

HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes February 23

Members present include:

Diane McKeel, Co-Chair
Deanna Palm, Co-Chair
Elaine Wells
Bob Stacey
Anneliese Koehler
Art Pearce
JoAnn Herrigel, (Barbara Bernstein's alternate)
Julie Willke
Ben Johnson
Elaine Wells
Esmeralda Flores
Jan Campbell
Jessica Vega Pederson
Jillian Detweiler
Johnathan Leeper
Paul Savas
Renata Frantum
Reza Farhoodi
Andrew Singalakas
Dan Bower
Chris Hagerbaumer

The Advisory Guiding Statement was unanimously approved.

There was a review of the State's latest rule making regarding the HB 2017 rules process and the definition of the federal poverty levels. This included several maps at various poverty levels.

While TriMet staff recommended that an area with a high percentage of Poverty has 30 percent (district average) or more of its people earning less than 200 percent of FPL, the committee instructed staff to come back with more information:

- Commissioner Pederson is interested in population density and concentrations of poverty.
- Councilor Stacy suggested an iterative approach using different color tones to identify pockets of density and poverty.
- Anneliese Koehler suggested maps at 30%, 35% 45% and 50% levels of poverty.
- A map of highest percentage of low income with an overlay of existing transit service.
- Reza Farhoodi expressed concern about using census block groups from 2010 because they may change in the next Census.
- Both Reza and Commissioner Savas are interested in seeing whether a "last mile" map could be produced. Though they both suggested out loud that the methodology of such a map could be challenging.

- There was interest in seeing the data as raw numbers.

Also considered was a map showing shaded areas of places that have “entry level jobs”.

Approval of FY19 Service Improvements. At the previous meeting, there was “provisional approval” of the FY19 service improvements. The changes include 24 hour service on lines 20 and 57 and new bus service to the Portland Airport when the red line isn’t running. Increased frequency on lines 20, 73, and 81. Increased span of service on lines 61, 6, 66, 68 and 96. And a new bus line in Clackamas County on Webster Road. Finally, the service improvements include route changes to Lines 24 and 79. The FY19 service improvements were unanimously approved.

Regional Coordination funding. Allocation of funds for last mile shuttle services and connections between TriMet and transit districts outside of the TriMet district was unanimously supported at \$3 million dollars.

Public Workshops. TriMet will hold a series of public workshops in April/May this year. The intent is to learn how the public would like the HB2017 funds spent. Advisory Committee member will be encouraged to attend. TriMet was encouraged by the committee to contract with a public engagement organization that has experience and credibility with the community, especially low income communities and communities of color.

Executive Committee. According to the current STIF rules, one committee must approve the final plan which includes recommendations for spending funds generated in both the TriMet district and areas outside the TriMet district, but inside the three county area. TriMet has asked each county to develop their own committees to determine how they would spend their funds. However, one committee must approve all the recommendations together – TriMet and the 3 counties. Two options being considered:

1. Develop an Executive Committee with representatives from all four committees
2. All members of all committees come together to approve the plan

TriMet staff are still working on which of the options is best (and if there is a third option). No recommendation was forwarded to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2018.

Public Comment:

1. Katherine Mueller- Bus electrification is an equity issue should get air equity areas.
2. Allison Wiley- is a faith-activist
 - a. Climate change and equity go together activism
 - b. Choice of morality
3. Milan
 - a. Multnomah Youth Commission-Sustainability Comm.
 - b. Youth pass-needed for schools outside PPS
 - c. LIF is good, but would like more for youth
4. Ken Marks Process issue:
 - a. Lack of presentation materials prior to the meeting

- b. Wants public comment at the beginning of the meeting-provide our opportunity for public to have an impact
 - c. Please speak into the microphone
- 5. Maria Hernandez
 - a. Intent of HB2017 was to enhance transit for low income communities- low income workers are getting back for their taxes
 - b. Transportation goes hand and hand with housing, service, youth, environmental, title 1 schools, % of people without a car, people without housing and a car and ?
 - c. National environmental justice guidelines-process should listen to the public first
 - d. Want our equitable process
- 6. Jim Zerrin
 - a. Microphone use is needed
 - b. Put public comment at the beginning of the meeting.
 - c. Does TriMet have a climate policy? If not, that's mistake.
 - d. Concept of considering housing and the cost of transportation together- is there a score
- 7. Bob Stacy- How we might arrange our outreach, send out presentation in advance, take public testimony at the beginning of the meeting