

Public Outreach Report Appendix

April 27, 2022

**Appendix to Redistricting Memorandum
Submitted to
Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan
By TriMet General Manager Sam Desue, Jr.**

Public Outreach and Public Comment Summary

Promotion of Redistricting Process & Solicitation of Public Feedback:

- Redistricting web page
 - trimet.org/board/redistricting
 - Launched February 23
 - English with Google Translate
 - Summary of purpose and proposals
 - Email address for comments
- News releases
 - news.trimet.org/2022/02/trimet-seeks-public-feedback-on-new-adjustments-to-board-director-districts/
 - Sent February 23
 - Requesting comment on proposals
 - Outlining process for collecting feedback
 - TriMet Board meeting April 27
 - news.trimet.org/2022/03/trimet-to-hold-virtual-open-houses-on-new-adjustments-to-board-director-districts/
 - [Sent March 30](#)
 - [Promoted virtual open houses](#)
 - [Reiterated proposals and feedback process](#)
- Email
 - Stakeholder email regarding open house dates sent to more than 10,000 addresses of riders and others showing interest in TriMet proposals
- Newsletters
 - TriMet on the Move newsletter
 - February 25 edition emailed to more than 3,000 recipients
 - Link to feedback web page
 - Equity on the Move newsletter
 - March 3 edition emailed to more than 770

- recipients
 - Link to feedback web page
 - TriMet on the Move Newsletter
 - March 31 emailed to more than 3,000 recipients
 - Promotion of open houses
- Meetings
 - TriMet Board of Directors
 - February 23
 - Explanation of redistricting process
 - Unveiling of three proposed alternative map scenarios for new Board member districts
 - Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)
 - March 8
 - Presented proposals for consideration
 - Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)
 - March 16
 - Presented proposals for consideration
 - Virtual Open Houses
 - April 5 – held in Spanish
 - Promoted via email, newsletters, news release
 - Event posted on TriMet’s redistricting web page and on TriMet’s Facebook page, which has some 52,000 followers
 - April 6 – held in English
 - Promoted via email, newsletters, news release
 - Event posted on TriMet’s redistricting web page and on TriMet’s Facebook page, which has some 52,000 followers

Summary of Public Comment:

Tuesday, April 5

- Zoom - Spanish
- Attendees: 1
- Verbal comments: 0

Wednesday, April 6

- Zoom - English
- Attendees: 1
- Verbal comments: 0

Comments

A total of ten (10) written comments and phone calls were received on the three proposed board maps presented to the public. The Cedar Mills newspaper ran an article on the redistricting process, found at:

<https://cedarmillnews.com/article/0422-trimet-seeks-input-on-redistricting-proposal/>

February 23

- Rita Bauman
- Rita.bauman@gmail.com

“While I'm sure there are complex implications for this process, and that I don't have all the facts, Scenario three looks good to me. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.”

February 23

- Marcia Smith
- Smithmarcia196@gmail.com

“Considering only the requirements listed as those of the Sec. of State, option 3 would be the best option.”

February 24

- Spence Williams
- Crystalsprings503@gmail.com

“I think none of the three scenarios work but there are a lot of good thoughts here. You should look at matching them better with the new Congressional districts. In each case, you trade away Downtown St. Johns which is part of the new 1st Congressional District. I don’t like the boundary between TriMet 4 and 7 plus TriMet 4 and 2 for the same reason, but it’s too wide of a variance.”

April 2

- Christy Bennett
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“Seeing the draft of new boundaries, I have concerns about how different our area is from the proposed NW and SW downtown Portland needs. The transit needs and deficiencies of people in the Tualatin Valley are quite different to those areas. I would much prefer to see a division that uses the Tualatin Mountains as a divider, rather than the Willamette. Then we can get representation that might be more responsive to our needs. Thank you”

April 4

- Jennifer Alger
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“I am emailing due to the proposed redistricting scenarios that are up for consideration currently. Areas in Washington County which are north of Hwy 26 and west of the Cornell Tunnels have been lumped into District 5. These areas require different needs than those in downtown Portland and should not be included in District 5. The Tualatin Mountains should be used as a divider, rather than the Willamette. As a part of unincorporated Washington County and City of Portland, in the 97229 zip code, I feel my representation should be a part of District 2.”

April 5

- Dan Yokota
- Dyokota20@gmail.com

“I live in Beaverton, Oregon (Washington County) and oppose all three of the proposed TriMet Redistricting scenarios. By lumping Washington

County areas in with Northwest and Southwest Portland (downtown), you are ignoring the fact that our transit needs and deficiencies are very different. I would much prefer to see a division that uses the Tualatin Mountains as a divider, rather than the Willamette. Then we can get representation that might be more responsive to our needs. Thank you.”

April 5

- Marah Cluff
- marahcluff@gmail.com

“All 3 scenarios lump the Washington County area North of highway 26 with the downtown areas of Portland. I have a hard time thinking of another situation where two vastly different areas have been discongruously conjoined. Please consider using the Tualatin Mountains as a dividing line.”

April 5

- Kelly Brown
- Man97229@gmail.com

“Our local community newspaper, CEDAR MILL NEWS had a story about tri met plans. They stated our area, 10 miles west of downtown, was to be lumped in with "downtown" for future planning. I live near 143 and Cornell Road. I am NOT "downtown. My transportation needs are radically different. I apologize, I thought the comment link" in the article was specifically for comments about that specific article.”

April 5

- Paul Chastain
- P.c.@gmail.com

“Westside Has different needs than Portland: The Westside needs representation.by then Westside. Downtown Portland has completely different issues and solutions. To quote one of my neighbors. Here is the article. If the neighbors can pass this on to others affected, that would be great! The more the better!

Like the journalist says: By lumping Washington County areas in with northwest and southwest Portland (downtown) you are ignoring the fact that our transit needs and deficiencies are VERY different. I would much prefer to see a division that uses the Tualatin Mountains as a divider, rather than

the Willamette. Then we can get representation that might be more responsive to our needs!”

April 14

- Frances Sheehan
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“I live in Washington County. My transportation needs in Washington County have nothing in common to SW Portland (downtown!) or with NW residents. The below timelines alone show you what is deficient with the current transportation. Hillsboro to Downtown Portland=1 hr 17 min, Cedar Hills to Downtown Portland= 59 min, SW to Downtown Portland= 20 min. Shouldn't the Board's goal be to improve it within the areas where people live so riders are more inclined to use it? Use the Tualatin Mountains as the dividing line instead of the Willamette River. Please add me to the emailing list when voting takes place. I am interested in reading ALL responses, pro or against. Is it Trimet's protocol to publish online or scan in ALL responses as it received so anyone can read what the community response is? If not, why?”

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