



**Committee on Accessible Transportation
Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17th, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Zoom**

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CAT Members

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Annadiana Johnson
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T J Anderson
Patricia Kepler
Jason Jablow
Sky McLeod
Franklin Ouchida
Dave Daley
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Justin Rossman, Sr. Community Engagement
Tommy Hunt, Dir. Security
Mary Hill, Exec. Director of Transportation
Erin Graham, Board of Directors, CAT Liaison
John Lewis, General Mgr. Transdev
Kittie Kong, Sr. Community Engagement
David Motorca, Proj. Coord. Customer Experience
Luke Norman, Service Planner
Raychel Schindelman, Digital Accessibility Spec.
Kaylee Knowles, Digital Accessibility
Clay Thompson, Comm. Engagement
Joe Tobias, Sr. Project Mgr. Customer Experience
Marrisa Clarke, Security TriMet
Jake Warr, Program Mgr. Title VI
Joe Camper, ADA Coordinator-Legal Services
David Bouchard, Admin. Asst. Service Planning
Shoshana Oppenheim, Comm. Affairs FX projects
Clay Thompson, Comm. Engagement
Brad Choi, Design and Traffic Lead on 82nd Ave.
Michael Kaiser, Mgr. Small Starts Projects

Absent

Claudia Robertson (exc)

Guest

Natalia Moloney
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Minutes

09:00 - **A. Opening Remarks – CAT Chair**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda - Dave Daley moved, Annadiana Johnson second.
3. Approval of September Business Minutes – Annadiana Johnson moved, T.J. Anderson second.

09:15 - **B. Meet TriMet's new Executive Director of Transportation – Mary Hill**

- Eileen introduced Mary Hill, TriMet's new Executive Director of Transportation and talked about the numerous roles she has held at TriMet. She has been a lifelong transit rider as her family didn't have a car when she was young. She started at TriMet as a bus operator over 20 years ago and described how seriously she takes this job and how serious she believes in the service we provide to our riders. Mary has personal familiarization with the LIFT program and understands the benefit it is for our riders. She is committed to improving transit services and emphasizing her focus on passenger needs and community impact.

09:20 - **C. FY26 and FY27 Service Changes [trimet.org/service cuts](https://trimet.org/service-cuts) –**

Clayton Thompson, Outreach Services, Community Affairs
Luke Norman, Senior Planner, Service Planning

- Clay Thompson and Luke Norman went through the TriMet Cuts website page which details the upcoming service cuts due to budget constraints. First in November and following up in March there are 9 bus lines that will be affected. There is current public outreach happening for future cuts that come in three different categories. 1. Reducing the frequency of when buses/trains arrive. 2. Adjusting operating hours and days that buses/trains run. 3. Modifying route coverage. The Committee members commented that these cuts will have a major impact for people with disabilities and any changes need to be communicated well within the community. Eileen Turvey mentioned that her team is looking into the possible effects of these service cuts and what that will mean for LIFT riders. Once that information is provided TriMet LIFT staff will reach out to the committee. Luke Norman shared that there will be several open house meetings, both in person and virtual through October 29th. You may also provide your feedback on the webpage. The Service Planning team will then review the public comments in January to inform final proposals. CAT members

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- agreed to schedule another meeting to discuss the service changes in more detail.
- 09:35 - **D. General Public Comment**
- Natalia Moloney suggested that TriMet can reach out to Northwest Blind Athletes to engage them in the information around TriMet's upcoming open houses/surveys available for the potential service cuts.
- 09:40 - **E. LIFT subcommittee update** – LIFT Co-Chair
- TJ Anderson spoke to the last meeting where the committee went over the LIFT online booking site, hold times and the static, riders were hearing on hold, has been fixed. Translating documents into more languages, eligibility stats and budget impacts on the LIFT service.
- 09:45 - **F. Wayfinding Subcommittee update** – Wayfinding Co-Chair
- Sky McLeod spoke to the work within website accessibility screen reader testing, how the budget will play into the future of Falcon Devices and potential of braille being affixed to them. The committee is testing other TriMet pages for screen reader accuracy before the next meeting.
- 09:50 - **G. 82nd Ave. Community Advisory Committee update** – Franklin Ouchida
- Franklin explained about the support of BAT lanes from the CAC, lots of community engagement work happening for inclusive decision making. Franklin also spoke about local neighbors and businesses feedback on BAT lane support. Currently the design is 30% complete. Still working on the terminus being off street or on-street. There's also conversation about slip lanes, where you can turn without stopping at the light and how dangerous they are for the disabled community. Franklin invited all committee members to the next CAC meeting happening on 10/22 at 6pm.
- 09:55 - **H. TriMet Staff Updates** –
- Fixed Route Operator trainings:
 - Back to Bus trainings currently happening from operators coming back from MAX and Street Car.
 - New Bus Operator trainings to resume in January.

