

October 2022 -TEAC Summary

TriMet staff presented the Forward Together Service Concept to TEAC. Members expressed excitement over the draft concept; Members noted appreciation for the plan's intentional focus at equity, serving Low-income higher ridership areas and reducing rush hour service.

The group talked about the bus service changes and asked questions on efforts to increase ridership and access to/from areas lacking sidewalks.

Members also expressed concerns by how quickly the project is moving and noted they would like to know more about planning to increase capacity onboard vehicles for riders using mobility devices and getting folks out of their cars into public transit.

TEAC members asked how they could show support for this concept moving forward.

TEAC also received an overview of the STIF plan, the process, and components that make up the Fiscal year 24-25 budget proposal. Members asked questions about security and Transit Center Expansion.

- **Security** - questions were around specific areas in Washington County i.e. Beaverton, Hillsboro Transit Center, and plans there to increase security.
- **Transit Center Expansion**-Asked if Transit Center expansions include plans to add public restrooms for riders' use, perhaps via an active hop card. Reiterated this is a need for folks using transit, especially those needing to make several transfers or travel longer distances.

The committee last covered the final review of the draft TEAC Bylaws. Staff noted that TEAC wants to expand in the coming year and increase membership to bring in new partners. A new application will be sent to current members as part of this transition, and online applications will be available.