



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	April 22, 2015
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Bruce Warner	Location:	City of Portland Building 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Auditorium Portland, Oregon 97204
Board Members Present:	T. Allen Bethel Craig Prosser Travis Stovall Bruce Warner	Board Members Absent:	Joe Esmonde Consuelo Saragoza

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. The following Board Committee Reports were provided:

- A. **Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)** – T. Allen Bethel reported that the Committee did not meet in April as the Committee rotates between meeting one month and taking a field trip the next. On April 15th the Committee received a tour of the Tilikum Crossing. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015.
- B. **Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** – Craig Prosser reported that the Committee met on April 8, 2015, and received a memo on the Urban Growth Management decision coming up. MPAC is looking at various issues that will impact the ultimate decision and received a presentation from the City of Portland on their Comprehensive Plan Update that would prepare for the necessity to absorb the level of growth proposed. The growth will impact TriMet service levels as well.

2. General Manager Report

- A. **GM Comments** – Neil McFarlane, General Manager, reported on:
 - Five-year anniversary of tragic accident
 - March ridership up nearly 3%

- B. **Quarterly Finance Report** – Chief Financial Officer Dee Brookshire shared the high points of the Financial and Operating Report for the third quarter of FY2015 and answered Board questions.
- C. **Security Report** – Safety & Security Executive Director Harry Saporta and TPD Commander Mike Leloff provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined: 1) current crime statistics; 2) growing security efforts; 3) enhanced data and analysis; 4) public education and outreach; and 5) answered Board questions.

3. Consent Agenda

Director Bethel requested that Resolution 15-04-15 be removed from the consent agenda and expressed concerns that the rankings on the evaluation of Steve Siegel were perfect across the board.

Neil McFarlane stated that Mr. Siegel has worked with TriMet for a number of years on similar projects and that would account for the additional responsiveness on the request for proposal.

Director of Project Planning Alan Lehto stated that Mr. Siegel has been involved in funding transit projects for a number of years and is a strong thinker who pushes us to be smarter in how we do things, including how we would approach the new starts and small starts core capacity to ensure we have another successful project like the Orange Line.

Director Bethel stated that Mr. Siegel's past experience and relationship with TriMet adds additional concern that there is an inherent bias when evaluating the proposal because of the longevity and familiarity. Secondly, he is concerned that with this large of contract that none of the contractors could identify realistic subcontracting opportunities for DBE firms. Director Bethel stated that he would be voting no on this resolution.

Mr. Lehto stated that he agrees that TriMet does not want to be so comfortable with a bidder that they are not looking closely at all aspects of the proposal, but feels the committee made a conscious effort to evaluate the proposals on their merits only and not past experience. Mr. Lehto added that this is a unique situation in that this calls for very specialized expertise with no obvious DBE opportunities so we will need to look for the non-obvious DBE opportunities as we move forward.

President Warner suggested that in light of Dr. Bethel's concern that Resolution 15-04-15 be removed from the consent agenda and that the Board vote on the remaining items.

Action: Travis Stovall moved to remove Resolution 15-04-15 from the consent agenda and approve all other consent agenda items listed below; Craig Prosser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2015

Resolution directing that all ordinances shall be read by title only

Resolution 15-04-16 Authorizing a Contract with Faithful + Gould, Inc. for On-Call Facility and Building Assessment Services

4. Resolutions

Neil McFarlane introduced the following resolutions:

Resolution 15-04-15 Authorizing a Series of Contracts for New Starts and Small Starts Strategic Planning, Financial Analysis and Technical Assistance Services

Director Stovall stated that even if Steven Siegel was rated on the high side because of familiarity with the firm, there is a significant enough margin that he is comfortable with the results. Director Stovall added that he is comfortable moving forward with consideration of the contract with the understanding that as an organization it is critical to make a deliberate effort to provide opportunities for women and minorities to pursue careers and expand the foundation of their depth and experience so we allow growth for the next generation and do not continue the cycle because of lack of experience.

Director Prosser stated that Steven Siegel has an excellent reputation, and although he has worked with one of the other bidders, PFM, and has a high regard, he is comfortable with the evaluation results.

President Warner stated that he believes that Steven Siegel has the expertise needed for this specialized work, but would ask that Mr. Siegel share his expertise and look for opportunities to grow utilizing women and minority firms in the future.

Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Resolution 15-04-15; Craig Prosser seconded the motion. Directors Prosser, Stovall and Warner voted yes, and Director Bethel voted no -- the motion passed.

Resolution 15-04-17 Endorsing Further Development of Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Including Letter to FTA Seeking Entry into FTA Project Development Under Small Starts

Director of Project Planning Alan Lehto provided a PowerPoint highlighting the Powell-Division Transit and Development project and sharing: 1) collaborative efforts; 2) the multicultural business outreach; 3) the Steering Committee alignment options, and 4) where we are now.

Action: Craig Prosser moved approval of Resolution 15-04-17; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Ordinances

Ordinance 338 Adopting Honored Citizen Fare Increases, and Amending TriMet Code Chapter 19 (First Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine read Ordinance 338 by title only – no action is necessary.

President Warner explained that the proposal to raise honored citizen fares has been shared with the public and that over the past month TriMet has been actively seeking input summarized in the latest outreach report provided to the Board and public. At the March Board meeting, staff presented the conclusions of the Equity Analysis for HC fare increase. That analysis was also submitted to the FTA and we have not received any comments back from the FTA.

President Warner stated that if the Board is comfortable with the conclusions of the Analysis, we will proceed to the public hearing on Ordinance 338.

The following people addressed the Board regarding Ordinance 338:

Margaret Clark, member of the Traffic Safety Committee and involved with Ride Connection, spoke about the importance of: 1) maintaining service; 2) the Legislature passing the Transit Bill; and 3) assisting those that cannot afford the increased fare.

Kayla Murphy, Human Solutions, spoke in opposition of Ordinance 338 and shared concerns about the impact and the barrier the fare increase would have on quality of life. Written testimony was also submitted that will be made part of the public record.

Justine Hernandez spoke in opposition of Ordinance 338 and expressed concern that the increase would affect people negatively by impacting their quality of life.

Christopher West, longtime transit-dependent rider, spoke in support of Ordinance 338 and suggested increasing HC pass to \$30.00 a month and also increasing service in Cedar Mills.

Amy Anderson, Mental Health Activist, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 338 and stated that the increase would put a significant burden on the agencies that serve and provide transportation to the medically fragile and seniors in the community. Ms. Anderson asked the Board to look at all aspects when considering fare increases and electronic fares.

JoAnn Herrigel, Civic Involvement Coordinator for Elders in Action, spoke about the importance of: 1) maximizing allocations to minimize the impact of the HC fare increase; 2) public outreach to those impacted on how to access transit discounts and get other assistance where necessary; and 3) the eFare being age-friendly and accessible to people with disabilities, and stated that Elders in Action stands ready to help.

Jared Franz, Policy Director for OPAL, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 338 and presented a letter (made part of the public record) signed by 11 agencies and 21 individuals and asked that the Board table the Honored Citizen increase and explained why there is no financial need for the increase at this time.

Kem Marx spoke in opposition to Ordinance 338 and shared concerns and provided examples of the hardships that the increase would cause.

Teresa Keishi Soto spoke in opposition of Ordinance 338 and shared concerns and examples of hardships that increasing the HC fare would cause and stated that she feels there is no financial need to increase fares that would burden a fixed-income transit-dependent population. Ms. Soto thanked the Board for keeping the HC fare at \$1.00 for the past five years and asked that the Board show compassion and respect by keeping the fare the same.

Lew Church, PSU Progressive Student Union and Transit Riders Union, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 338 and shared concerns about the impact that raising the HC fares would cause and requested that the eligibility age for seniors begin at 60.

Ordinance 339 Adopting Service Changes, Updating Route Designations and Amending TriMet Code Chapter 22, and Repealing TriMet Code Chapter 20, Charter Rates (First Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine read Ordinance 339 by title only – no action is necessary.

Neil McFarlane introduced Ordinance 339 and shared the major service changes proposed in conjunction with the opening of the Portland Milwaukie light rail line (Orange Line) with service between Clackamas County and downtown Portland via a new bridge over the Willamette River. At the March meeting, the conclusions of the Equity Analysis for the proposed service changes were presented to the Board. That report was also submitted to the FTA and we have not received any comments from the FTA.

President Warner stated that written comments on Ordinance 339 that have been received online and through the mail have been shared with the Board and comment cards completed today will be forwarded to all Board members and will become part of the formal Public Hearing record. If the Board is comfortable with the conclusions of the Equity Analysis, we will proceed to the public hearing on Ordinance 339.

No one spoke to the Board regarding Ordinance 339.

6. Other Business & Adjournment

There was no other business to come before the Board -- President Warner adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary