

**COMMITTEE on ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION**  
**June 16th, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Minutes**

**Members:** Adam Kriss, Annadiana Johnson, Arnie Panitch, Barry Lundberg, Jan Campbell, Claudia Robertson, Dave Daley, Patricia Kepler, Kris Meagher, Leon Chavarria, Zoe Presson, Ryan Skelton

**Staff:** Chris Hunter, Angel James, Eileen Collins and Charlie Clark

**Guests:** Brenda Martin (TM), Ben Baldwin (TM), Kathryn Woods

Jan Campbell (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:00am

**Approval of the 6-16-21 Agenda and 5/19/21 Minutes:**

Annadiana Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda and Patricia Kepler seconded, motion approved.

Leon Chavarria made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes and Diana Keever seconded, motion approved.

**Announcements (Chair):** The Safety and Security Committee will soon be implementing recommendations recently accepted by the Board of Directors and there will now be a committee formed to design how TriMet will go about implementing said recommendations. Applications for the Reimagining Public Safety Advisory Committee are available online and due by July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Staff Announcement (Chris Hunter/Angel James):** Angel shared information regarding the CAT Annual Luncheon taking place on June 30, 2021 at the Hoyt Arboretum. CAT Committee members and TriMet staff are looking forward to seeing each other in person for the first time

in a very long time. Keith Edwards will be joining CAT for the annual luncheon.

**Board Report (Lori Bauman):** The process to hire a new General Manager started in December/January and the Board has now selected a candidate that will fill this position. The Board will have a special meeting at 3pm today to make the announcement and hopefully share the name of the candidate chosen.

This is Lori's last CAT meeting as she will now serve as Vice President for the TriMet Board of Directors. Lori has recommended Keith Edwards to be assigned to the CAT committee and will confirm his attendance for the next business meeting and CAT luncheon. Lori shared heartfelt thanks to the CAT Committee for their work and asked that CAT keep her in mind if anything is needed or if they'd like to share any information whatsoever.

CAT shared heartfelt memories of the great experiences they had working with Lori and while though they'll miss her, they're looking forward to working with Dir. Edwards.

### **CAT Reports-**

**CAT Nominations (Chris/Claudia):** Interim GM, Sam Desue Jr. will be approving the nomination list for new membership on the CAT committee. The list will then be presented to the Board for approval and acceptance letters will go out immediately to the six members approved to join. The actual election and appointment of the Chair will take place at our July business meeting.

### **Public Comment on Item B:**

#### **Re: Burnside Bridge Project Update Sent Via Email:**

Dave Daley - Commissioners need to know that we have concerns about ADA items being stripped away. Every other word nowadays is about equity, but equity isn't just for bike lock people, it's also for people with disabilities and older adults.

Jan Campbell - Suggested we schedule a meeting with Commissioners. Chris will reach out to Megan and see if she has any updates regarding the county and the exploration of cost reduction measures so that CAT has the most up to date information before any meeting with city

commissioners take place. With the timeline being pushed out we can make sure that nothing is being cut.

Kathryn Woods - watched live stream of what they could cut and things only came up in regard to pedestrians and bikers. Kathryn wrote an email right after with her comments and concerns. She also stated that a CAT member should be included in this discussion.

Eileen - Cargo bikes are a way to get supplies moved across the river during a city wide emergency such as an earthquake, we need to bring attention to the space needed to accommodate all needs in the community.

**SW Alder Bus Stop Considerations (Brenda Martin & Ben Baldwin):** Brenda and Ben presented plans for the SW Alder Project. This project involves moving line 15-Belmont from SW Salmon to SW Alder. CAT will visit the site in person to gain a better sense of how the project will develop and Brenda has asked CAT to provide feedback regarding accessibility needs.

Chris will schedule a field visit for CAT Members, TriMet Staff and PBOT to SW 18<sup>th</sup> & Alder Site.

**TriMet Mobility Center-LIFT Eligibility (Chris):** Chris shared new operation updates for Eligibility processing and spoke about what staff has done to continue processing applications as well as ensure that customers did not lose service over the last 18 months. Eligibility interviews are currently taking place via WebEx or Phone. Customers are sending in headshots via email so that LIFT HOP cards can be made for those that are eligible. Chris and the Eligibility Team will soon be reviewing how to ensure safety for all when the office returns to assisting customers in person.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please feel free to contact Chris at [hunterch@trimet.org](mailto:hunterch@trimet.org).

Margo Moore:

- We're excited that Sam Desue Jr. has been selected as our new GM for TriMet.

- Interviews for the Executive Director for Transportation position are underway and we're excited about the pool of candidates. TriMet is still actively recruiting for this position.

Eileen Collins: Our new contractor Trans Dev North America will start their transition July 1, 2021 and will assume revenue service by October 1, 2021. We went out to bid in January and received three vendor submissions, but Trans Dev by far outscored the other vendors by a considerable margin. This decision will go before the board next week for approval.

### **Public Comment on Item E**

Kathryn Woods - What were Trans Devs answers to questions regarding safety? Eileen - Safety is our primary factor. We're not going to compromise time or quality for safety. We believe that safety and quality don't have to be competing factors and this is a shared value with Trans Dev. We'll be digging in deeper on any and all issues, but if you have specific questions, please feel free to send them to me.

Claudia Robertson - What does it mean for ongoing services? Will current employees work for the new contractor? Trans Dev will bargain with the ATU in regard to retaining operators that were previously laid off due to Covid. In the solicitation, the group is asked that they'll acquire some new staff, but there are operators that were laid off that will have first priority to the position.

CAT Business Meeting Adjournment was made by Annadiana Johnson, Barry Lundberg seconded. Motion to end the meeting passed at 10:38