



**Committee on Accessible Transportation
Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 18th, 2026
9:00 am – 11:30 am**

Recording:

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CAT Members

Jan Campbell
Annadiana Johnson
Dave Daley
Franklin Ouchida
Madeline Temple
Stella Moore
Ulysses Garcia
Franklin Ouchida
Sky McLeod
Jason Jablow
Patricia Kepler
TJ Anderson

TriMet

Justin Rossman, Sr. Community Engagement
Eileen Collins Turvey, Dir. Accessible Transp.
Joe Camper, ADA Coordinator-Legal Services
John Lewis, General Manager Transdev
Nana Ochiai – Proj. Mgr. Design & Construction
Kittie Kong, Sr. Community Engagement
Joe Tobias, Sr. Project Mgr. Customer Experience
Raychel Schindelman, Digital Accessibility
Roger Stelmach – Gen. Mgr. Broadway Cab
Nik Whitcomb – Community Affairs, T V Hwy
Marrisa Clarke, Vulnerable Populations, Security
Mary Hicks, Sr. Admin. Asst. ATP
Sam Hartman, LIFT Service Quality

Absent

Richard Hunter (exc)
Abdelrahman Osman (exc)
Dir. Erin Graham (exc)

Guests

Natalia Moloney
Eli Yoder

Minutes

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

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda, Motion to approve, Dave Daley – second by Annadiana Johnson, none opposed, no abstentions.
3. Approval of February Business Minutes, Motion to approve by TJ Anderson, Second by Annadiana Johnson, none opposed, No abstentions.

09:15 - **B. Safety & Security bi-monthly update** – Safety, Security & Emergency Management team, Marissa Clarke-Vulnerable Populations, shared presentation slides to report about trends within safety & security's authority. Such as a steep decline in Smoke/fumes over the last 3 years. Also, the Transit Cooperative Research Programs (TCRP) findings on the impacts and responses from drug use on transit for large cities, including Portland. She also provided an update on the blue light phones of which there are currently 59 fully functional and approximately 30 more to be installed by spring. As a final point, Marissa Clarke provided an invitation for anyone on CAT to go on a ride along to see how the TriMet safety response team addresses some of the issues they run into on fixed route.

09:32 - **C. General Public Comment** – The team raised concerns about the effectiveness of the 4 person security teams on the bus as being too much and might be better utilized on the MAX. They did praise the work safety response is doing especially with the houseless and those experiencing a mental health crisis.

09:39 - **D. Fixed Route Subcommittee update** – Fixed Route Co-Chair - Dave Daley, gave a brief update about fixed route operations and service disruptions for tunnel repairs. While operations handled things very well, he felt that communications need improvement. Dave talked about the specifications of the FX buses on 82nd avenue, regarding bike storage and wheelchair positions. He also highlighted concerns about increased mobility device pass-ups over the last year. He wanted to know if anyone was looking at bus cameras or researching why there are so many pass-ups. This led to a conversation about CAT being involved in the preliminary choices of internal bus configurations, not after TriMet has already made the choices and provides CAT with their selections.

- o Eileen brought up the ad hoc meeting next Friday, March 27th to further discuss ADA pass-ups.

09:50 - **E. Wayfinding Subcommittee update** – Wayfinding Co-Chair, Sky McLeod brought up the 3rd party websites and how they need to adhere to accessibility guidelines. She also discussed the tactile mapping program and being able to test different prototypes next month.

Patricia Kepler shared that Falcon devices will no longer be installed starting in FY27, due to budget cuts.

- o Justin Rossman, shared that Amy Parker from PSU will be at all 3 tactile mapping meetups at the Rose Quarter and you can choose which date works best for you.

09:55 - **F. 82nd Ave. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update** – Franklin Ouchida updated CAT that the CAC's last meeting was in February. There are 14 miles of BAT lines along 82nd Ave. excluding the intersection of SE Powell, which was accepted by TriMet's General Manager. There is currently an \$8-10 million funding gap.

Working on platform design. There are 68 platforms which equals 34 stations. Shelter standards may change from what was the FX standard, to a newer, less expensive shelter and bench system that is more generous in size, yet will help with cost savings. Franklin Ouchida updated CAT that FX bus has a middle door entry, preferring a bridge plate for quicker boarding and he would like to see an ADA wheelchair painted on the sidewalk in front of where the middle door stops, helping people in mobility devices know where to load. There's also a hard push from the CAT to load bikes on the outside of the bus versus bringing them inside taking up needed space. He would appreciate any other suggestions from CAT. There will be no meeting next month.

10:00 - **G. TV Highway Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update** – Annadiana Johnson updated everyone that the TV Hwy CAC met Monday and gave a recap on what happened with the budget and planning committee. In this committee they talked about the elements of bus station design and will provide more information at a later date. There was discussion regarding certain bus stop plans along TV Hwy in Cornelius and the ideas that go into spacing how far apart they can be. The committee was also made aware that the 60ft buses are not an option on this route as the west side garage is unable to accommodate

them. However, they will have brand new, modified 40ft buses with a larger door and space for 3 mobility devices.

- o Nik Whitcomb shared the history regarding the Merlo bus home and how they could not take on the added \$270 million to retrofit the garage to accommodate the 60ft buses. However, they will build 60 ft. bus stops to accommodate for future growth.
- o Franklin Ouchida asked about the BRT lanes and have you seen the ADA sections of the 40 ft. bus?
 - o Nik Whitcomb replied that yes they are creating BRT Lanes with stop optimization and transit signal priority. The committee is in the early stages of bus procurement but will provide pictures when they get them.

10:12 - **H. Present and Vote on the Nominating Subcommittees FY27 Member Recommendations** – Dave Daley talked about the existing CAT positions that expired after 2 years and of those, the CAT members who will be continuing forward for another 2 year term, are Annadiana Johnson, Franklin Ouchida, Richard Hunter, Sky McLeod and TJ Anderson. Dave Daley talked about the new candidates interviewed who all had great qualifications and are very committed. New Members are: Gary Marschke, Kyenne Williams and Quintin Roldan. The Alternates: Eli Yoder and Natalia Moloney.

Dave moved to motion that we move forward with this election slate for presentation to the TriMet General Manager, Sam Desue Jr. Hands raised-majority were in favor, no discussion, no abstentions.

10:17 - **I. TriMet Staff Updates – Justin Rossman**

- Justin Rossman shared that today was Transit Driver Appreciation Day. Several of the ATP/TriMet staff were at LIFT locations to cheer on our operators as they left for the day.
- Update to TriMet NEXT, the micro transit project out in Gresham will be sunset at the end of this month. Notifications will be going out as well as posting this information on the NEXT buses. This will allow us to put these drivers and vehicles back into the regular LIFT schedule which will help with current constraints.

- o Eileen Turvey spoke about the Next project, but shared that this was probably not the best time as we need to keep our foundation strong before going above and beyond.
 - o Dave Daley made a recommendation to PBOT in their long range planning committee for TriMet to take over the streetcar for regional service and individual cities could sign up to do the first mile – last mile and short trips within their city limits.
- Update to the Elevator Access Project with Nana Ochiai – Proj Mgr. with ENC, managing the elevator access control at TriMet’s 7 elevator locations. This is with regards to the multi-level elevators and the tap to call delay access/button time interval and keeping things consistent.
 - o The CAT team talked about consistency and being able to communicate the change. Could there be an auditory note for blind community accessibility? TJ Anderson motioned to approve the 10 second interval-elevator call button – Franklin Ouchida second.
- Tactile / Braille Transit Center map testing at Rose Quarter from 10am – 1pm on 4/24, 4/30 and 5/1. Pick any date(s) that work for you.
- Pedestrian Safety Action Coalition presents the: White Cane & Guide Dog Safety Awareness Walk. Wednesday, April 22, 2026 1:00pm – 3:00pm at PCC on 82nd in Tabor Hall Room 141

10:34 - **J. TriMet Board of Directors Update** – Director Erin Graham was not able to be here today and Justin Rossman read her notes to the group. Including information about the service cut adjustments due to thousands of comments that came in from the community, including Line 19 which will continue to service Providence Hospital. Also, the line that transitions kids with intellectual developmental disabilities from high school to college/work readiness their service will not be cut. The updates are out on the TriMet website and once approved by the Board the service changes take effect in August. Director Graham also noted the tribute to Claudia Robertson, recognizing her many years of dedicated service to transit. Her children attended the board meeting as well as several CAT members. On March 18th the board held a special public forum on the proposed service cut updates. 14 people were expected to testify and 63 people submitted written testimony.

10:39 - **K. Committee Member Feedback & Discussion** – went straight to break.

10:40 - **L. Break**

10:50 - **M. Agency accessibility scorecard and policy statement- Eileen Turvey, Director of ATP – Presentation**, Starting point for the framework in drafting a policy for an accessibility policy for TriMet. The processes for approval, implementation and monitoring. The main topics are: Legal and Regulatory Framework, Principles of Accessibility, Accessibility of Standards & Guidelines, Measurable Accessibility Commitments, Dashboard Metrics, Preparing for the Future, Feedback and Accountability with continuous system improvements. Monitoring and Reporting, Commitment moving forward. This will require gathering feedback and input from CAT. This presentation is included in the meeting materials.

11:20 - **N. Comments and questions**

- o Skye McLeod, disabled folks are transportation dependent where many have little to no other options. A more holistic approach has been touched on but it's not explicitly talked about.
- o Franklin Ouchida feels that the welcoming, dignity and respect needs to be at the top of the list.
- o Overall the CAT felt it was a wonderful start.

11:27 - **O. Upcoming meetings**

- 3/24 Wayfinding Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 4/7 Executive Committee Planning Meeting at 9:30am
- 4/8 Fixed Route Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 4/15 Business Meeting at 9:00am

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