

Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 3:30-5:00 p.m., City Hall, Pettygrove Room

Members in Attendance: Lenny Anderson; Bill Bagnall; David Brandt; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Susan Pearce; Zoe Presson; Erik Wilson

Staff Attendance: Dan Bower, Julie Gustafson

Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Hope Estes, Stephen Weber

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Brandt called the meeting to Order. The minutes from the February 16, 2017 were approved.

2. Public Comment

Becich asked for clarification on communication he had received from staff. He was wondering why the committee was waiting for the chair's approval of the nominations for membership when it is not laid out in the bylaws. Brandt clarified that Ronchelli is a member of the subcommittee and had not been able to weigh in as of this meeting.

Weber commented that he is a beta tester for the Hop Fastpass system. In his experience, testing is going well to date.

3. Scheduling

Bower reported on the results of the run time tests on the Loop. The results were on par with what has been witnessed and reported anecdotally, but there is now data to back it up. The data has been provided to the scheduling department at TriMet and staff is working with TriMet to work on new schedules for the fall. The committee discussed some possible adjustments to the schedule including start times, frequency, and travel times.

4. Upcoming Construction Related Disruptions

Gustafson reported on upcoming service interruptions. The first is related to work TriMet is undertaking on Yamhill & Morrison at 11th Avenue. As part of their "Making Transit Better" program, TriMet is improving on the 30-year-old track and turnarounds located at SW 11th Avenue. This work will require a two-week shutdown of Streetcar service to 10th & 11th Avenues in downtown. Streetcars will serve all other stations and a bus shuttle will serve stations along 10th & 11th Avenues. Maps and information will be available online, onboard Streetcars and at stations.

The second interruption will be related to replacement of the Rall wheels on the Broadway Bridge. There will be one full day closure during the week in June followed by two weekend closures of the bridge. Information will be posted closer to those closures.

5. Formation of Nominating Committee for Officers

Brandt reported that according the bylaws a Nominating Committee needs to be formed at the March meeting to fill the two officer positions. The committee will meet to discuss potential nominees and then present a slate of nominations to the committee to be voted upon in May. Cannarella, Pearce and Wilson volunteered for the nominations committee.

6. Staff Updates

Gustafson reported that February's ridership set a record for daily average ridership with 16,351.

7. Other Business

The committee watched a newly released documentary on the history of Portland Streetcar. The video is available on the video gallery page of the website.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, April 20, 2017, 3:30pm-5:00pm location TBD. Please call Julie Gustafson at (503) 222-4200 or email at julie.gustafson@portlandstreetcar.org if you have any questions regarding this committee. The CAC meetings are open to the public.