



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	January 26, 2022
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman Keith Edwards Ozzie Gonzalez LaVerne Lewis Linda Simmons Thomas Kim Kathy Wai	Board Members Absent:	none

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President Simmons called the business meeting to order at 9:15 am.

1. Committee Reports

Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) – Director Edwards provided an overview of the January 19, 2022 CAT meeting. Items on the agenda included a discussion about applications for CAT for FY23, a Safety and Security Update from Director of Security and Emergency Management, Pat Williams, and a contractor report on ATP/LIFT.

Finance and Audit Committee (F&A) – Director Irish-Bauman provided an overview of the January 26, 2022 Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Items on the agenda included a Financial Forecast update, a discussion about One Main Place, the proposed new administrative headquarters for TriMet, and a presentation from Executive Director of Engineering and Construction, Steve Witter about the Powell Garage. Resolutions for Powell Garage will come before the board in February.

Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) – Director Kim noted that the last MPAC meeting was cancelled. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for January 26th and he will provide an update at the February board meeting.

Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSAC) – Director Lewis provided an overview of the December 16th and January 18th meetings. Items discussed at the meetings included Ordinance 364, an introduction to the new Executive Director of Safety and Security, Andrew Wilson, discussion of the Community Based Mini Training Grants RFP, and a presentation from Leah Drebin with the Multnomah County Health Department who is leading the Crisis team intervention model research. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) – Director Wai provided an overview of the January 11th TEAC meeting. Items on the agenda included an update on previous Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting, an overview of the Safety Response Team, and an overview of the Draft Business Plan. The next TEAC meeting will be on February 8th.

2. General Manager Report

Introduction to New Executive Directors

Mr. Desue introduced two new additions to the TriMet Leadership Team:

Bonnie Todd as TriMet's Chief Operating Officer. Bonnie joined TriMet on December 30 and brings more than 30 years of transportation industry experience to the role with perspectives from both coasts. She spent part of her career with Sound Transit in the Seattle area. Bonnie is also a United States Marine Corps veteran.

Andrew Wilson was recently promoted to Executive Director of Safety and Security. Andrew has been with TriMet since 2016 and previously worked as Director of Risk Management. Andrew has a demonstrated record of providing excellent leadership and direction in risk and crisis management.

Covid-19 Update

Mr. Desue said January has been an extremely impactful month of the pandemic across the nation, here in Oregon and at TriMet. The agency had employees report more positive tests this month than at any other time during the pandemic, with well over 100 for the month. TriMet continues to encourage employees to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including a booster shot if they are eligible, to help protect themselves and those around them. He noted that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Biden Administration's vaccinate-or-test requirement for large employers. In reviewing the brief, TriMet's legal team found that the Court decided that the vaccine mandate was prohibited because it exceeded the scope of the federal OSHA's regulatory authority. However, they said it remains possible that other local, state or federal authorities could create their own mandates. It is also legal for employers like TriMet to mandate vaccines or testing for employees, though that is not a step we have chosen to take at this time. The TriMet virus leadership team is considering and discussing options with stakeholders including Oregon OSHA, and will report back with new developments.

Ridership Update

Mr. Desue provided an update on ridership. In December, TriMet provided just under 4 million rides on buses, MAX, WES and LIFT. Ridership was about 51% of where it was in December of 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 26% higher than December of 2020.

Rosa Parks Day 2022

Mr. Desue announced that Friday, February 4th, the day that would have been Rosa Parks' 109th birthday, no fares will be collected on TriMet buses or trains. TriMet partners at C-TRAN and Portland Streetcar are joining us in this second observance, and have indicated they plan to continue to set aside Rosa Parks Day every year, just as TriMet will. Mr. Desue said this is thanks in large part to this Board, and he recognized Director Edwards for his leadership on this very important observance.

Temporary Service Reduction

Mr. Desue provide an update on the temporary service reduction that began on January 10th. He said the reduction better matches service levels with available operators, while TriMet works to resolve the severe staffing shortage. The number of buses canceled has gone down since the service reduction went into place. Mr. Desue then discussed what the agency is doing to recruit new operators, including a \$2,500 hiring bonus.

