Transit Equity Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting Tuesday,
March 14, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Present: Karol Orozco, Amparo Agosto, John Gardner, Annadiana Johnson, Abby Griffith, Clay Thompson, Marcela Tupayach, Pastor Wisner, Tristan Isaac, Clay Thompson, Andrew Wilson, Wes Charley, Reed Buterbaugh, Charlie Clark, Sara Ford, Ana Munoz, Ellie Gluhosky, Bhaktirose Dawdy, Eileen Collins, April Bertelsen

Update on security on our system, including efforts to increase presence and partnerships by Andrew Wilson

Review of incidents:
- Gateway Transit Center- Dec 29, 2022, the individual was arrested less than a minute after the incident
- Cleveland Ave Station- Jan 3, 2023; this happened on a closed platform, non-service hours. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office & Gresham Police responded to the event, and the suspect was arrested.

TriMet has different options for handling security situations.
- We are increasing the security presence on the system and the number of Customer Safety Supervisors and Officers. We have a pilot program with the Safety Response Team, which connect people with resources.
- TriMet is working closely with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and they lead the task force model.

The issues we have in the community are those we have on the system- Mental health, Houselessness, and Drugs and Addictions.
- The only group armed on the system is the Transit police.
- The customer Safety Supervisor positions increase is **independent** of the Fare Increase Proposal.
- Is there any data on the relationship between harassment/ assaults and fare enforcement? We don't have that level of detail.
- TriMet takes very seriously and conducts depth investigations on fatal transit incidents.
- We are seeing violations related to all codes going down. Security presence is a mitigation factor.
- TriMet has partnered with the University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences to study the impacts and potential risks of second-hand fentanyl smoke. Here is the article.

TEAC and TriMet updates and announcements by John Gardner
- We are still hiring. [Apply online](#) or attend our [jobs fairs](#)
- Apply or invite community members to apply for the Call to Artists!
- We will present the Fare Increased Proposal Outreach report at the next board meeting.
- Washington County is bringing a new outreach group to our transit system to help connect people riding Max Blue and Red lines with social services- This pilot program is founded by Washington County.
- Has TriMet considered the consequences of closing the Mount Hood Family Birth Center in Gresham? Have somebody had a baby on TriMet? What resources are available for mothers in this area? There is an online petition called "[Save the Mt Hood Family Birth Center](#)."

Overview of the second year of the Youth Summer Pass pilot, including planning and outreach by Wes Charley
- TriMet will begin distributing passes to school districts and some community partners in early April to May.
- Find more information about the High School Summer Passes [here](#).

Update on membership recruiting and discussion about membership orientation for both new and existing members by Karol Orozco and Amparo Agosto

We have 21 applicants from different organizations and will welcome new members at the next TEAC meeting.

Onboarding:
- Review the by-laws, mission statement
- Getting access to previous TEAC meetings- We want to honor the request of people who want to be kept from being recorded. We will be posting the meeting notes online and updating the TEAC website.

Review fare increase proposal timeline, Title VI, and potential mitigations by John Gardner
John walked through the timeline of the fare increase proposal and outlined some of the potential mitigations that will be included in the Title VI's study such as
- Updating Existing Subsidy Programs
- Initiating New Reduced Programs
- Increasing Program Participation

Staff also noted The Board could also delay the fare change or modify the fare proposal. The final decision will be made at May's meeting.