



Minutes

Meeting:	TriMet Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting	Date:	November 14, 2018
		Time:	8:00 a.m.
Presiding:	Bruce Warner	Location:	University of Oregon – Portland, Rooms 142-144 70 NW Couch Ave. Portland, OR 97209
Board Members Present:	Lori Irish Bauman Keith Edwards Ozzie Gonzalez Linda Simmons Travis Stovall Kathy Wai Bruce Warner	Board Members Absent:	

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

1. Resolutions

Doug Kelsey introduced Resolution 18-11-75 and Steve Witter responded to Board questions.

Resolution 18-11-75 Board of Directors, Acting In Its Capacity as the TriMet Contract Review Board, Exempting from Competitive Bidding Requirements Contracts for Construction Services for the Blue Line Station Rehabilitation Program

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 18-11-75; Ozzie Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Warner recommended adding a resolution directing that all ordinances be read by title only.

Action: Keith Edwards made a motion to add a resolution directing that all ordinances be read by title only; Ozzie Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Ordinance

Ordinance No. 351 of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) Amending TriMet Code Chapter 29 and Updating Procedures for Requests for Proof of Payment (Second Reading)

General Counsel Shelley Devine read Ordinance 351 by title only.

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President Warner stated that at the October 24th Board meeting, Erik Van Hagen outlined Ordinance 351 in detail, a public hearing was held, and Board members had an opportunity to share their thoughts, questions and concerns. After discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the Ordinance for a second reading and asked staff to get further outreach from the Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) and the community on this Ordinance.

John Gardner, Director of Diversity and Transit Equity, explained the work that has been done with TEAC and other groups over the past three years on fare enforcement. TriMet and its community partners have been working across coalitions to decriminalize fare enforcement and bring greater equity and transparency to our systems security and safety efforts. John Gardner explained the positive changes that have been made, the training that has been developed and the outreach that has been done. In talking with TEAC members and members of the Safety and Security sub-committee, the vast majority see Ordinance 351 as the next step in further decriminalizing fare enforcement and would like it to move forward as quickly as possible.

Erik Van Hagen provided an overview of Ordinance 351 and shared the letter from Kimberly McCullough from the ACLU. Erik Van Hagen summarized the comments and concerns raised in the letter and responded to those concerns.

Director Wai asked about the training provided to fare enforcement personnel when asking for ID.

John Gardner responded that TEAC approved the guidelines that the Safety & Security sub-committee developed and recommended that provides training to fare enforcement personnel on the different situations they may encounter.

Director Wai stated that this is still an area of concern when it is up to individual officers to use their best judgement when an individual either has no proof of ID or questionable ID. Director Wai stated that it would be important to clarify what types of ID we can accept other than government-issued ID.

Director Edwards stated that while he understands the need for ID requirements, he is also concerned that an individual may have legitimate reasons for not divulging their personnel information and that should be taken into consideration as well. Director Edwards stated that at the October 24th meeting, he asked about the card with language on it for Fare Enforcement personnel to use.

Erik Van Hagen responded that the language for the card is in the process of being developed.

Director Edwards asked that the language on the card is written with a public relations approach, rather than an enforcement approach.

President Warner stated that this is not an emergency ordinance, but if adopted, would take affect thirty days after adoption.

Director Wai thanked staff for the additional outreach in consideration of this ordinance and asked that we continue to prioritize hearing community experiences and voices before making big decisions.

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Director Edwards asked that if adopted, during the 30 days prior to implementation of the ordinance, that we finalize the language on the card, do a public relations campaign informing the public of the changes, and ensure bilingual information is available on the rules of riding.

John Gardner responded that bilingual notice of proof of fare is in all our vehicles and that we will continue to work with our many partners and agencies to provide information on the rules of riding.

Director Gonzalez stated what he is hearing from the Board and TEAC is that as we implement these changes we need to continue to keep the interest of our citizens in mind and empower people with the understanding to do the right thing and ride successfully.

President Warner asked that staff report back to the Board on the implementation.

Since there was no further discussion on Ordinance 351, President Warner called for a motion and roll call vote.

Action: Director Stovall moved adoption of Ordinance 351; Director Edwards seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote resulted in the adoption of Ordinance 351:

Lori Irish Bauman	Yes
Linda Simmons	Yes
Bruce Warner.....	Yes
Travis Stovall	Yes
Ozzie Gonzalez	Yes
Kathy Wai	Yes
Keith Edwards.....	Yes

3. Other Business & Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Board. President Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary