TV Highway Transit & Safety Project

Policy & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2026 **Time:** 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Meeting Location: Forest Grove Community Auditorium (1915 Main St, Forest Grove, OR 97116)

Recording Link

Attendees:

Committee Members

- Sam Desue, Jr (TriMet)
- Miles Palacios (Metro)
- Jerry Willey (Washington County)
- Jeffrey Dalin (City of Cornelius)
- Brian Schimmel (City of Forest Grove)
- Kipperlyn Sinclair (City of Hillsboro)
- Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg (City of Beaverton)
- Chris Ford (ODOT)
- Annadiana Johnson (TV Hwy CAC Chair)

Presenters

- Jamie Snook – TriMet
- Josh Brennan – TriMet
- Gwen Eckelman - TriMet
- Nik Whitcomb – TriMet

Minutes:

A. Welcome & Member Introductions

- TriMet General Manager and Committee Chair Sam Desue, Jr. opened the meeting by welcoming new committee member Metro Councilor Miles Palacios and thanked exiting members Washington County Commissioner Jerry Willey & Beaverton City Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg for their service on the committee and commitment to the project.

B. Public Comment

- No public comment.

C. Community Affairs Update

- Community Affairs Coordinator Nik Whitcomb shared an update on the summer of outreach highlighting attending over 14 community events and signing over 150 community members up for the project newsletter.
- CAC Chair Annadiana Johnson shared a report out on the last Community Advisory Committee meeting in September, highlighting the groups beginning discussions around VE items and the upcoming legislative session.

D. Project Updates

- Executive Director of Capital Projects Jamie Snook shared an update with the committee about the work that the project team did over the summer to prepare and submit the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) ratings packet and the funding strategy and plan.
    a. Some concern was expressed around the funding landscape at the state legislature but all members shared a commitment to advocating for resources for the project with their legislators.

- Design Manager Gwen Eckelman provided an overview of the internal value engineering exercise that the project team completed over the summer to prepare for a $40M ask in the 2027 legislative session for project construction.
    a. The committee shared a strong consensus that cost savings should not compromise accessibility, pedestrian safety, or rider independence.
    b. Strong support for rider dignity elements such as shelters, lighting, garbage receptacles, pedestrian refuge islands, and the appropriate size of station platforms.
    c. Members expressed a desire to see outreach with local businesses and communities around any proposed station removal sites.
    d. Members expressed interest in in understanding the effectiveness of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons versus Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons in higher-speed environments and incorporating lessons from existing crossings along the corridor.

E. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD – Will be scheduled closer to the end of the 60% design phase.