

## COMMITTEE on ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, July 21st, 2021

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**Members:** AJ Earl, Arnold Panitch, Adam Kriss, Zoe Presson, Barry Lundberg, Claudia Robertson, Ryan Skelton, Dave Daley, Keith Edwards, Jan Campbell, Patricia Kepler, Kris Meagher, Annadiana Johnson and Leon Chavarria

**Staff:** Charlie Christopher Hunter, Charlie Clark, Eileen Collins and Margo Moore

**Guests:** Guy Benn, Libby Winter, Tony Clark and Kathryn Woods

### Meeting Minutes

Claudia Robertson called the CAT Meeting was called to order and members introduced themselves. CAT welcomed AJ Earl to his first meeting as a new member.

#### **Approval of the 7-21-21 Agenda and 6-16-21 Minutes:**

Dave Daley made a motion to approve the 7-21-21 agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Claudia Robertson made a motion to approve the 6-16-21 minutes and Dave Daley seconded, motion passed.

**Chair Nominations (ACTION ITEM):** Jan Campbell was nominated to be Chair for the CAT Committee and was elected without opposition. Jan Campbell expressed her thanks to the committee.

#### **Announcements from Chair:**

- A few CAT members attended the Streetcar Celebration in July. While there were just a few noted accessibility issues, the event went well.
- Staff Updates (Margo): Rachelle Glazier has been hired as our new Executive Director for Transportation Operations and her first day is August 16, 2021. Tony Clark is the new Director for Service Planning and Delivery.

- There will be no CAT Business meeting held in August, but there will be an EC meeting.
- If CAT gathers in person these meetings will take place quarterly, but there are no plans for this to happen anytime soon due to rising the numbers of Covid cases.

**Board Report (Keith Edwards): Dir. Edwards shared information in regard to the following:**

- High Temps recently impacted service on the MAX rails and Portland Streetcar
- Passenger limits may change due to rising numbers with Covid
- Employee Covid cases are now at 118 (As of July 2021)
- Volunteer cleanup projects are underway being held on selected Saturdays in August and September, 9am-Noon. Please see TriMet.org for more information
- The Division Transit Project is at 70% completion

**Public Comment on Item C:**

*Adam- Is there any discussion around updating the system where high temperatures are concerned?* Dir. Edwards says the GM is asking staff to address this issue especially in light of more events that will occur due to climate change. Dir. Edwards will also keep CAT updated around this topic.

Dir. Edwards asked if anyone from CAT is participating on the Reimagining Safety Advisory Board. He also wanted to know the outcome of the SW Alder project field trip. Jan-Annadiana Johnson and Jan Campbell applied for the SS Committee and a few members attended the fieldtrip along with Chris Hunter. Chris will follow up with Brenda Martin regarding takeaways.

Annadiana-Lots of people from Multnomah County applied; I was the only one from Washington, and none from Clackamas.

Dave- CAT would like to be brought in earlier on the planning of projects. Dir. Edwards will share this perspective with the Board.

Arnie: Has there been any resurrection on the SW Corridor Rail project? Guy Benn says that the issue of funding will be revisited in 2023.

**Public Comment:**

Kathryn Woods-Broadway Cab still does not have enough cabs available with wheelchair/non-folding walker access and because of this; I recently did not have a return ride home. I have spoken with customer service about this issue. I have given feedback regarding same day service and would like to note that Phoenix light rail still operates in high temperatures with regular speed.

**Safety and Security – Pat Williams; Jeanelle White:** Pat and Jeanelle gave a comprehensive report on the status on the following topics:

- Disruptive passengers on the 72 and 75
- Mental health response currently being utilized in Washington County will eventually be system wide. There are 12 classes scheduled for training of personnel to identify and successfully cope with mental, behavioral, and substance influenced individuals. There will soon be safety/security related lunchtime seminars offered to employees.

There were questions asked and answered around Safety and Security. Please reference the meeting recording at 45:54-53:51.

**Hollywood Transit Center; Libby Winter; Ben Guy; Fiona Lyon:** Libby and Guy gave a report on the following topics:

- Progress of design and engineering regarding the Hollywood Transit hub
- Safety and access/mobility considerations include:
  - Visibility, wayfinding
  - Slope, distance, resting areas, shelter
  - Reliability, Maintenance
- CAT will continue to be engaged throughout this process
- 213 unit housing development is being reduced to 200 units to accommodate families

- City of Portland was sponsoring the vacating of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave as a thoroughfare South of Halsey

There were concerns raised concerning the ramp width and reliability of elevators in the building. Guy gave expounded on the definition of street vacating. Libby and Guy plan to come back in October to further discuss plans and progression of the project. Please see more information at <https://trimet.org/hollywood/>.

CAT meeting adjourned at 10:42am.