- Ad Hoc regarding wagons and other items in priority seating areas. Had a great first meeting on Friday 10/10. A second meeting will be scheduled for mid-November.
- TV HWY CAC positions have opened on 10/13 and those applications can be found here: <https://trimet.org/tvhighway/cac>
- Volunteers being sought for emergency preparedness work with a research panel to help them make recommendations. This is to identify best practices for evacuating older adults and people with disabilities from transit vehicles in emergency/disaster type situations. Reach out to Justin or Eileen if you are interested or would like more information.
- 48 tactile walking surfaces are being added to MAX platforms on the Blue Line in East Portland. Since the Blue Line was created before the ADA, there are no tactile domes as you cross the tracks or reenter traffic putting our blind community in danger.
- PBOT Pedestrian Wayfinding field trip. Updated date: 4:00pm on Thursday 10/30, meeting at Pioneer Square.
- Automatic Stop Announcements (ASA) volume testing on an electric vehicle this Friday the 17th at 11:00am at Powell Garage.

10:05 - **I. TriMet Board of Directors Update** – Director Erin Graham

- Erin Graham thanked Jan and the committee for coming to the last board meeting and for reading the letter around service cuts being generated more around route frequency compared to the geographical. There were public comments on local law enforcement joining the Transit Police. The board imagines lots of future public comments to come as future service cuts are determined. TriMet GM Sam Desue's review was delivered and he elected to not take a pay raise with the current budget circumstances. Changes were also approved for TriMet's Title VI Program.

10:15 - **J. Committee Member Feedback & Discussion**

- PBOT is going to blue tactile on the 82nd project, can TriMet coordinate with them on staying with the color yellow?
- Patricia Kepler asked about a news article where Transit Police made 28 arrests in a coordinated mission. Marissa Clarke will send Justin the article to send out to the committee. Joe Tobias suggested that Tia York provide Justin with a TriMet statement on this mission, and that CAT members let TriMet know when

they see news articles that could be false or skewed.

10:30 - K. Break

10:45 - L. 82nd Ave Project Update – Brad Choi, Engineering & Construction

- Brad shared the extent of the 10 mile line going from southern most part, being Clackamas Town Center to the northern terminus, Cully triangle. The 68 proposed station locations (34 on each side of 82nd Ave.) were shown and they are on average 1/3 mile apart from each other. The project started in 2022, and we are now scoping for 60% design phase which will go until 2027. Construction to start in 2027 and be completed in 2029. Tools to improve transit include: Transit Signal Priority, in-lane stops, stop balancing, dedicated lanes, high-capacity buses, queue jumps, and near-level boarding. It was also shared how much TriMet has engaged the community with one on one meetings, with the businesses/property owners, open houses and focus groups.

11:15 - M. Comments and questions

- Dave Daley and Franklin Ouchida commented on adding a third mobility securement area similar to CTran service in Vancouver.
- Sky McLeod and Annadiana Johnson requested octagonal poles be implemented into the FX design as that is a wayfinding tool for blind riders that even guide dogs can be trained to find.
- Franklin Uchida suggested to paint a symbol at the ADA landing pad to know where the ramps will deploy at the platforms
- Dave Daley suggested moving the bikes from the inside of the vehicles back to the outside of the vehicles.
- Jan Campbell suggested committee members continue to provide their feedback on this project to Justin Rossman and Franklin Ouchida and show up to future CAC meetings.

11:29 - N. Upcoming meetings

- Wayfinding Subcommittee October 28th at 9:30am
- Executive Committee Planning Meeting November 11th at 9:30am
(Please note a change in date due to the EC attending the OTA conference)
- LIFT Subcommittee November 12th at 9:30am
- November Business Meeting November 19th at 9:00am
- Justin will be out of office 10/18 – 10/26

11:30 - **O. Adjourn Business Meeting**