

## **8-20-15 TRANSIT EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:35 P.M.

### Committee members in attendance

Andre Baugh  
Scotty Ellis  
Heidi Guenin  
Roberta Hunte (Co-chair)  
Judi Martin (Co-chair)  
Nicole Phillips  
Cameron Whitten

### Guests in attendance

Craig Prosser, TriMet board of directors  
Travis Stovall (by phone), TriMet board of directors

### Staff in attendance

Shelley Devine  
Martin Gonzalez  
Monika Johnson  
Ryan McBee  
Jake Warr

Director of Diversity Interview questions: discussed questions to ask for the next round of interviews

- 1: How would you balance Trimet's role as both a social service and a retail service?
- 2: How would you define Title VI, and how would you show leadership in that area?
- 3: How would you make the case for equity to be prioritized in decision-making?
- 4: How do you envision working with TEAC? How do you envision working with the community, particularly East County?
- 5: How innovative have you been in terms of working on issues of equity in relation to a large bureaucracy?
- 6: How do you make economic case for equity?

### Subcommittee Updates:

Equity Lens: did not meet

Title VI: did meet, discussed FTA Update, engagement in spring, present to board by next October

EFARE UPDATE: two rounds of engagement, first community partners (talk to clients and organization members) secondly, have focus groups led by community organizations, explaining what EFARE is, how it works, and then collecting feedback regarding Title Vi and EFARE This will be done by November, so it will be put into the Title Vi analysis, presented to board in January, adopted in February

Policies board considering are basic, ability to have electronic system and having price capping

Final Report: includes more than what board is voting on, but needs Title VI analysis first  
NOVEMBER meeting: TEAC will have draft report, Jake discussed changing proposed timeline to bring report sooner than planned in order to ensure TEAC has adequate time to review and respond before final decisions made/final version adopted  
Discussion focused on shortness of timeline, and how TEAC relates to impacting the conversation of a full roll out of Efare

Cameron Whitten joined the meeting

Racial Equity and TriMet: TriMet board member Craig Prosser presented the board's previous discussion about race, equity, and the Charleston Shooting. What can TriMet do in response?

Many TEAC members said it this way: "Don't choose militarized or criminalized option for not having fare." Conversation focused on systemic issues, in particular with treatment of riders of color by police/fare enforcement. Committee will return to issue at next meeting before providing recommendations to the board.

TEAC, achievements and where we're going!

Board really cares about TEAC input, and asks TEAC's opinion

TEAC taking time to analyze data, ask questions, and truly make change

Cash Transfer issue: TEAC's work impacted the decision to change course, and keep the cash transfers

THE FUTURE: four open seats on committee

ATTENDANCE: questions around rules for serving on committee also have other populations, such as disabled community, riders, outside Multnomah County

EFARE: process being rolled out

Equity Lens: continue working on it

Title VI Program Update

Service Enhancements: ongoing

How the meeting went?

TEAC appreciated that so many TriMet staff came to their meeting. They also liked that Director Prosser attended the meeting, and that Director Stovall participated by phone conference. Group felt that a good discussion was had, and that meeting time used efficiently and effectively.

Adjournment: Roberta adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.