not a standard component of transit project development and that additional information will be shared as work progresses.



Question regarding whether the decision to advance BAT lanes increased interest in conducting an economic impact study.

Members discussed how project design decisions and anticipated business impacts have shaped stakeholder interest in additional economic analysis.

Project Update

Katie Nelson provided an update on project progress and upcoming milestones.

Staff reported the project recently reached the 60% design milestone and is undergoing review by project partners.

Staff shared work is underway to prepare for the FTA Project Management Oversight Contractor review and risk assessment process expected later this summer.

Question regarding efforts to secure additional project funding.

Staff replied that project partners are actively evaluating funding opportunities and developing strategies to address the funding gap. Additional information will be shared as those discussions progress.

Staff shared the TriMet Board approved contracts for the buses and fuel program and that a future CAC presentation will provide additional information.

Workforce Development

Bruce Smith presented an overview of the 82nd Avenue Community Workforce Training Program which will connect corridor residents with career training opportunities and supportive services through community partnerships, with recruitment beginning in summer 2026 and training cohorts launching in fall and winter 2026.

Question on outreach to community organizations and businesses.

Staff replied outreach efforts will include partnerships with community-based organizations, workforce providers, businesses, and other stakeholders along the corridor to help recruit participants and raise awareness of available opportunities.

Question on the program goal of serving approximately 150 participants.

Staff replied the 150-participant goal reflects the current grant-funded program and noted that partner organizations provide workforce training services year-round beyond this specific grant program.



Small Business and Workforce Programs

Daphne Patrick introduced TriMet's workforce and small business contracting programs. Staff provided an overview of programs designed to support disadvantaged business enterprises, workforce participation, apprenticeship opportunities, and technical assistance services for businesses interested in future contracting opportunities.

Bill Bruce and Devanta Black provided an overview of opportunities for small businesses to participate in project construction and support services.

Question regarding how small businesses can become involved in project contracting opportunities.

Staff responded a Contractor Summit is scheduled for July 23, 2026, to provide information about upcoming work scopes, assess community capacity, and connect interested businesses with project opportunities.

Question regarding opportunities for businesses located along 82nd Avenue.

Staff responded that community members and business organizations are encouraged to identify and refer local businesses that may be interested in participating in project work.

Staff noted outreach efforts will include businesses with a range of experience levels, including those that have not previously worked on public projects.

Comment regarding opportunities for non-construction businesses.

Question regarding support available to small businesses participating in project work.

Staff responded technical assistance and ongoing support will be available to help small businesses navigate project requirements and reporting obligations.

Question regarding opportunities for local roadway striping contractors.

Staff responded roadway striping work requires specialized equipment and expertise and is typically performed by a limited number of qualified firms.

Staff shared construction activities will be divided into four segments across the corridor to help manage construction impacts and maintain project efficiency.

Construction is expected to occur in phases, beginning with utility work, followed by streetscape improvements, roadway work, and landscaping.



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