



**Committee on Accessible Transportation
Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15th, 2026
9:00 am – 11:30 am**

Recording:

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CAT Members

Jan Campbell
Annadiana Johnson
Dave Daley
Franklin Ouchida
Madeline Temple
Richard Hunter
Ulysses Garcia
Franklin Ouchida
Sky McLeod
Jason Jablow
Patricia Kepler
TJ Anderson
Abdelrahman Osman

Guests

Natalia Moloney
Eli Yoder
Lisa Strader, PBOT

TriMet

Justin Rossman, Sr. Community Engagement
Eileen Collins Turvey, Dir. Accessible Transp.
Joe Camper, ADA Coordinator-Legal Services
John Lewis, General Manager Transdev
Nikki Sato, Accessibility IT
Kittie Kong, Sr. Community Engagement
Joe Tobias, Sr. Project Mgr. Customer Experience
Raychel Schindelman, Digital Accessibility
Brian Dorsey, Division Mgr. Transdev
Marrisa Clarke, Security
Charlie Clark, Service Delivery Mgr.
Dir. Erin Graham, Board Member
Stephen Mobley, Dir. Rail Operations
Mary Hicks, Sr. Admin. Asst. ATP
Lindsay Tenes, State Government Relations
Dave Motorca, Proj. Coordinator CIS
Christina Barboza, Language Access Program Mgr.
Jake Warr, Mgr. Title VI & Public Access Prog.
Bruce Smith, Public Access and Innovation

Minutes

09:00 - **A. Opening Remarks** – CAT Chair, Jan Campbell opened with a couple of announcements and then did round table introductions.

- o Approval of Agenda, Motion to approve, TJ Anderson second by Annadiana Johnson, none opposed, no abstentions
- o Approval of March Business Minutes, Motion to approve by Dave Daley, second by Abdelrahman Osman. None opposed, No abstentions.

09:15 - **B. Government Affairs - end of session update** – Lindsay Tenes, TriMet State Government Relations. (Presentation included). February short session in the legislation to balance the budget for things that didn't pass, technical adjustments, small policy adjustments and budgetary legislation. SB 1599 Referendum Petition 2026-302 referred to gas tax, vehicle registration, title fees and payroll tax increases to the voters. HB 4008 Transit Funding Task Force was created. Statewide funding, there needs to be a conversation on how to fund public transportation. Ballot measure 120 includes temporary increase to fund transit (STIF) and was moved from November to May primary ballot instead of being repealed. The Governor is convening a transportation vision workgroup for 2027 legislative session, which will be a dedicated focus on funding.

- o Dave Daley suggested to stabilize STIF funds which have been shrinking, make transportation for seniors and the disabled an independent funding stream. We'd have better luck passing funding if this community weren't associated with rail systems transportation.
- o Jan Campbell asked if there are any groups that get together prior to legislative hearings to prepare/get organized to work on transportation advocacy.
- o Abdelrahman Osman asked about starting support campaigns to help these measures get passed or approved.
 - o Lindsay Tenes responded that due to TriMet being a public agency they are not legally allowed to take a position on the ballot measure. There are other organizations that can advocate, such as SEIU, Move Oregon Forward, the Disabilities Commission etc.
 - o Kitty Kong shared that CAT was invited to the transit community advocacy roundtable, which is the evolution of what TEAC evolved into.

- 09:35 - **C. General Public Comment:** Dave Daley spoke on behalf of the Aging Services Advisory Council of Multnomah County as the longest serving member and they have a couple of asks of CAT. They would really like the members of CAT to get involved with the ATFAC transportation funding committee.
- 09:40 - **D. LIFT Subcommittee update** – LIFT Co-Chair, T J Anderson gave an overview of the LIFT meeting, starting with the sunset of TriMet NEXT. LIFT is still open to looking at same day service options when budgets get better. There was also discussion regarding the new policies, starting with curb-to-curb service and common pickup locations. Discussion also included information about LIFT Plus and being able to file complaints with both Uber and LIFT customer service.
- 09:45 - **E. Wayfinding Subcommittee update** – Wayfinding Co-Chair, Sky McLeod shared that the Wayfinding committee was disappointed to hear that braille will not be included on the Falcon devices. Patricia Kepler was asked to draft a letter regarding signage that works for everyone. They also discussed advocacy for the 82nd Ave. project in using octagonal poles. There's going to be an audit of screen reader accessibility on the website.
- Eileen Collins – reported that Patricia Kepler did not need to write the letter as TriMet made the decision to install braille signage on the Falcon devices.
- 09:50 - **F. 82nd Ave. & TV Highway Community Advisory Committees (CAC)** – There will not be an update provided at this meeting the update will resume in the May Business meeting. Franklin Ouchida shared that they would have a review meeting at the end of April as well as on April 22nd. There will also be a white cane event at PCC on 82nd Ave.
- 09:50 - **G. TriMet Staff Updates – Justin Rossman**
- Trapeze awarded TriMet LIFT the Innovator Award for Mobility on Demand. So again, the TriMet LIFT program is nationally recognized for all the incredible work that happens in our transit area. Trapeze works with the top 200 largest transit systems in the United States.

- Type 1 Goodbye Event – April 18th, 2026, at Holladay Park 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- Anyone interested in Executive Committee positions should reach out to Justin or Jan as voting will take place in the May Business meeting.
- Next Generation bus shelter field visit will happen Friday 5/8 1:00pm to approximately 4:00pm. Justin will send out a calendar invite to all committee members, but members must RSVP as space is limited on the LIFT vehicle
- Tactile map testing starts next week at Rose Quarter, with Amy Parker of PSU. Information has been sent out, please let Justin know if you plan to attend any of the three available dates.
- Elevator Access project took the CAT recommendation of a 10 second interval for the elevator call button. This update goes live on May 5th, 2026.
- Transit Zone camera enforcement pilot project begins in mid-May on four different bus lines, 4,9,17,42. For 90 days, it will capture cars that are illegally parked in bus lanes and bike lanes. No citations will be issued; it is primarily to gather data for now to see how often this happens.
- May 9th TriMet supports an annual event – Doggy Dash. Non-service animals will be allowed to ride on the MAX to and from the event.
- Sending out information regarding the CAT Accessibility Luncheon. June 17th 11:00am – 1:00pm at One Main Place.
- Joe Tobias is sharing that David Motorca has received a new employment opportunity. He spent his time working with IT, Customer Experience and construction/engineering. He was a major contributor with Falcon devices. Next Friday, April 23rd will be his last day.

10:00 - **H. TriMet Board of Directors Update** – Director Erin Graham provided a Board update where they discussed and passed the budget for TriMet. There were a lot of hard decisions that had to be made to bring the budget back into alignment. There will be a lot of work to be done between now and the May meeting

10:10 - **I. Committee Member Feedback & Discussion**

- o Richard Hunter shared his thanks for Eileen and the ATP team and all the wonderful work being done.
- o Dave Daley wanted to point out that there were more mobility pass-ups this month than the prior year. Grateful that these BRT projects down the road will have at least 3 wheelchair/mobility device positions.
- o Eileen Collins reported that 3 mobility device areas are the desired specifications for the 60 ft buses. We don't have any 40-ft bus procurements targeted for the next 10 years, but if there's something we can do to create better space management, especially as the population continues to age and people develop disabilities, we're going to need more space on all of our buses.

10:20 - **J. Break**

- 10:35 - **K. TriMet 2030 – Eric Demmitt – Sr. Program Mgr. of Strategy & Planning.** (Presentation included) 5-year strategic plan. The vision is that TriMet will be an innovative leader in developing and delivering safe, convenient and sustainable mobility options for our region and to be recognized as one of the most livable places. The new plan includes five key goals: Elevating customer experience, ensuring financial stability, increasing investment in infrastructure, advancing TriMet's value to the regions and building a thriving workplace. TriMet came up with a survey with just 5 questions. A fifth of our staff were able to weigh in and give their thoughts. 510 surveys from employees and 650 for region and community partners. Their input helped to craft the final version of the TriMet 2030 strategic plan. There are 5 goals, and each have targets and 18 different strategies. The goal is to increase our ridership along with an 80 million boarding target.

11:05 - **L. Comments and questions**

- o Sky McLeod asked about the focus on accessibility and streamlining technology systems for both internal and external technology systems.

- o Dave Daley asked about the average 45-minute trip and the access to job goals. The concern about getting faster also means making the stop distances further apart which makes it harder for our senior and disabled community to get to the bus stops.
- o Natalia asked if the Survey information was posted online somewhere so that anyone could take it.

11:06 - M. Upcoming meetings

- 4/28 Wayfinding Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 5/5 Executive Committee Planning Meeting at 9:30am
- 5/13 LIFT Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 5/20 Business Meeting at 9:00am

11:30 - N. Adjourn Business Meeting