



TRANSIT EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday April 9 2019 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

TriMet – Columbia Conference Room, 1800 SW 1st Ave, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97201

TEAC:

Anneliese Koehler, Nellie Salvador, Tristan Isaac, Gabrielle Phan, Ray Atkinson, Emily Nelson, Enrique Zegarra, Stephen Butler, John Carter, Selena Trevino, Brent Balog, Coi Vu, Jairaj Singh, Arianna Perez Garcia, Ricah Poudyal and Ozzie Gonzalez

Staff:

John Gardner, Tia York, Mariya Klimenko, Carl Green Jr, Wendy Serrano, Martin Gonzalez

Absent:

Mariam Admasu, Jonath Colon and Kevin Sheehan

Welcome & Intros

Anneliese Koehler opened the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Legislative Update: Aaron Deas, Legislative Coordinator

Aaron shared some of the legislative bills that TriMet has been following during the current legislative session. Including zoning bills affecting density, bills affecting rideshare changes. He has been following several workgroups attached to bills relating to the statues of fare enforcement and on a bill to allow transit police to check fares and how this affects people riding the system with warrants since about 980 people have been caught while riding with no fare and with a warrant on TriMet's system. Updates were also shared about a bill to form a crash advisory group to have a citizen oversight committee over TriMet. Additionally, HB2219 was another bill that passed committee and it aims to expand WES to Salem.

Title VI Program Update: Carl Green Jr. Title VI and Equity Programs Administrator

Carl presented on several policies that will be proposed as part of the 2019 Title VI Program Update. This included adding the following "A transit route is eliminated or retired from service" to the Major Service Change policy. Members were in support of this proposal. Additional policy proposals included Title VI Disparate Impact and Disproportionate Burden policies for Fare Changes. Members were in support of an established threshold of 10% (or more) adverse impact to protected populations under Title VI but they did not support a differentiation between major and minor fare changes categorization as they expressed that the categorization would: 1) minimize the impact on vulnerable populations for any future potential fare change; 2) communicate to the general public that a lesser analysis would be performed for minor fare changes; and 3) the distinction did not add value if TriMet is required to conduct an equity analysis for any fare change.

Fare Update: Wendy Serrano, Sr. Coordinator, Community Engagement

Wendy provided an update and reminder that TriMet is advertising the phase out of paper tickets and the mobile tickets from the TriMet Ticket app as TriMet encourages riders to make the switch to Hop Fastpass by December 31, 2019. **Nellie Salvador** from IRCO Slavic House expressed concerns over the switch to Hop for seniors she works with. She shared they are experiencing a high level of confusion due to limited English proficiency and difficulty understanding how to use Hop. **Emily Nelson** from JOIN also expressed concerns for the removal of 7-14 and 30 day paper passes and how that would affect the homeless populations her organization serves. **Stephen Butler** from the Gresham Planning Commission voiced concerns on how Hop will work for LIFT riders. TriMet committed to following up with the senior Slavic community and will be following up with the appropriate staff from Fare Administration and Communications, Marketing and Customer Experience.

TEAC ran out of time to cover the last agenda item for ongoing surveys under the Language Access Plan and its ongoing outreach.

Adjournment.