



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	September 26, 2018
		Time:	9:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Bruce Warner, President	Location:	World Trade Center, Bldg. 2 Plaza Conference Room 25 S.W. Salmon Portland, Oregon 97204
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman Ozzie Gonzalez Linda Simmons Travis Stovall Kathy Wai Bruce Warner	Board Members Absent:	Keith Edwards

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

1. Board Reports:

- A. **Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)** – Director Bauman shared the highlights of the September business meeting – a copy of the report was provided to the Board and is part of the Board record. There were two issues that were of concern: 1) The City of Portland's electric scooter pilot project because of the many safety issues. The Committee approved a resolution urging the City to end the pilot project due to the negative impacts on the disabled community. 2) The proposed MAX stop closures because of the hardship it would cause riders with disabilities. The discussion on the stop closures will continue at the next meeting.
- B. **Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report** – Director Stovall reported that the Committee met this morning and discussed the Fourth Bus Base strategy, the HB2017 Proposal and a preview of the FY 2018 Audited Financial Results. Director Stovall thanked Dee Brookshire, Cara Fitzpatrick and Eric Mireiter for their phenomenal work.
- C. **Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** – Director Wai reported that at the September 12th meeting the group voted in support of Metro's Chief Operating Officer's recommendation to Metro Council to accept all four areas into the urban growth boundary, with conditions. Many members applauded Metro staff for a thorough process to evaluate each City's proposal carefully, alongside the inclusion to attach specific conditions for each new area such as a mix of housing types, affordability of units, importance of ADU's and smaller housing types, single family attached and detached units, and general multi-modal connectivity. A few members expressed concern that these communities can and should continue to add density within their current boundaries, and specifically that Metro can't enforce the conditions of approval. A vote was taken with unanimous support, and no opposition, to forward onto Metro Council.

- D. **Transit Equity Advisory Committee** – Director Gonzalez reported that the Committee heard from staff on: 1) HB2017 funding and recommendations; 2) TriMet’s Non-Diesel Bus strategy; 3) current Mission, Vision and Values and alternatives; and 4) an update on the Low-Income Fare program. Staff encouraged Committee members to reach out to the community for their input on the Mission, Vision and Values and to share ideas at the next meeting.

2. General Manager Report

- A. **State vs. Valderrama** – Doug Kelsey stated that in response to the recent decision, TriMet is making adjustments to their fare enforcement to address issues raised by the Judge. Director Wai asked to stay informed and involved in the discussion of fare enforcement.
- B. **Ridership** – Doug Kelsey reported on the results for August 2018.
- C. **Moss Adams** – Jim Lanzarotta, Moss Adams, provided a review and presentation of the district’s annual financial audit, compliance, and findings of a clean audit for the year ending June 30, 2018 and responded to Board questions.
- D. **Quarterly Performance Indicators** – Maurice Henderson, Chief Operating Officer, presented a PowerPoint and explained the key elements of the second quarter report and answered Board questions. A copy of the report was provided to the Board, the public and is available on TriMet’s website.
- E. **HB2017 Proposed Plan for October Action** – Bernie Bottomly, Executive Director of Public Affairs, provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined: 1) What the October Board Action would entail; 2) The public and community involvement opportunities throughout the process; 3) Proposed Five-year Funding Allocation; 4) Non-TriMet Service Plans; 5) HB2017 Planning Timeline; and 6) Next Steps.

Director Wai asked that the Board postpone consideration of the Non-Diesel Bus Plan until after the HB2017 Committee has finalized their recommendations. Bernie Bottomly explained the timing and the importance of deciding on the Non-Diesel Bus Plan prior to the consideration of the HB2017 plan.

President Warner suggested that the Board consider this during the discussion of Resolution 18-09-68 Adopting the Non-Diesel Bus Plan.

- F. **Transit Police Changing of the Guard** – Doug Kelsey shared that TriMet is undergoing a number of changes amongst its organizational leaders. Executive Director of Safety and Security Harry Saporta recently announced plans to retire this spring, and earlier this month announced our next Executive Director Marla Blagg from BART. Also, after serving more than two years as Transit Police Commander, Sara Westbrook is retiring. Harry Saporta thanked Commander Westbrook for her dedication, leadership and vision for keeping our community and our transit system safe and presented her with a plaque that depicted that sentiment. Harry Saporta introduced and welcomed TriMet’s new Transit Police Division Commander Michael Frome.
- G. **APTA Campaign and Marketing Award**— JC Vannatta, Director of Marketing & Communications accepted an award yesterday for TriMet’s marketing and outreach efforts for our HOP campaign that was multi-cultural, creative and comparatively low cost.

