



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

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Agenda

CAT Members in Attendance

Jan Campbell
Annadiana Johnson
Dave Daley
Franklin Ouchida
Richard Hunter
Franklin Ouchida
Sky McLeod
TJ Anderson
Gary Marschke
Ulysses Garcia

CAT Members Absent

Abdelrahman Osman
Kyenne Williams
Madeline Temple
Quintin Roldan

09:00 - **A. Opening Remarks** – CAT Chair Jan Campbell called the meeting to order

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda, Motion to approve by Dave Daley -second by T.J. Anderson, none opposed, no abstentions.

3. Approval of May Business Minutes, Motion to approve by Annadiana Johnson, second by Richard Hunter, none opposed, no abstentions.

09:15 - **B. General Public Comment** - No comments

09:20 - **C. Introduction of new committee members**

Question #1: What was your motivation to apply to the CAT?

Question #2: What hobbies or other interests do you have?

09:30 - **D. Introduction of FY27 Executive Committee Members** – (Jan Campbell, Patricia Kepler, Annadiana Johnson, Richard Hunter)

09:40 - **E. Fixed Route Subcommittee update** – Fixed Route Co-Chair

Provided an update that included a review of the proposed articulated buses for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. The Committee reiterated its recommendations to incorporate expanded flex space, additional mobility device securement areas, and mid-door boarding for riders using mobility devices into the vehicle design. Committee leadership further reported the continued rise in ADA pass-ups on TriMet bus lines, which increased 26% compared with May of the previous year (an all-time high) and 22% year-over-year in June. These trends underscore the need to incorporate additional mobility device securement spaces into the specifications for TriMet's next generation bus fleets.

09:45 - **F. LIFT Subcommittee update** – LIFT Co-Chair

TriMet staff proposed a Mobility Device ID card program that would let riders register their mobility device with TriMet and if the situation arises that someone was separated from their device, someone could call TriMet and based on the ID card #, TriMet could work to help reunite the rider with their device in a timely manner.

TriMet FLEX pilot was introduced as an upcoming program to help eligible LIFT paratransit riders more easily access fixed route services by using Uber for first / last mile trips to and from TriMet Transit Centers. Uber has committed a \$50,000 grant to spur these efforts.

09:50 - **G. Wayfinding Subcommittee update** – Wayfinding Co-Chair

Provided an update noting that Braille and raised-letter tactile placards are currently being installed on Falcon devices, which convert digital transit information into audible announcements at TriMet bus stops equipped with digital displays. This enhancement will ensure the devices are universally accessible and usable by riders who are blind or have low vision, while improving accessibility for all customers.

The Subcommittee also reported continued progress on the Braille and tactile transit center maps being developed in partnership with the Portland State University Orientation and Mobility Program. The maps are currently undergoing final user testing, with refinements being incorporated prior to final production. An update was provided on the 82nd Avenue Community Advisory Committee (CAC), noting that the Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) has developed a comprehensive set of recommended accessibility features and operational requirements for the vehicles proposed for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. CAT's recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Committee and have been forwarded to both the Community Advisory Committee and TriMet project staff for consideration during the vehicle selection and design process.

09:55 - **H. 82nd Ave. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update** – Franklin Ouchida

There have been three meetings since the last provided update. June 23rd was the CAC meeting where TriMet staff spoke about hydrogen buses, an Economic Impact Study should be completed by July 17th. The Policy & Budget meeting was on June 29th. Next CAC meeting is July 29th and next Policy & Budget meeting is August 10th.

10:00 - **I. TV Highway Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update** – Annadiana Johnson

The TV Highway CAC is not meeting in the summer and their next Policy & Budget meeting is at the end of September. Design team is currently working on the project and TriMet staff is tabling with information out in the community.

10:05 - **J. TriMet Staff Updates**

TriMet LIFT has been selected as one of only a handful of transit programs nationwide to receive a \$50,000 Uber Transit Innovation Fund grant to pilot an innovative first- and last-mile transportation program for people with disabilities. The pilot will provide a small subset of eligible LIFT riders with fully subsidized Uber trips between their homes and nearby transit centers, where they can

seamlessly connect to TriMet's accessible bus and MAX network using their no-cost Honored Citizen pass. By replacing a portion of full-length paratransit trips with short Uber connections, the pilot expands rider independence, improves access to public transit, and helps preserve LIFT service for riders who require curb-to-curb transportation. The program also has significant cost-saving potential: while the average one-way LIFT trip costs approximately \$68, an Uber connection is expected to cost about \$6. If successful, the pilot could save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and, if expanded, could save millions.

Planning for the CAT Executive Committee's FY27 work plan will take place in August. Committee members were encouraged to identify priority issues and emerging concerns they would like the Committee to address in the coming year. Subcommittee chairs were also asked to present their proposed FY27 work plans and identify subcommittee co-chairs to support leadership, continuity, and succession planning.

Justin recognized the outstanding partnership between TriMet's Rail Training team, LIFT staff, Ride Connection, and Oregon Commission for the Blind in providing MAX familiarization training for OCB students who are newly blind. The training introduced participants to TriMet services, demonstrated the accessibility and safety features of MAX, and included hands-on tours of Type 2 and 6 trains. Similar training is regularly provided in partnership with TriMet's Bus Training team and the same community organizations. These hands-on experiences have proven invaluable in building rider confidence, independence, and successful use of the transit system for individuals who are blind or have low vision.

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

Director Graham talked about the recent decisions the board had to make in light of TriMet's budget constraints, that included route / service reductions and about personal reductions with 150 positions. General Manager Sam Desue continues conversations with the Governors Office and Director Tyler Frisbee is on the Governor's Council for exploring more sustainable ways to fund transit. TriMet is making great progress towards the TriMet 2030 strategy, and the Board is creating goals for the General Manager and the Board itself to support these strategic goals.

10:20 - **L. Committee Member Feedback & Discussion**

T.J. Anderson brought up some concerns with the LIFT data about commendations dipping and complaints rising. Jan asked that this be taken into the next LIFT subcommittee.

Gary Marschke commented that accessing the first and last mile of stops is a major

issue for those out in the burbs. Gary also said that elders are the most ignored and they will be the largest demographics using public transportation.

10:30 - M. Break

10:45 - N. PBOT - ADA Title II Public Right of Way Transition Plan Annual Report

– Lisa Strader, PBOT ADA Coordinator

A presentation was provided by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) regarding its ADA Title II Public Right-of-Way Transition Plan Annual Report. Staff shared that the report is scheduled for publication on July 16 and will be available for public review and comment.

11:15 - O. Comments and questions

Dave Daley asked what the timeline is for a sidewalk complaint to resolution and Lisa said it is very long as there are thousands of reports currently in the system. Lisa said the city has an ordinance that places the responsibility for sidewalks to adjacent property owners.

Sam Hartman asked if there are maximum lengths or widths for plazas, thinking of how and where TriMet LIFT can drop off. Lisa does not believe there is a size as some parades and events close off many streets.

David Bouchard asked the process and assurance of reporting or requesting an audible pedestrian signal at certain intersections. Lisa replied that Signals and Lighting team is incredibly responsive on how quickly they address concerns.

Jan Campbell asked for an update on the parking signs that are to be installed in front of the Mobility Center. Lisa replied that she still does not have a date for installation and they are currently processing thousands of signs but will try to get more info to Justin soon.

Dave Daley asked are areas with no sidewalks addressed in the ADA Transition Plan? Lisa responded that the ADA does not require anyone to build something that doesn't exist. The City did include a sidewalk improvement program in the most recent budget that will be funded through the Transportation Utility Fee to build new sidewalks and rebuild damaged ones. Lisa will share this with Justin once the webpage goes live.

Justin Rossman asked if the City of Portland collaborates with other cities such as Seattle for this type of work especially as Seattle currently has a sidewalk survey open for residents to take. Lisa responded that she does connect with other ADA coordinators in the same space and that NW ADA Center sometimes has meetings

for ADA coordinators.

11:29 - P. Upcoming meetings

- 8/4 Executive Committee Planning Meeting at 9:30am
- 8/12 Fixed Route Subcommittee at 9:30am
- 8/25 Wayfinding Subcommittee at 9:30am
- No August Business Meeting

11:30 - Q. Adjourn Business Meeting