



**Committee on Accessible Transportation
Business Meeting
Wednesday, January 21st, 2026
9:00am – 11:30am**

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CAT Members

Jan Campbell
Annadiana Johnson
T J Anderson
Claudia Robertson
Franklin Ouchida
Richard Hunter
Abdelrahman Osman
Madeline Temple
Stella Moore
Ulysses Garcia
Franklin Ouchida
Sky McLeod
Jason Jablow
Patricia Kepler

Absent

Dave Daley (exc)

Guest

Ryan Skelton
Natalia Moloney
Lisa Strader, PBOT

TriMet

Justin Rossman, Sr. Community Engagement
Eileen Collins Turvey, Dir. Accessible Transp.
Erin Graham, Board of Directors, CAT liaison
John Lewis, General Mgr. Transdev
Joe Camper, ADA Coordinator-Legal Services
Christina Barboza, Language Access Prog. Mgr.
Marissa Clarke, Security, Vulnerable Populations
Kaylee Knowles, Digital Accessibility
Kittie Kong, Sr. Community Engagement
Joe Tobias, Sr. Project Mgr. Customer Experience
Nikki Sato, Accessibility Developer
Nik Whitcomb, Community Affairs
Brian Dorsey, Transdev Division Mgr.
Jake Warr, Mgr. Title VI & Public Access Prog.
Kai Ngo, Asst. Mgr. Public Safety Ops
Luke Norman, Senior Service Planner
Bruce Smith, Public Access and Innovation
Mary Hicks, Sr. Admin. Asst. ATP

Minutes

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

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda Move to approve by Claudia Robertson, Second by AJ Anderson, No abstentions, none opposed.
3. Approval of December Business Meeting Minutes Move to approve TJ Anderson, Second Claudia Robertson, No abstentions, none opposed.

09:10 - **B. Safety & Security bi-monthly update – Marrisa Clark, Vulnerable Populations and Kai Gno, Security & Emergency Management.**

Marrisa Clark provided an update on the Blue light phones, 59 have been installed throughout the system. The phones are being used on an average of 175 calls per month, over the last few months. Many of the calls are wayfinding or medical emergencies, not all are security related. There will be an additional 20 phones installed by the end of June 2026, prioritized based on security related incidents. Kai Gno provided an update on the new Security West offices, located near Beaverton Central Transit Center. It provides an office for 4 different transit security personnel including Allied Security, Safety officers, Fare Inspectors and Transit Police. TriMet will be increasing the volume of joint operations with Transit Police, by the first of February.

09:20 - **C. General Public Comment – A past CAT member, Ryan Skelton asked about service cut backs. He is concerned that Line #33 is being reduced, which is a primary route to Bellevue Healthcare in Milwaukie, creating a lack of access to a wheelchair repair shop. He is also hoping that LIFT access would not be impacted by this cut, as well.**

Kitty Kong and some CAT members shared information about the service cuts/disruptions and the open houses that are still available through January 29th.

09:25 - **D. Fixed Route Subcommittee update** – Fixed Route Co-Chair Richard Hunter shared that Attachment D in the CAT information packet has a list of all the action items from their previous meeting. February 11th is the next meeting and they will be focusing on fare paid restricted areas and service disruption communication.

09:30 - **E. 82nd Ave. Community Advisory Committee update – Franklin Ouchida** shared the information from the 82nd St. CAC. The policy and Budget Committee met December 12th and continued the conversation on BAT lanes as well as focusing on partnership outreach. They are hoping to come to a consensus on the Bat lanes in February. There was also new information shared about affordable housing going up along 82nd Ave., and they would like to be included in the conversations. Next Meeting will be Wed, Jan 28th.

09:35 - **F. TV Highway Community Advisory Committee update – Annadiana Johnson** reported that this was the first meeting and that meetings will be hybrid or in person at the Hillsboro Service Bldg. If you are interested in attending they will be on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. This week's discussion was the location of the stops in Cornelius. The next meeting, which is scheduled for February 9th will be to choose a new Committee Chair. You can find more Information about the TV Highway project on the TriMet website under TVHighway.

- Nik Whitcomb added that the meetings will normally be on the 3rd Monday each month, but due to holidays in Jan/Feb they had moved it to the 2nd Monday.

09:40 - **G. TriMet Staff Updates – Justin Rossman**

- Final reminder, CAT applications close on 1/31/26. If your term is up in June, you need to fill out your application as soon as possible. Approximately 25 Non-CAT member applications have been received. Also a reminder that we have two Executive Committee positions as well, Vice Chair and member at large. If you are interested please reach out to Jan Campbell or Justin Rossman.
- Service Reduction open houses continue through 1/29/26 with the survey closing 1/31/26.