HOP Program Milestone

Mr. Desue shared a milestone for the electronic fare system—Hop Fastpass. He said Hop will turn five this year, and the program is making some impressive milestones. On December 22, 2021, the Hop system recorded its 100 millionth tap. Other milestones recently reached by the Hop program

include: Nearly 1.7 million unique Hop cards issued. And, more than half a million accounts registered at myhopcard.com.

TriMet.org Relaunch

Mr. Desue introduced TriMet Manager of Digital Communications, Dave Whipple, who provided an update on the newly launched trimet.org website. A copy of Mr. Whipple's presentation can be found at trimet.org/meetings/board/meetings.htm.

3. Consent Agenda

- Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2021
- Resolution to Read Ordinances in Title Only

Action: Director Kim moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Director Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Resolutions

Resolution 22-01-01 – Authorizing a Contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Hollywood Transit Center Community and Transit Infrastructure Project

Mr. Desue discussed resolution 22-01-01 which selects a contractor for Design and Engineering Services for the transit and community-focused improvements at the Hollywood Transit Center. TriMet is working with BRIDGE Housing to redevelop a portion of the site into a 200-unit affordable housing complex. This contract would cover TriMet's portion of the Hollywood Transit Center project. The scope includes a new bus stop configuration, light rail substation, better signage, signals, pedestrian bridge access and a public courtyard. For this award, TriMet issued a request for proposals, and a source evaluation committee selected David Evans as the highest qualified proposer. David Evans' workforce is 32% female and 17% minority, and they plan to use certified firms in specialized fields such as urban design and electrical engineering for approximately half of the work. The contract is for \$3.1 million, and the total is included in the Fiscal Year 22 Operating Budget for Engineering, Construction and Planning.

Action: Director Kim moved approval of Resolution 22-01-01. Director Irish-Bauman seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Resolution 22-01-02 – Authorizing a Lease with Madison-OFC One Main Place OR, LLC for Administrative Office Space at 101 SW Main Street

Mr. Desue discussed Resolution 22-01-02 requesting authorization of a lease for space for TriMet's administrative offices. The agency's 10-year lease at Harrison Square comes up in June of next year. The new building will house TriMet's Administrative Headquarters and was selected based largely on four criteria: It is easily accessed by transit; Located at or near a vibrant neighborhood; Could potentially be linked to transit-oriented development, and is seismically resilient. TriMet considered 27 locations before selecting One Main Place in Downtown Portland. In addition to aligning closely with the search criteria, the property also presented TriMet with significant economic benefits, both in the current and projected post-pandemic climates. The lease is for a term of 11 years and 2 months at a total cost of approximately \$33 million. Annual payments will be included in TriMet's zero-based budget for leased facilities.

Action: Director Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 22-01-02. Director Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Resolution 21-01-03 – Authorizing a Contract with the Ecology DBA NRC Environmental (NRC) for Storm and Wastewater Disposal Services

Mr. Desue discussed Resolution 22-01-03 authorizing a contract to cover storm and wastewater removal and disposal services at TriMet garages, transit center, park and rides and other properties. TriMet issued an invitation to bid for a new solicitation for these services, based on the expansion of TriMet’s transit system, as well as stricter environmental permit requirements, which have increased demand for TriMet. The proposed contract is for a 5-year term, at a total amount of \$1.3 million. The services are included in the Safety and Security Division’s Operating Budget. NRC’s workforce is 14.5% female and nearly 42% minority. The firm has identified six small certified firms to perform a portion of the work should subcontracting opportunities arise.

Action: Director Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 21-01-03. Director Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

5. Ordinances

Ordinance 364 – Amending Chapters 28 and 29 of the TriMet Code to Limit When Law Enforcement May Conduct Fare Inspections, Create a New Offense Regarding Employee Assaults, Allow TriMet Personnel to Address Non-Criminal Violations, and Update Terminology (Second Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine conducted a roll call vote for Ordinance 364.

Director Edwards
Director Gonzalez
Director Irish-Bauman
Director Kim
Director Lewis
Director Simmons
Director Wai

Ordinance 364 passed with unanimous approval.

Ordinance 365– Amending Chapter 14 of the TriMet Code to Revise the Definition of “Net Earnings from Self-Employment.” (Second reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine conducted a roll call vote for Ordinance 365.

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Director Wai

Ordinance 365 passed with unanimous approval.

Other Business & Adjournment

Hearing no further business, President Simmons adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberley Angove, recording secretary