

**Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m., City Hall**

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

*Staff in Attendance: Andrew Plambeck, Dan Bower*

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

**1. Meeting Called to Order:**

Brandt called the meeting to Order.

**2. Public Comment**

Brandt provided an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Sporseen asked how often the turnback at Portland State University is used. Bower answered that we don't turn around there very often unless a streetcar is blocked for some reason.

Mr. Weber asked if there was an updated estimate on when Car 024 would be back in service. Bower answered that the new estimate is for it to be out for 14-16 months. The group discussed the damage to that streetcar, service issues and streetcars being pulled out of service.

Mr. Weber asked about the streetcars announcing which line it is on every stop. Bower explained that due to a request from the blind community, operators are now announcing the line at every stop that is served by more than one line.

Farhoodi asked about a condition of Portland Streetcar's master agreement with TriMet about TriMet adjusting its contributions to operations of the streetcar commensurate with the frequent service bus system. Bower answered that it means that if TriMet is stepping up frequent bus service, it is reasonable for streetcar service to increase and TriMet contributes to the operations of that.

Farhoodi asked about what that means in the context of the HB 2017 funds coming to the region. Bower answered that it doesn't automatically trigger any funding, but that the CAC might consider writing a letter to the HB 2017 committee in support of funding for Portland Streetcar.

The minutes of June 21 were approved (Unverdruss moved, Cannarella seconded).

### **3. Recognition of Committee Member Service**

Brandt recognized members of the committee whose terms have ended, and those members were presented certificates to thank them for their service. Brandt will form a subcommittee to review applications to fill those seats.

### **4. Project Updates**

Bower gave an update on the Northwest Portland extension. PSI continues to do tours of the route, and Metro is submitting a transit-oriented development planning grant application to the Federal Transit Administration in the next week. The group discussed different area associations, zoning in the district and public involvement for the project.

### **5. Equity, Advocacy and Communications Subcommittee Update**

Plambeck gave an update on the subcommittee's work and passed around a draft mission statement and set of values to the committee. He requested that the committee members think through the drafts and provide feedback in the next couple of months. The subcommittee would like to meet jointly with the Bus Riders' Union to receive some feedback and impressions about the streetcar. The subcommittee also would like to create an outreach plan that would provide volunteers opportunities to be more public-facing advocates for the streetcar in the community.

### **6. Future Agenda Items Discussion**

Brandt opened a discussion of future agenda items and topics for the committee. Ideas that were raised included:

- Inviting representatives from the Moda Center and OHSU to come discuss intersections with the streetcar.
- A trip to ride the streetcar as if riding for the first time.
- Tour of the northwest extension.
- Ride the loop to look at and study new housing and office construction along the alignment.
- Interaction with affordable and market-rate housing developments about whether they market transit options such as streetcar as part of their marketing.
- Overview of the City's inclusionary housing policy.
- Inviting some streetcar operators to share stories from their work.
- Conversation with museums and other attractions along the alignment about providing a discount to visitors who take the streetcar.
- Joint meeting with the PSI Board of Directors—potentially with a guest speaker.
- Report back from the RailVolution conference in October.
- Information about the new systems opening in Oklahoma City and Milwaukee.
- Overview of the planned extension to Hollywood Town Center.

### **7. Other Business**

Plambeck reminded the committee that the Streetcar Mobile Music Fest is happening Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on A Loop trains boarding at the PSU Urban Center. T-Shirts are available at the office or at the festival.

Bower explained the process of the committee advising TriMet on how to allocate to the region funding from the new payroll tax included in HB 2017. Portland Streetcar and the City of Portland are requesting ongoing funding commensurate with the proportion of transit the streetcar provides in the region.

Farhoodi added that the committee is focusing on providing improved service to low-income people, and that the streetcar serves a number of low-income neighborhoods. He wrote a letter on behalf of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association to support funding for the streetcar.

Pearce moved, and Wilson seconded, to submit a letter from the CAC to the HB 2017 committee in support of ongoing funding for the streetcar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presson asked whether the new counters on the streetcars distinguish how many disabled people come on and off. Bower answered that they track how many times the ramp is deployed, so it gives a good estimate.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, August 16, 2018, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Portland City Hall, Pettygrove Room.