- All buses now have audible stop announcements for every stop and the project by Customer Experience is complete.

09:45 - H. TriMet Board of Directors Update – Director Erin Graham, In

December the TriMet Board went and toured 82nd Ave. Also in December several of the CAT members went to OMSI to meet with Director Graham and helped clarify some of the challenges and opportunities ahead, especially as TriMet looks at budget challenges. Director Graham expressed interest in the open houses and explored how topography on routes was a dimension that hadn't really been addressed. An example was moving a bus stop but making riders walk up a hill in order to catch their bus.

- o Jan Campbell agreed with Director Graham and added her thanks to TriMet for having a meeting just for older adults and those with disabilities. It was well attended.

09:50 - I. Committee Member Feedback & Discussion

- o Several of the CAT members raised concerns about the impact of service cuts on vulnerable communities including those with disabilities and senior citizens. They also felt that those who have intellectual disabilities might not be tech savvy enough to master the site. We need to make sure we are doing all we can to reach everyone who is affected.
- o Sky McLeod asked how LIFT ridership might be impacted from these cuts. Is there Data regarding riders going from fixed route to LIFT?
 - o Eileen Turvey informed the group that some areas in Clackamas County as well as Southern Washington County have had lines eliminated and those definitely effect LIFT boundaries because LIFT is established by Fixed Route lines. LIFT creates a buffer of ¾'s of a mile around each of the fixed route lines which is referred to as the ADA boundary. Because several riders are impacted, we need to let them know in advance of the change and do this by providing direct contact to them. There are other options such as Ride Connection, which might be able to help fill in the gaps.
- o Jan Campbell has been listening to Portland City Council and there's been a lot of talk about TriMet and transportation

funding. She was asking staff if CAT should be involved in the Portland City Council meetings.

- o Eileen replied that we need as many voices heard to speak to the needs of our community, to all the people who will listen, in all the places that they work, and all of the places that decisions are being made.

10:10 - J. Break

10:20 - K. FY27 Service Reductions Proposal

Kittie Kong, TriMet Senior Coordinator, Community Engagement Programs and Luke Norman, TriMet Senior Service Planner

Kittie Kong and Luke Norman presented detailed changes to 35 bus lines and to the MAX Green Line that would go into effect in August 2026.

TriMet is still facing budget constraints like other transportation agencies across the nation. This presentation covered route eliminations, frequency changes and transfer points across Portland, with particular attention to impacts on mobility-impaired riders and LIFT service areas.

They asked everyone to go to the TriMet website to weigh in on proposed Bus and MAX service cuts which include maps, descriptions and explanations. Please submit your comments and attend the open houses.

11:15 - L. Comments and questions

Richard Hunter asked if LIFT elimination is a budget issue or a policy issue.

- o Eileen Turvey responded that LIFT has a ¾ mile buffer as an ADA boundary due to Federal Transit Administration Requirement for how we define where paratransit is required to be provided. Remove that fixed route line and you remove the LIFT buffer.

Sky McLeod was speaking on behalf of the blind community when she asked about new service bus transfers, because it's hard to figure out where the stop is. Also, will there be more of a security presence in some areas to help riders navigate the changes?

- o Eileen Turvey made the group aware that people doing frequent trips could get support through travel training. Whether it's through Ride Connection or TriMet's team. She didn't know if there would be more security, however during this transition period there would be more ride guides, on-

street customer support and wayfinding assistance as we implement these changes.

- Justin Rossman wanted to add a tag for the AIRA pilot program which would be useful as well. They have opened it up for low-vision and blind riders beyond the original 30.

Ryan Skelton Discussed transit options to connect LIFT riders that are affected by potential changes with other resources such as Ride connection. He doesn't want to see people end up in transit deserts as a result of cutbacks.

- Eileen Turvey shared about alignment with additional services for outlying areas. We will continue to partner with Clackamas County, Washington County and Gresham to help inform people about resources.

Kittie Kong closed out the presentation and reminded everyone to go to the website at Trimet.org to find the future open houses as well as submitting your feedback either through survey or email.

11:29 - **M. Upcoming meetings with Justin Rossman**

- 1/27 Wayfinding Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 2/3 Executive Committee Planning Meeting at 9:30am
- 2/11 Fixed Route Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 2/18 February Business Meeting at 9:00am

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