



TV Highway Transit & Safety Project Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: March 16, 2026 **Time:** 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Meeting Location: Beaverton Round Executive Suites
12725 SW Millikan Way Suit 300, Beaverton, OR 97005

Zoom – [Click here to view the recording](#)

Attendees

Committee/Sub-Committee Members

- Annadiana Johnson, Chair
- Anne Thrall-Nash, Vice Chair
- Nansi Lopez
- Jahed Sukhun
- Teddy Russell
- Itzel Abascal (Excused)
- Ian Grant
- Michelle Knoke
- Maria Elena Baptista
- Alili Verduzco (Attended Online)
- Steve Callaway
- Brian Long
- Fernando Lira
- Joe Kurmaskie (Attended Online)
- Trinh Tran

TriMet Staff

- Nik Whitcomb, Community Affairs Coordinator
- Gwen Eckelman, Deputy Design Manager
- Kittie Kong, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator
- Jamie Sanic-Paz, Community Affairs Outreach Coordinator
- Josh Brennan, Project Director
- Shoshanah Oppenheim, Community Affairs and Strategic Partnerships Manager



Meeting Notes

A. Call to Order & Housekeeping

- The meeting opened with member introductions and community agreements.

B. Icebreaker & Group Visioning

- Nik led the group through an icebreaker activity and a visioning exercise to align on the values each member is bringing to the project.

C. Policy & Budget Committee Recap

The CAC values each member's individual opinion. In an effort to promote free discussion and collaboration during the meeting and to solicit as much feedback as possible, the notes do not attribute specific comments to specific CAC members. CAC members do not vote or make formal recommendations to TriMet. Views and opinions of the CAC are shared in reports to the Policy & Budget Committee and other audiences.

- Committee Chair Annadiana Johnson shared highlights from the Policy & Budget (P&B) Committee meeting held Thursday, March 5 at Cornelius City Hall.
 - They noted discussion around stop refinement in Downtown Cornelius, where P&B members ultimately recommended advancing Option B into project design.
 - The topic of vehicle selection was introduced to the CAC, with Josh Brennan available to respond to questions.
 - Members asked about TriMet's past use of 60-foot buses, noting that vehicles of this size were previously housed at Merlo Garage. Josh shared that earlier assumptions about their functionality at Merlo have since been tested and found to be less efficient than expected.
 - One member questioned whether 60-foot buses are necessary for the corridor, while another asked about a potential timeline for their implementation, given that platforms will accommodate them. Josh noted that current ridership levels support the continued use of 40-foot buses for the foreseeable future. There is no defined timeline for introducing 60-foot buses, and the typical bus lifespan is approximately 12–14 years.



- A member shared that boarding with a bike felt easier on the FX Division line due to onboard bike racks, and expressed disappointment that bikes would return to front-mounted racks on this corridor.

D. Introduction to FTA Design Phases

- Gwen Eckelman provided an overview of FTA design phases, key milestones, and coordination timelines to establish shared context and language for the committee. Members requested that the project team return at a future meeting with a more detailed update on the project schedule.
- A question was raised about how community engagement will continue throughout the process, particularly in relation to FTA guidelines. Nik confirmed that Community Affairs has developed an engagement plan and stakeholder map, which will be brought to the CAC for input at a future meeting.

E. Public Comment

- No public comment.

F. Adjourn

- Next meeting: Monday, May 19th @ 6PM