



Meeting: TriMet Committee on
Accessible Transportation

Date: July 20, 2022
Time: 9:00a -11:00a

Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:

Jan Campbell
Cassie Wilson
Annadiana Johnson
Kris Meagher
Adam Kriss
Alex-jon Earl
Barry Lundberg
Claudia Robertson
Dave Daley
Leon Chavarria
Mike Sandell
Patricia Kepler
Dr. Ryan Skelton
Diana Kever

Call to Order

Jan Campbell called the meeting to Order at 9am.

Welcome new CAT Members

Cassie Wilson and Mike Sandell were welcomed to the CAT by Jan Campbell.

Approval of Agenda for 7/20/22 Business Meeting

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Barry – second by Annadiana. No discussion. Motion passed with no discussion or abstentions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approval of Minutes of 6-15-2022 CAT Meeting Minutes moved by Dave Daley and seconded by Kris Meagher. Motion passed with no discussion or abstentions.

Announcements from Chair

Jan Campbell, CAT Chair, had no announcements

Staff Updates

Margo Moore had no updates and yielded back to the chair. Margo was then asked by Claudia what happened to the CAT packets. According to the courier, all packets were delivered on Tuesday. TriMet will follow up with the courier.

Public Comment

Chair called for Public Comment – Kathryn Woods discussed operator shortages and requested that staff and committee are aware that this also affects LIFT riders when routes are changed.

Board Report

Keith Edwards (Board representative to the CAT). Director Edwards was not in attendance when the call for the board report was made so there was no board report and no public comment.

Fall Service Reductions

Tom Mills discussed operator shortages and fall 2022 service reductions and missed trips for May 2022. Missed trips are due to illness, vacations, COVID and attrition. There are operators who are on-call, but there is still a variance causing missed routes. Attrition rate is an average of 16 operators per month. Shortfall is based on graduation rate of operators vs. attrition. Utilizing sign-on bonuses has helped to increase new hires. Mr. Mills discussed the Emergency temporary service reduction proposal that was submitted to Sam Desue and the TriMet board. Specific attention was given to keeping areas with large Title VI populations as well as routes that take students to school covered. Impact to LIFT was also discussed. At this time, there is no recommendation to reduce MAX service.

Public Comment

Chair asked for public comment on Fall Service Reductions presentation by Tom Mills. Kathryn Woods asked for clarification regarding Line 50 and the impact to LIFT.

Access to Curb

April Bertelsen & Will Roberts are both on the transportation planning team from PBOT and provided presentation regarding Accessible Transit Stops workplan efforts. This presentation was originally scheduled to be given by Lisa Strader who was unable to attend. Access to TriMet bus stops and various curbs and bus stops within the service area. Prioritization factors regarding equitable improvements to bus stops was discussed. Community Resources, ramp deployment, ridership, equity (PBOT) and equity (TriMet) and safety were all determining factors in which bus stops would be looked at for updated/upgraded access.

Public Comment

Chair Jan Campbell called for public comment on the PBOT presentation. Kathryn Woods mentioned that at a few stops, the pole making the bus stop is roughly 30 feet from the bus shelter and where the bus actually stops. This is a huge problem when weather is inclement. The bus stops at the actual pole instead of the shelter. Those with mobility limitations can't wait in the shelter as they don't have time to then get to the bus when it arrives. Michelle Wyffels answered this question and said that this issue won't be addressed during this process but she will look into this further.

Meeting Adjournment

Annadiana Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and Dave Daley seconded the motion. Chair Jan Campbell adjourned the meeting at 11:05.