



**Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

WebEx/Virtual Meeting

**CAT Members Present:**

Jan Campbell  
Leon Chavarria  
Dave Daley  
AJ Earl  
Director Keith Edwards  
Annadiana Johnson  
Diana Keever  
Patricia Kepler  
Adam Kriss  
Barry Lundberg  
Kris Meagher  
Michael Sandell  
Ryan Skelton  
Claudia Robertson  
Cassie Wilson

**Public:** Chris Walker  
Kathryn Woods, Lisa  
Strader (PBOT), Steve  
Hext (Broadway Cab)

**TriMet Staff & Contractors:**

Nick Anderson  
Nathan Banks  
Joe Camper  
Charlie Clark  
Tony Clark  
Eileen Collins  
Mary Hill  
Mathew Kintz  
Alan Lehto  
Jonathan Lewis  
Daniel Marchand  
Patricia Tezer  
Clayton Thompson

CAT Chair Jan Campbell Called the business meeting to order at 9:02

**Approval Of Agenda:** motion – Annadiana Johnson; Second - Claudia Robertson  
No discussion. No opposition. Motion passes.

**Approval of Minutes:** motion – Patricia Kepler; seconded Kris Meagher

- a. Discussion will be had at Executive committee about minutes format.  
January minutes were not voted on, and will be pushed to March meeting.
- b. Minutes will be discussed at next Executive meeting and voted on in March.

## **Announcements from Chair**

- a. Read all the items in your packet prior to meeting. It is important to keep up to date if you cannot attend.

## **Nominating Committee Members Needed**

- b. Meeting the week of 2/20 to interview applicants
- c. 3-5 Members:
  - i. People planning to run for a leadership position should not be on the nominating committee.
    1. Annadiana Johnson
    2. Adam Kriss
    3. Barry Lundberg
    4. Cassie Wilson
    5. Eileen will Staff
  - ii. Eileen will send applications to committee
  - iii. Will send a slate for Executive positions (Chair, and Member at large). Officers will be nominated after committee nominations.

### **9:10 B. Staff Updates**

Eileen Collins hired as Director, TriMet Accessible Transportation Programs; now Hiring for Service Delivery Manager for LIFT

### **9:15 C. Public Comment**

Chris Walker – Letter to LIFT Customer Service. Wants LIFT to wait more than five minutes once arrived at his pick-up location if he needs to use the restroom.

### **9:25 D. CAT Committee Issues**

Annadiana Johnson - Regarding presentations – make sure colors used in presentations are considering the abilities of people who are color-blind.

Patricia Kepler – Regarding new LIFT buses – make sure heaters are not under the seats to limit where service animals can safely sit.

Michael Sandell — Will there be more opportunities for fixed route bus training for feedback?

Annadiana Johnson, Claudia Robertson and Michael Sandell shared concerns over the naming and marketing of the Honored Citizen fare and the inclusion of low-income fare in the same fare category. The Executive Committee will address in Executive Session on March 7, 2023.

**9:48 E. Keith Edwards – Board Update**

Director Edwards shared concerns regarding elevator access and reliability. He also concurred on the need for better wayfinding. Director Edwards also requested CAT member and public testimony regarding the Proposed Fare Increase at upcoming TriMet Board Meetings.

**• Public Comment**

Kathryn Woods – shared that she was planning to attend the Board meeting and testify as to the need for a low-income fare for LIFT.

Eileen will send all of the TriMet Board Meeting testimony options to the committee

**9:58 F. LIFT Service Report – Eileen Collins and ATP Contractors**

Eileen Collins and LIFT contractors shared updates on the increasing service volume at LIFT. Concerns were shared about reductions in the number of LIFT operators and some strategies being employed to entice more applicants.

**10:17 G. Fixed Route Service Report – Nathan Banks**

Nathan Banks shared slide Deck attached in Meeting packet. The Committee was particularly interested in the metrics around the number of mobility devices transported vs. the number that refuse securement, as well as the metrics regarding pass-ups for service animals versus mobility devices. Additional information was requested regarding on-time performance.

**10:30 I. TriMet Business Plan – Alan Lehto, Senior Director, Planning, Service Planning and Delivery**

**11:00 J. Better Red Project – MAX Service Impacts**

**Clay Thompson shared screen with slide deck. Attachment G.** The Better Red project extends MAX Red Line west to serve 10 more stations and improves schedule reliability for the entire MAX system. The project brings nearly \$100 million in federal funds and creates jobs for the region.

Construction near the Fair Complex/Hillsboro Airport Station and in the Gateway area begins in fall 2021, and at Portland International Airport in early 2022. The new Red Line service in Beaverton and Hillsboro opens in fall 2024.

**11:30 K. Meeting adjourned at 11:31**

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