3. Consent Agenda

Action: Linda Simmons moved to approve the consent agenda items listed below; Ozzie Gonzalez seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2018

4. Resolutions

Doug Kelsey and staff introduced the following resolutions and responded to Board questions:

Resolution 18-09-64 Authorizing a Contract Modification with Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC DBA Howard S. Wright for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Elevator Refurbishment/Replacement Program

Director Gonzalez, employee of Howard S. Wright / Balfour Beatty Construction Company, declared a conflict of interest in consideration of Resolution 18-09-64 and will not be participating in discussion, debate or action of this resolution.

Action: Lori Irish-Bauman moved approval of Resolution 18-09-64; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. Directors Simmons, Warner, Stovall, Bauman and Wai voted yes; Director Gonzalez abstained – the motion was approved.

Resolution 18-09-68 Adopting the 2018 TriMet Non-Diesel Bus Plan

President Warner explained that Director Gonzalez needs to leave early and that the Board will hear Resolution 18-09-68 now and asked for the Board's input on Director Wai's request to consider this resolution at their October meeting after the HB2017 Committee has made their final recommendations.

Director Simmons stated that she has been interested in this initiative for some time and has looked at other transit agencies around the country where their Boards have adopted similar resolutions. Director Simmons stated that as she has shared with TriMet's executive team, as a Board we need to be proactive and demonstrate to the public our concern about pollution and our desire to move towards non-pollutant type vehicles. Director Simmons stated that she believes the initiative before us today demonstrates that commitment and that the funding for how we accomplish this can be determined later. Director Simmons concluded that this is a critical priority for the community and would like to move forward with this today.

Director Gonzalez stated that he echoes Director Simmons comments that our commitment to clean up our fleet is vital and he does not see any reason to delay the decision as the plan allows for continued public input in regards to the short-term funding package that will be discussed on Friday.

Director Bauman stated that as non-diesel bus options have been discussed in the past she has been cautious about moving in that direction prematurely, but feels the plan before us is a cautious and thoughtful approach and moves us in the right direction. Director Bauman concluded that she agrees with Director's Simmons and Gonzalez that this is a policy that we can move on today.

Director Stovall stated he is a bit more challenged by the decision to move forward with electric buses. While he agrees with the perspective that reducing pollution that is negatively impacting our region's livability is a priority and to TriMet's commitment to be a part of the solution, he also shares the perspective that our biggest commitment is to assist people in single occupancy cars into mass transit solutions and does not want to invest in technology prematurely. There is a lot of complex competing information which can cause paralysis by analysis, but at some point we need to move forward to a better cleaner Oregon. Director Stovall concluded he believes this is a viable plan that moves us forward with off ramps to consider technology and future financing options.

Director Wai stated that with the understanding that the Board will have future opportunities to discuss and approve the use of funds equitably and wisely, she is in full support of moving towards clean energy for our region.

President Warner stated that he agrees that as a Board we need to commit to a greener fleet, but also wants to assure the HB2017 Committee that while it is the Board's intent to move forward with the plan today, if the Committee's final recommendations do not align, the Board can amend the plan if needed. President Warner thanked Director Wai for sharing her concerns and the Board for a robust discussion. President Warner explained that there will be many opportunities during the budget process to discuss funding priorities.

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 18-09-65; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 18-09-65 Authorizing TriMet to Acquire by Purchase or By the Exercise of the Power of Eminent Domain Certain Real Property Necessary to Construction of a Fourth Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility

Action: Ozzie Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 18-09-65; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Note: Director Gonzalez left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Resolution 18-09-66 Recommending Confirmation of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project

Director Stovall asked what the overall reception is from the municipalities for the preferred alternative. Steve Witter responded that there was terrific support from the Washington County Council as they approved the alternative at last night's meeting with no public testimony; City of Tualatin Council approved to move the project to the next phase; and, we have worked diligently with community members through a Citizens Advisory Committee that made a formal recommendation to the Steering Committee in support of the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Doug Kelsey commented that the City of Tigard and City of Portland has yet to vote on the alternative.

Director Simmons stated that as she understands, but would like confirmation, that approving the Local Preferred Alternative today does not preclude the plan from further debate and refinement. Leah Robbins confirmed yes, that this is a major step, but not the last step with design and refinements yet to come. The next step will be planning development and completing the Final Environmental Impact Statement. There will be continuing community outreach on design refinements.

Doug Kelsey stated that there is still a significant amount of discussion and latitude as we move forward with the development of this project.

Director Stovall commented that as a comparison to the Division Transit Project, although the Board approved the Locally Preferred Alternative, there have been many adjustments to the alignment as the plan develops.

The Board expressed appreciation to TriMet and Metro staff for their thorough and exceptional work in moving this very important project forward.

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 18-09-66; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 18-09-67 Authorizing an Application to be Filed with Metro for a Land Use Final Order for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project

Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Resolution 18-09-67; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 18-09-69 Authorizing a Modification to the Contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Gideon Overcrossing Project

Action: Kathy Wai moved approval of Resolution 18-09-69; Lori Irish-Bauman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. Other Business & Adjournment

Hearing no further business, President Warner adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary