

HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee Minutes
December 12, 2017

8 a.m.

Committee Members or Alternates Attending

Anneliese Koehler
Art Pearce
Barbara Bernstein
Ben Johnson
Bob Stacey
Christy Carpenter
Chris Hagerbaumer
Dan Bowe
Deanna Pal
Hector Miramentos
Diane McKeel
Julie Wilcke
Jan Campbell
Jessica Vega Pederson
Johnathan Leeper
Lee Po Cha
Nate McCoy
Pat Daniels
Commissioner Paul Savas
Renata Frantum
Reza Farhoodi
Andrew Singelakis

At the recommendation by the committee, new members were added to make the group more inclusive and diverse. New committee members include:

- Dan Bower, Executive Director, Portland Streetcar
- Pat Daniels, Executive Director, Constructing Hope
- Esmeralda Flores, Rider Representative: Washington County
- Renata Frantum, Rider Representative: East Portland/East Multnomah County
- Ben Johnson, Rider Representative: Clackamas County
- Diana Nunez, President, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber

The Committee reviewed the overall purposes and effects of HB 2017. The legislation included,

- Comprehensive transportation package
- 1/10th of 1 percent payroll tax on individuals
- 90% of funds raised returned to district
- Grant-based not formula-based
- Tax imposed July 1, 2018
- 1st funds received ~Jan. 1, 2019
- FY 2019 ~\$26m, FY 2020 ~\$50m
- Advisory Committee
 - TriMet Plan & Regional Plan
 - We're ahead of the rules committee

Committee reviewed and approved the by-laws with the following revisions:

- a. Official name of the committee should change to “HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee”
- b. Specify that representative for seniors come from TriMet’s Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT). – Jan Campbell
- c. Specify that representative for low income households come from TriMet’s Transit Equity Advisory Committee. – Bernie Bottomly
- d. Specify that there are committee representatives that are people of color. – Anneliese Koehler

Jan Campbell moved and Julie Wilcke seconded a committee name change to the “**HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee.**” The by-laws and name change passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Guiding Statement which included:

The Public Transportation Improvement Plan will guide TriMet on how to spend State Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for the following purposes:

- expansion of existing/creation of new transit services, except for light rail, with consideration for communities with a high percentage of low-income households,
- programs to reduce transit fares for communities with a high percentage of low-income households,
- procurement of buses powered by natural gas or electricity,
- capital projects required for the creation, expansion or improvement of transit services,
- expansion of existing/creation of new transit services in communities outside the TriMet service district, but inside in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, and

- Regional coordination/reduction of fragmentation between TriMet and communities outside the TriMet service district, but inside Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties.

Comments made included Reza encouragement to look to service enhancements as improvements to speed and reliability.

Commissioner Vega Pederson urged transit support for Job Centers.

Commissioner Savas asked the committee to consider whether this body determines how bodies outside the TriMet district get to spend their funds. Secondly, he would like “last mile” activities to be more explicit in the guiding statement.

Public comment included several comments urging TriMet to move from diesel buses faster and replacing with electric buses. A contingent of Grant High School students called the Portland Youth Climate Change Council urged immediate electrification and not including natural gas. Six individuals also urged this transition to electric buses.

A dynamic presentation was made on low-income fares, explaining the timeline and basis for the analysis on these fares. Lee Po Cha supported this effort and pointed out the extra effort TriMet makes to include various languages in this process.

The committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m.