Minutes

Meeting: TriMet Board of Directors
          Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 26, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Bruce Warner, President

Location: University of Oregon
          White Stag Building
          70 NW Couch Street
          Rooms 142-144
          Portland, OR 97209

Board Members Present:
T. Allen Bethel
Joe Esmonde
Lori Irish Bauman
Craig Prosser
Linda Simmons
Travis Stovall
Bruce Warner

Board Members Absent:

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Board Reports:

   • Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC) – T. Allen Bethel reported that at the April 20, 2017 meeting, TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane attended and discussed:
     
     ➢ Workforce contracting
     ➢ Advocating working with partners towards a low-income fare
     ➢ TEAC’s role in fare inspection changes/expansion
     ➢ Perceptions about the new Transit Police precinct and reassurance that the goal is to bring fare violations in-house
     ➢ Sending welcoming messages to immigrant riders

   • Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) – Craig Prosser stated that the Committee met on April 12, 2017: 1) Discussed ICE and their activities, the need for welcoming cities, and that Homeland Security holds community engagement roundtable meetings around the country that will be coming soon to Portland; and 2) Received an update on the Vision Zero and Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan Update. While the focus of the discussion was on automobile safety, Director Prosser asked that as they continue discussions, that they include ways to improve transit, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.
2. General Manager Report

Neil McFarlane and staff provided the following reports and answered Board questions:

- Ridership Results for March 2017 – Neil McFarlane
- Morrison/Yamhill Service Disruption April 30 – May 20, 2017 – Sarah Touey, Engineer MOW Projects; JC Vannatta, Director of Communications and Marketing
- Continuous Improvement Team Progress Report on Reducing Operator Assaults – Harry Saporta, Executive Director of Safety and Security
- Rail Safety Audit Progress Report – Doug Kelsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Quarterly Finance Report – Dee Brookshire, Chief Financial Officer
- Legislative Update – Neil McFarlane

Travis Stovall left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

3. Consent Agenda

Action: Craig Prosser moved to approve the consent agenda items listed below; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2017

Resolution Directing that the Reading of all Ordinances be By Title Only

Resolution 17-04-27 Authorizing a Contract with Environmental Business Solutions, Inc. for Bus Shelter Cleaning Services for the Southeast Region

Resolution 17-04-28 Authorizing a Contract with Orgo-Thermit, Inc. for TriMet MAX System Rail Grinding Services

Resolution 17-04-29 Authorizing a Contract with Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc. for the Purchase of Replacement Minivans for the Provision of LIFT Service

Resolution 17-04-30 Authorizing a Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Design Services of Intersection and Bus Stop Improvements for Pedestrian Safety Along the Powell-Division Corridor

Resolution 17-04-31 Authorizing a Contract with Voestalpine Nortrak, Inc. for the Purchase of Special Trackwork Materials for the Steel Bridge and Track Rehabilitation Project

Resolution 17-04-32 Authorizing a Contract with Convergent Pacific, LLC for Design Services for the Cleveland Operator/Signals Building Replacement Project
4. Resolutions

Neil McFarlane introduced the following resolutions and responded to Board questions:

**Resolution 17-04-33 Authorizing a Contract with J.E. Dunn Construction Company for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Powell Bus Garage Replacement Project**

*Action:* Joe Esmonde moved approval of Resolution 17-04-33; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution 17-04-34 Authorizing a Contract with Moss Adams, LLP for Independent Audit Services**

Director Prosser stated that Moss Adams has done very well by TriMet, but also shared concern that having the same external auditors for a long-period of time may limit their ability to have a fresh perspective -- Director Simmons agreed.

Neil McFarlane explained that the contract allows for up to five-year terms and that the Finance and Audit Committee would have the opportunity to consider whether to open up the RFP during that period of time, although there are a limited number of experienced local firms.

President Warner explained that while we have had the same firm for years, the auditors change allowing for new ways to review. President Warner asked Finance and Audit Committee Chair Craig Prosser to schedule a discussion at an upcoming Committee meeting.

*Action:* Craig Prosser moved approval of Resolution 17-04-34; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution 17-04-35 Authorizing a Modification to a Contract with Ride Connection to Provide Job Access Reverse Commute Services**

*Action:* Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 17-04-35; T. Allen Bethel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution 17-04-36 Authorizing a Contract with Ride Connection to Provide Volunteer and Community Based Transportation Services**

*Action:* Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 17-04-36; Joe Esmonde seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Ordinance

**Ordinance 345 of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) Adopting Service Changes, Updating Route Designations, and Amending TriMet Code Chapter 22 (Second Reading)**

Shelley Devine, General Counsel, read Ordinance 345 by title only.
Neil McFarlane introduced Ordinance 345 and explained that we have done extensive public outreach, provided the Board with a summary of comments, the final Equity Analysis, and a detailed review of the proposed Service Changes. We have heard appreciation for the added service on 162nd and also a request to expand that service which we will take a look at and report back to the Board.

Comments on Ordinance 345 during Public Forum: Lori Boisen, Division Midway Alliance, and Teresa Keishi Soto, Rosewood Initiative and East Portland Action Plan, spoke in support of Ordinance 345 and requested frequent and expanded service hours seven days a week on the proposed 162nd line.

Action: Joe Esmonde moved approval of Ordinance 345; Craig Prosser seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote resulted in the approval of Ordinance 345:

Craig Prosser ............................................... Yes
Lori Irish Bauman ........................................... Yes
T Allen Bethel ............................................... Yes
Bruce Warner .................................................. Yes
Linda Simmons .............................................. Yes
Joe Esmonde ................................................. Yes

6. Other Business & Adjournment

Director Simmons requested that the actual dollar amount of contracts be included in the signed resolution to make it easier to determine what the total amount is – Director Prosser agreed.

President Warner asked that staff look at how we could accomplish that and come back with a recommendation.

There was no further business to come before the Board. President Warner adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary