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Meeting: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Community Advisory Committee #13

Date/time Wednesday, June 24 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: APANO, 8188 SE Division St, Portland, OR 97206

Members

Jessica Curtis	Clackamas Town Center
Kaitlyn Day	Clackamas Service Center
Sokho Eath	IRCO
Terry Epperson	82nd Avenue Resident
Ana Gonzalez	Verde
Gabi Hague	Student Leader
Meghan Humphreys	82nd Avenue Resident
Jay Jones	North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Zachary Lauritzen	Oregon Walks
Thomas Ngo	The Street Trust
Franklin Ouchida	TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation
Wendy Zhen	Business Owner

Facilitator

Shabina Shariff	TriMet

Presenters

Kate Lyman	TriMet
Katie Nelson	TriMet
Young Park	TriMet
Jesse Stemmler	TriMet

Other staff

Melissa Ashbaugh	Metro
Bruce Smith	TriMet
Jason Nolin	Metro

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Welcome and Introductions

Shabina Shariff welcomed the attendees, reviewed the agenda, and provided an overview of the meeting space and logistics.

Public Comment

Terry Partner provided testimony and emphasized the importance of maintaining public choice in travel options and expressed concerns regarding Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes on 82nd Avenue.

Economic Study Update

Melissa Ashbaugh provided a brief status update on the 82nd Avenue Economic Study, noting that a workshop was convened by Metro, the 82nd Avenue Coalition, the Portland Metro Chamber, and jurisdictional partners. Alignment was reached on the importance of supporting and retaining businesses along the corridor. A draft scope for the study has been prepared by a consultant and is currently under review by the 82nd Avenue Coalition and the Portland Metro Chamber, with the goal to begin the study this summer in preparation for upcoming funding advocacy opportunities.

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 representation from the Portland Metro Chamber in the workshop.

Staff responded that Jon Isaacs and Michael Liu represented the Chamber.

Question regarding prospective funding sources for business support interventions.

Staff replied that funding opportunities are being explored, including potential alignment with state legislative sessions and Prosper Portland.

Question regarding how participants were selected and how other organizations can review the draft scope.

Staff explained that the invite list originated from a joint request letter by the 82nd Avenue Coalition and the Portland Metro Chamber, along with technical staff from partner jurisdictions.

Zero-Emission Bus Program Update

Kate Lyman and Young Park provided an overview of TriMet's plan to deploy hydrogen fuel cell electric buses (FCEBs) on the 82nd Avenue corridor.

Discussion

Question about bike rack capacity and specifications.

Staff noted that details are being vetted line-by-line in pre-build reviews with the manufacturer, referencing standard industry models and improvements made since earlier bus orders.

Question about the key differences between existing FX2 buses and the new 82nd Avenue buses.

Staff clarified that while both feature 60-65ft articulated bodies with all-door boarding, the 82nd Avenue fleet will run on zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell technology and can accommodate three mobility device spaces instead of two.

Question regarding fuel cost stability and long term supply risks.

Staff acknowledged that hydrogen is currently a specialized fuel with premium costs and noted that local production and growing regional adoption will improve price stability and competition over time.

Question regarding the environmental footprint and carbon intensity.

Staff responded that TriMet’s procurement requires the hydrogen to meet a Carbon Intensity (CI) score lower than that of renewable diesel, evaluating lifecycle emissions from production through transport.

Schedule and Cost Alignment Update

Katie Nelson and Jesse Stemmler provided an update on project milestones and budgeting as the project completes its 60% design review.

Discussion

Question regarding how project trade offs are prioritized during value engineering.

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Staff responded that decisions are guided by a balanced framework assessing safety, transit speed, access, and community impact rather than a rigid hierarchy.

Question about cost saving opportunities regarding platform and shelter designs.

Staff noted that lessons learned from the FX2 Division corridor are being applied. By opening competitive bidding to local fabricators, TriMet has driven down shelter fabrication costs without sacrificing accessibility features like near level boarding.

Question regarding public educational outreach and business support for BAT lanes.

Staff confirmed that public education campaigns and clear street signage/wayfinding will accompany the rollout. While dedicated business support funding is outside the capital project scope, staff will maintain a co-located field office along the corridor to ensure project teams directly support local businesses during construction.

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