

## **Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, August 17, 2017, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Portland Streetcar Office**

***Members in Attendance: Owen Ronchelli, Chair; David Brandt, Vice Chair; Lenny Anderson; Bill Bagnall; Kara Boden; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Reza Farhoodi; Sorin Garber; Susan Pearce; Cora Potter; Zoe Presson; Debra Unverdruss; Erik Wilson***

***Staff Attendance: Dan Bower***

***Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Stephen Weber***

### **1. Meeting Called to Order:**

Ronchelli called the meeting to Order. The minutes from the May 18, 2017 were approved.

### **2. Public Comment**

Becich asked about the policy with dogs on board streetcar and the rule that animals, with the exception of service animals, must be in a carrier. It was decided that this issue would be revisited at a future meeting.

Weber asked what the expectation is for Monday during the eclipse. Bower responded that the streetcar will proceed as normal but anticipates traffic problems. Weber also asked about any planned expansions or changes in the South Waterfront with the growth occurring. Bower stated that there are plans that have been shared in the past relating to the various developments in South Waterfront and that a new planning page is being developed for the Streetcar website that will help respond to those questions.

Farhoodi asked about the reliability hit seen during the Morrison Bridge closure and if there was a post mortem related to the backups experienced. Bower responded that Streetcar has been working to coordinate with all of the partners to try to limit impacts during future closures. Farhoodi suggested that the partners consider transit only lanes during impacts such as the dual bridge lane closures.

### **3. Car Acquisition Update**

Bower presented a memo to the CAC that puts forth the business case for acquisition of new streetcars. Staff continues to pursue the purchase of 3 used vehicles from Seattle as well as purchasing 2 new vehicles either in a direct contract with Inekon, the manufacturer of our original 10 vehicles, or via Sound Transit's procurement contract where we are listed as an interested buyer. Money is committed from Go Lloyd, Central Eastside and Northwest District parking revenue to contribute toward the vehicle purchase. The remaining money would most likely come from System Development Charge funding and bonding opportunities.

Garber asked how the committee can help. Bower stated that work already done by the committee in messaging has helped dramatically. He added that there will be opportunities for testimony at City Council and that he will keep the committee apprised.

#### **4. Alternative Alignment to Montgomery Park**

Bower reported that staff continues to work on all fronts for the Broadway to Montgomery Park alignment. A new possible alignment has arisen for the NW section of the alignment which would be up 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> to Wilson St to Montgomery Park. The CAC discussed both the original alignment and the Wilson alternative.

#### **5. CAC Advocacy Discussion**

This topic was tabled and will be on the September 21 agenda.

#### **6. Staff Updates**

Bower reported that the Broadway Bridge will be closed the weekend of September 16 & 17 for the Rall Wheel replacement project.

New schedules are starting September 3. The NS Line will be at full 15-minute service starting at the start of service. The B-Loop has additional run time during the PM peak that looks slower but should be more reliable. While it looks like a service cut, this new schedule is more reflective of the delays currently experienced until we can get the fixes on the ground.

The Business Access Transit lane design for Grand & Davis is moving forward and looks like it may be installed in Spring 2018.

New economic development data is in from Eco NW. Highlights include: 3,130 housing units were built in 2016, the highest number to date; Real Market value of new development is up to \$8.4 Billion. A new media piece will be developed and will be shared at future meetings.

A new customer facing video was filmed over the weekend and will be released in the fall. Staff has also created safety focused videos for operator training.

#### **7. PSI Board Update**

No update was provided.

#### **8. Other Business**

Anderson brought a letter to the committee about a shift in transportation priorities in the region which opposes the I-5 expansion and asked if the committee or individuals would be interested in signing the letter. The committee discussed Anderson's proposal and decided to not weigh in at this time.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, September 21, 2017, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Portland City Hall, Pettygrove Room.