Minutes

Meeting: TriMet Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 27, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Bruce Warner, President

Location: World Trade Center, Bldg. 2 Plaza Conference Room
25 S.W. Salmon
Portland, Oregon 97204

Board Members Present:
Lori Irish Bauman
Ozzie Gonzalez
Linda Simmons
Travis Stovall
Kathy Wai
Bruce Warner

Board Members Absent:
Keith Edwards

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President Warner called the business meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Board Reports:

A. Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Report – Director Stovall reported that the Committee met this morning and discussed: 1) Verdict on MAX train accident; 2) Resolution 19-02-13 that the Board will consider this morning; and 3) Board responsibilities and ethics.

B. Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) – Director Wai shared that the committee met on February 13, 2019 and received reports on: 1) Housing Bond Implementation; and 2) 2040 Planning & Development Grants.

C. Transit Equity Advisory Committee – Director Gonzalez shared highlights from the February 12th meeting:
   1) Staff provided an update on the rollout of Hop and the transition from paper tickets.
   2) Staff announced the hiring of Marla Blagg as the new Executive Director of Safety and Security and Sam Desue, Jr. as the new Chief Operating Officer. Both will be invited to a future meeting for an opportunity to meet the Committee members.
   3) Staff shared the latest language on the Mission, Vision and Values that the Board is considering and received great feedback on what was missing in the language and what needed clarification -- those comments have been shared with staff.
   4) Staff provided an overview of the Access Transit Grant Program.

2. General Manager Report

A. Response to Public Forum – In response to the comments on the idling policy, Doug Kelsey stated that he applauds the effort brought forth and that this is something the agency has been discussing, so stay tuned. On the comments regarding the MAX station consolidations, Doug Kelsey stated that we are continuing to get input from our riders and although we originally planned to bring this to the Board with a recommendation in April, it will most likely be May or June.
B. **Southwest Corridor Project Development** – Doug Kelsey shared that FTA has approved the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project for entry into the formal Project Development stage. This milestone is significant because any funds our project partners spend moving forward can be counted as a local match to the federal New Starts program grant TriMet will apply for.

C. **Battery Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure** – Doug Kelsey explained that PGE has filed a petition with the Oregon Public Utility Commission that would allow the utility to install and maintain most of the charging infrastructure for TriMet’s planned battery electric bus fleet on TriMet property. This petition follows up on a pilot project at Merlo garage where PGE has installed charging facilities for TriMet’s first five battery electric buses. If approved by the PUC, TriMet and PGE will work together on the next phase of TriMet’s battery electric bus plan, which would house up to 80 battery electric buses based at the Powell Garage.

D. **January 2019 Ridership** – Doug Kelsey reported that in January, TriMet provided about 8,042,500 trips system wide and shared ridership statistics.

E. **Business Plan Draft** – Alan Lehto, Director of Business Planning and Asset Management provided a preview of the Business Plan draft that covers Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023 and responded to Board questions.

3. **Consent Agenda**

   **Action:** Travis Stovall moved to approve the consent agenda item listed below; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. President Warner and Directors Stovall, Gonzalez, Simmons, and Bauman voted yes; Director Wai abstained as she was not at the January 23rd Board meeting – the motion was approved.

   Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2019

4. **Resolutions**

Doug Kelsey and staff introduced the following resolutions and responded to Board questions:

**Resolution 19-02-08 Approving 2019-2021 Biennium Special Transportation Fund (STF) Formula, Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula and Disbursement of Federal Section 5310 Funds for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, and Authorizing Agreements with Transportation Providers**

   **Action:** Lori Irish Bauman moved approval of Resolution 19-02-08; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**Resolution 19-02-09 Authorizing a Modification to the Contract with Cushman & Wakefield of Oregon, Inc. for Real Estate Agent/Broker Services**

Director Wai expressed the importance of ensuring affordable housing for the community as we move forward with transit-oriented development.

Lance Erz stated that we have done both types of housing and explained that for the project before the Board, we are relying on the City’s inclusionary zoning requirements to cover the affordability component. Lance Erz added that the Argyle site that recently closed was sold to
Reach and will be 100% affordable housing. We have a couple of transactions in process that will also be affordable housing.

Doug Kelsey stated that as part of TriMet’s substantial real estate portfolio, we have approximately 540 Units to put in the marketplace to leverage conversations and address this issue.

President Warner stated that he recently discussed TriMet’s activities concerning Transit-Oriented Development and affordable housing, and it would be great to make that information available to the Board to show how TriMet is leveraging our properties to encourage affordable housing in the region.

Doug Kelsey explained TriMet’s recent organizational changes that will allow us to look at Transit-Oriented Development more aggressively.

Director Wai expressed concern that with the new development, we may be pricing out the people that currently live in that community. Director Gonzalez agreed and asked that as we work with partners, we look at current policies to ensure that they are inclusive and to be mindful of the results and outcomes we want to yield.

Doug Kelsey stated that he agrees that we need to have region-wide partner conversations on how we factor in affordable housing as we move forward with transit-oriented development.

Lance Erz stated that on the Argyle site, the City of Portland Housing Bureau was an important partner that allowed them to build 200 affordable units.

Director Stovall shared that he is a huge proponent of transit-oriented development and the positive impact it has on the community and the transit system.

President Warner stated that with TriMet’s great history of transit-oriented development, he would like to ask staff to provide the Board with a complete inventory of those projects. Doug Kelsey committed to providing a list of past, present and future projects.

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 19-02-09; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 19-02-10 Authorizing a Contract Modification with Innovations in Technology, Inc. (INIT) for LIFT Program Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) and Data Communications Systems

Director Wai asked how we plan and budget for expensive technology changes. A.J. O’Conner explained that IT constantly looks ahead on what changes are coming up to ensure technology and operational efficiencies and we budget for it.

Action: Ozzie Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 19-02-10; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.


Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Resolution 19-02-11; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
Resolution 19-02-12 Authorizing a Contract with Complete Coach Works (CCW) For On-Site Bus Fleet Maintenance and Repair Services

Action: Linda Simmons moved approval of Resolution 19-02-12; Travis Stovall seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 19-02-13 Authorizing A Contract with Siemens Mobility, Inc. (Siemens) For Type-2/3 SD660 Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Fleet Mid-Life Overhaul Services

Action: Ozzie Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 19-02-13; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 19-02-14 Authorizing a Contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for Construction Services for Cleveland MAX Station Operator Break Facility and Signal and Communications Building

Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Resolution 19-02-14; Linda Simmons seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Resolution 19-02-15 Authorizing a Contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for Blue Line Station Rehabilitation Program Construction Manager/General Contractor Services

Director Gonzalez declared a conflict of interest as he works for one of the bidders on this project, Howard S. Wright Construction, and stated that he will abstain from discussion and vote.

Action: Travis Stovall moved approval of Resolution 19-02-15; Lori Irish Bauman seconded the motion. President Warner and Directors Simmons, Stovall, Bauman and Wai voted yes, and Director Gonzalez abstained – the motion was approved.

5. Other Business & Adjournment

Hearing no further business, President Warner adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Runnion, Recording Secretary