

Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Portland Streetcar Office

Members in Attendance: Lenny Anderson; Bill Bagnall; David Brandt; Michael Cannarella; Reza Farhoodi; Susan Pearce; Zoe Presson; Debra Unverdruss; Erik Wilson

Staff Attendance: Dan Bower, Julie Gustafson

Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Stephen Weber

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Brandt called the meeting to Order. The minutes from the April 20, 2017 were approved.

2. Public Comment

Farhoodi asked why the station at NW 22nd & Northrup doesn't have an arrival sign. Gustafson responded that there is no power to that station.

Becich suggested changing procedure to having the doors put on release where riders would push the door button to open the doors rather than having them all automatically open at every stop. He surmised that this could result in a maintenance cost savings. Bower thanked him for the suggestion.

Weber commented that he noticed new signage on the prototype vehicle (Car 015) and inquired if the remainder of the fleet would see a similar upgrade. Bower responded that Car 015 was outfitted with the same equipment as the 20 series of cars. The prototype originally had unique signage that didn't match any other vehicles in the fleet.

Farhoodi thanked Streetcar for their support in moving up the timeline on the Northrup traffic signal project.

3. CAC Officer Nominations

Pearce presented on the subcommittee's search for CAC Officers for the upcoming 2-year term. Ronchelli is interested in continuing as Chair and Brandt has submitted to be Vice Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations. The committee voted and unanimously approved the slate of nominations.

4. Review of 10th & 11th Avenue Closure

Gustafson reported that over 150 hours of Customer Service were provided during the 2 week closure. Streetcar service opened on time. The majority of Customer Service was provided at the NW 10th & Northrup station due to the complexity of the transfers between bus and streetcar.

5. Art Museum Expansion Follow Up

Bower reported that the Art Museum hearing at City Council incorporated all the same points as were brought up at the April meeting. Bower is following the discussion and

suggested that submitting a letter and having someone testify at the next presentation to City Council would be more appropriate. The committee agreed to this approach.

6. Schedule Changes

Bower reported that the Fall 2017 schedule change will have 15-minute service on the NS Line beginning at around 7:30am with the A & B Loops at 20-minutes until 10am as they are currently. Additional run time will be added to the B Loop to better reflect the realities of the traffic experienced today.

7. Staff Updates

Bower reported that work will begin shortly on the Rall Wheel replacement on the Broadway Bridge closing the two outer lanes on the bridge. There will be three full closures of the bridge to work on the overhead wire system.

Bower asked the committee to think about some type of support as we move forward in the acquisition of two new vehicles.

NE Grand & Davis design is underway with a final design expected by the end of Summer 2017 with installation/implementation in Fall 2017. The plan is to have forced right turns at both Burnside and Davis which should improve transit reliability for both the B-Loop and the number 6 bus.

The station at NW 10th & Glisan will be replaced by a temporary stop about a ½ block away later in 2017 to allow construction of a compressed lumber building at that location.

Portland State University Streetcar fares will change this fall with a new term pass for the students to bring Streetcar fares in line with how they subsidize other fares. Currently they pay for all students to have Streetcar fare, the new process will have students purchasing a term pass which will be partially subsidized by PSU similar to the process they use for TriMet fares.

Metro's Regional Transportation Plan update is underway. Streetcar and the City have been working together to get a Streetcar expansion in the plan.

Gustafson reported that Rose Festival parades will be June 3 & 10th. Portland Streetcar will be providing service during both parades. All three lines will operate during the Starlight Parade and the NS Line will operate during the Grand Floral parade. The Loops will begin service following the parade.

8. Other Business

No additional business was discussed.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be a tour of the Operations & Maintenance Facility on Thursday, June 15, 2017, 3:30pm-5:00pm.