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TriMet Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee – Virtual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Additional Panelists Present	Committee Members Present	Committee Members Not Present
Amparo, Agosto - Coordinator, Senior, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Ray Atkinson - Transportation Systems Analyst, Clackamas Community College	Scott Brumitt - Residential Services Manager, Northwest Housing Alternatives
Marissa Clarke - Coordinator, Senior, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Jan Campbell - Board President, Disability Rights Oregon	Jonath Colon - Deputy Director, Centro Cultural
Leah Drebin - Multnomah County Public/Behavior Health Reimagine Community Coordinator	Frederick Casey - Vice President, ATU757	Lee Helfend - Organizing Director, OPAL
John Gardner - Director, Equity, Inclusion & Community Affairs, TriMet	Adam Jenkins - Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Wendy Sell - Service Coordinator, Lifeworks NW
Martin Gonzalez – Manager, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Annadiana Johnson - Committee on Accessible Transportation Member	Mahesh Rao Udata – Community Member
Dr. LaVerne Lewis - TriMet Board of Directors	Zach Lindahl – WACO chamber of commerce- for Nansi Lopez	
Jessica Stanton – Global Communications Facilitator	Joseph McCleary - Outreach Worker, Homeplate Youth Services	
Pat Williams – Director, Security and Emergency Management, TriMet	Jairo Rios-Campos - Recreation Manager, City of Fairview (PlayEast)	
Andrew Wilson – Executive Director, Safety & Security Division, TriMet	Celess Roman - Resource & School Outreach Manager, Clackamas Service Center	
	Lonnie Silva - Housing Program Supervisor, Urban League of Portland	
	Cesar Tapia-Chavez - Educational Access Program Manager, Latino Network	
	Kasi Woidyla - Marketing Communications Director, Virginia Garcia Memorial	

Welcome, Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

Marissa Clarke opened the meeting at 3:33pm, advised the meeting would be recorded and welcomed the group. Dr. LaVerne Lewis asked for a moment of quiet thought for those who lost loved ones in Buffalo and California.

Members introduced themselves and the meeting moved onto minutes approval. Motion moved by Ray Atkinson, second by Zach Lindahl. Minutes approved without changes. Ray Atkinson read the “Member Engagement Support” slide.

Marissa Clarke reviewed the agenda, public comment logistics and next steps. Highlighted there will not be a committee meeting in August 2022.

Safety & Security Update

Pat Williams provided details on notable incidents occurring in April; smoking on trains or inhalations on trains; Machete incident at Goose Hollow Platform at 4:00am. This case is not being investigated as no one came forward as a victim of a crime; May 2022 bus line #15 was shot at, no injuries, CCTV does not show shooter or position.

RFP Update – Imitative 1.3

John Gardner thanked the applicants and volunteers the proposals. Applications were received for all but two areas (Trauma Informed Care and Resource Referral Approaches); Timeline; next steps and questions.

- LaVerne asked to send the list for a refresh and share across networks.
- Kasi spoke about staffing capabilities and bandwidth for smaller organizations, their capacity to step up and suggested talking with them directly.

Review of Teams on the Transit System –last was February, March and April

All information is also on the TriMet website. Field Supervisors, Customer Safety Supervisors and Customer Safety Officers. Safety Response Team, Allied Transit Security, Transit Police. Contact information for those wanting a ride along w/ SRT or Transit Police.



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SRT Ride Along

On April 20, 2022 Zac Lindahl went for a Ride along with the SRT Team on the MAX Blue Line from Hillsboro. The team talked to everyone boarding the MAX, riders saw them supporting the community. People who initially told the SRT team to leave them alone- were now having conversations. Zach remarked the group has a ton of potential, SRT strategy is coming from the heart and Zach is looking forward to data in the future.

There was a lengthy discussion about SRT Ride Alongs on MAX vs. bus, future SRT deployment, stationed SRT's, reflecting the communities they serve, SRT diversity, education, lived experience and languages spoken.

- The SRT team is focused on the system as a mobile team with more opportunities for contacts.
- SRT's do not have a quota, but are expected to engage, spending more time with individuals if needed.
- Annadiana asked about Transit Police regular patrols in Hillsboro; there was an incident last fall where someone threatened her. She has not seen an increase in TriMet personnel or an improvement in lighting or cameras. Pat thanked her and mentioned SRTs are not designed as a security team and are not grouped with police unless they are nearby for referrals when police run missions.
- Kasi asked why the heavier presence on the East side vs West side? Pat replied, there are higher calls for service on the East side and resources on the West side will not come into the city of Portland.
- Dr. LaVerne Lewis asked Kasi be connected with Pat to connect about the demographics.

Quarterly Security Report 6.4

Andrew explained the initiative 6.4 of the Quarterly Public Safety Report Template. This is for the committee to provide feedback and implement quarterly reporting of security on the system as part of the General Manager Board briefings. The committee discussed what they would like to see in regards to activity from the different teams.

- Ray Atkinson asked if Clackamas County was part of a separate discussion.
- The District Attorney works for Multnomah County and will prosecute crimes on any part of the system; also handling Victims Assistance and Crimes against Women.

A discussion ensued about an individual committing crimes, consequences, distinguishing between mental illness and personality issues, including disability as a culture when discussing demographics and race and length of exclusions. The first TriMet Lifetime Exclusion was issued for this person committing crimes. The committee discussed racial groups, homeless population, perceived ethnicity or race, what tools the SRT's carry or need, languages taught by TriMet, SRT job satisfaction, security, Transit Police, engagement of race, training, who the Transit Police are and their skills.

- Security personnel only engage when an issue is presented; they don't enforce, but observe and report.
- The committee would like another conversation with Transit Police.

Closing Remarks

Marissa Clarke asked the committee to fill out the form before the next meeting. Meeting in June and July, not August. Marissa thanked the group, reminded everyone the next meeting will be June 21, 2022 at 3:30 via Zoom and ended the meeting at 4:58pm.

Chat statements not captured in the spoken committee meeting:

16:34:19 Adam Jenkins (he/him) to Everyone: I wondering for the last category of reporting, the DA's Office Report, if it would be helpful to know how many cases were brought forward and were not prosecuted or dropped; broadly for what reasons, and demo data on those cases as well. Or will that data also be included anyway?

16:48:22 Frederick Casey to Everyone: TriMet does not offer language courses to union members or tuition reimbursement for union employees who take courses which would include language courses. It only is offered to non-union employees.