

## TRANSIT EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 11-17-16

### Committee members in attendance

Andre Baugh  
Scotty Ellis  
Roberta Hunte  
Sydney Johns  
Hannah Kelley  
Anneliese Koehler  
Judi Martin  
Julia Metz  
Nicole Phillips  
Eric ...

### Staff in attendance

John Gardner, Diversity & Transit Equity  
Monika Johnson, Diversity & Transit Equity  
Jake Warr, Diversity & Transit Equity

Judi welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.

### **Updates**

John gave update on low-income fare process and shared invitation letter that was sent to task force members as well as the list of members. Plan for each meeting is:

First meeting 11/30: Overview of context and process, as well as existing models around the country (with presentation by consultant Four Nines)

Second meeting 12/8: Visit from ORCA Lift program staff. Discuss lessons learned and best practices.

Third meeting 1/9/17: Review cost model and potential program elements.

Fourth meeting 1/23: Funding and implementation strategies/options.

May take additional meetings to come to agreement.

Q: Is the ORCA Lift program tied to recent bond measure passed in Seattle? A: No - funded out of King County general fund, coincided with a fare increase.

Anneliese will liaise between low-income fare task force and TEAC. Update at Dec mtg. Agenda item for 1/19 mtg to inform 1/23 task force mtg.

Roberta and Judi will be stepping down as co-chairs after this meeting. They will be meeting with Neil to debrief and discuss path forward for TEAC. Suggested questions for him: how helpful does he find TEAC? How plugged in does he feel?

## **Membership**

Committee reviewed Michael Bishop's interest statement in joining TEAC and discussed future recruitment of TEAC members.

Jake gave history of how members were appointed in the past, and with Roberta and Judi stepping in as co-chairs they asked Neil that the committee have more control over its membership, which he agreed to. Has not been a formally-established process. Certain organizations have been established as having a seat at the table (like OPAL, CWP, MYC).

Suggestion to look at organizations participating on low-income fare task force as sources for TEAC members. Neil has indicated that he would like to see representatives from large community service providers who serve TM riders.

Cross-membership between CAT and TEAC? Arnie as potential option.

Suggestion for better transit ridership representation so actual people who ride system can answer questions about it.

Suggestion to establish criteria for members as a committee, perhaps to develop some baselines of % make-up of what we're looking for, e.g. majority are transit-dependent. Need more POC. Not just about filling gap we thought about at one meeting.

Don't have someone who is really connected to the community in Wash Co. Difficult to recruit from Wa Co due to lack of orgs, travel time.

Anneliese will look into OFB partners in Wash Co.

Discussion about Mike Bishop. Jake will send email for vote.

Co-chairs/Jake/John will talk to Neil about criteria/membership recruitment process and report back next meeting.

Committee will have a conversation about on-boarding next time.

## **Workgroup break outs**

The contracting, fare policy, and equity lens subcommittees/workgroups met to build upon work from last meeting and determine next steps.

## **Enhanced Transit Corridors**

Andre provided context: “doughnut hole” of transit service in East Portland. Andre had convo with Neil in which Neil said City of Portland wouldn’t fix the streets so TriMet couldn’t put buses on streets. \$200M in Transportation System Plan to invest in East Portland over next 20 years, much of which is front-loaded in first ten years. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Portland and TriMet to provide service in East Portland. Looking for committee to endorse Enhanced Transit Corridor plan, specifically to increase service in East Portland.

Art Pearce and April Bertelsen from the City of Portland presented an overview of the Enhanced Transit Corridors plans and took questions/comments from TEAC. Eric Hesse from TriMet’s Planning & Policy dept. provided some context of larger Regional Transit Strategy, which entails more than just City of Portland (since TriMet serves whole region) and will be presented more fully at next TEAC meeting.

Committee members expressed support for the concept and to be involved as the process moves forward.

Question: what are the tradeoffs? Does implementing this come at expense of other projects?

Art said... Also, there are tradeoffs inherent in how right-of-way space is allocated.

Comment: how equity is incorporated/prioritized matters.

Comment: lots of information, need to sit with for a while.