



Meeting: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Community Advisory Committee #10
Date/time Wednesday, April 22 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: PCC Southeast, Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, Oregon

Members

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| Kaylyn Berry | Rahab's Sisters |
| Jessica Curtis | Clackamas Town Center |
| Sokho Eath | IRCO |
| Terry Epperson | 82nd Avenue Resident |
| Ana Gonzalez | Verde |
| Meghan Humphreys | 82nd Avenue Resident |
| Jay Jones | North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce |
| Zachary Lauritzen | Oregon Walks |
| Thomas Ngo | The Street Trust |
| Eden Melgar | 82nd Avenue Resident |
| Franklin Ouchida | TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation |
| Wendy Zhen | Business Owner |

Facilitator

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| Shabina Shariff | TriMet |
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Presenters

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| Joanna Campbell | TriMet |
| Brad Choi | TriMet |
| Katie Nelson | TriMet |
| Paulina Salgado | TriMet |

Other staff

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| Sharon Daleo | PBOT |
| Jason Nolin | Metro |
| Shoshanah Oppenheim | TriMet |

Welcome and Introductions

Shabina Shariff welcomed the attendees, provided an overview of the agenda, and discussed the Public Meetings Law training. Members discussed the OGEC investigation.



Co-Chair Selection

Thomas Ngo was named Co-Chair. Thomas will represent the Community Advisory Committee on the Policy and Budget Committee in the Chair's absence.

Public Comment

No one came forward to comment.

Project Update

Katie Nelson, Project Manager, provided an update on the current status of the project. The project is currently in the 60% design phase, with updated design plans anticipated in mid-May. Staff noted that construction is expected to begin in approximately one year.

Discussion

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.

Question about bus procurement and what procurement means in the context of the project.

Staff explained that procurement is a competitive process that allows manufacturers to fairly bid on vehicle production and that limited information can be shared publicly during the active procurement phase.

Question regarding hydrogen fuel sourcing and long-term reliability for hydrogen-powered buses.

Staff shared that local hydrogen production and backup fuel sourcing plans are actively being evaluated

Comment requesting additional public education and outreach regarding hydrogen fuel technology and fuel cell buses.

Staff acknowledged interest and noted that more detailed information will be shared following the procurement process.



Question regarding the funding gap.

Staff acknowledged there is a funding gap associated with the project and noted that partner agencies continue to work collaboratively to identify potential funding solutions. Staff shared that updated estimates and additional funding information are expected in the coming months.

Committee members expressed concerns about hydrogen fuel production and procurement, including questions about the cost of importing hydrogen from California compared to local production. Follow up questions were raised regarding contingency plans if local production does not come online, particularly given the higher costs associated with California-sourced hydrogen and broader concerns about increased operating costs and service reductions.

Staff noted that additional presentations focused on hydrogen bus technology will occur once the procurement process is complete.

Committee members expressed concerns about future operating cost assumptions, noting that hydrogen fuel is not currently being produced locally and could increase operating costs for the future FX line if lower-cost local hydrogen production is not available.

Question regarding how business and property owner feedback is incorporated into project decisions.

Staff explained that ongoing meetings with business and property owners are helping identify concerns related to access, visibility, deliveries, and operations. Feedback is being brought back to the design team to evaluate potential refinements and mitigation strategies where feasible.

Comment regarding the balance between addressing immediate business concerns and achieving long-term corridor and transit goals.

Staff shared lessons learned from the Division Transit Project and noted that deeper engagement often helps identify practical design adjustments that address business concerns while still advancing broader project goals.

Question regarding overall sentiment from business and property owners.

Staff replied that reactions vary by location and impact. Some businesses are enthusiastic about corridor improvements, while others have expressed concerns related to operational impacts and access changes.



Question regarding community outreach and neighborhood association engagement during the summer months.

Staff replied that outreach will continue throughout the summer through direct communication, neighborhood association coordination, community events, and updated online materials.

Question regarding what type of community feedback will be most helpful during the 60% design phase.

Staff replied that feedback opportunities will continue to be available through the online concept maps and community engagement efforts once updated materials are released.

Joanna Campbell and Brad Choi shared information about their backgrounds and responsibilities.

Community Engagement Update

Paulina Salgado provided an update on outreach efforts, including one-on-one meetings with property owners and businesses to review design and discuss potential impacts such as access and operations.

Approximately 60–70% of outreach meetings have been completed, with additional outreach ongoing.

Staff noted that updated 60% design concept maps are expected to be posted online in late July.

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