Portland Streetcar Citizen Advisory Committee  
February 2, 2005, 3:30PM, Shiels Obletz Johnsen, 520 SW Sixth Avenue,  
Suite #400, Portland, OR 97204.  
Members in Attendance:  Bob Amundson, William Danneman, Steve Fosler,  
Mary Kennedy, Stan Lewis, Janet McGarrigle, Susan Pearce, Carol “Zoe”  
Presson, Vern Rifer, Chris Smith  
Other Attendees:  Dick Bernard; Tom Miller, Commissioner Sam Adam’s chief  
of staff; Lenny Anderson; John Wolz, Jim Howell  
Staff Attendance:  Kay Dannen  

The meeting was called to order by our chair Chris Smith. The minutes  
were approved with corrections, Bob Amundson to be added to list of  
attendees at the December 2004 meeting and correction from $50-100 to  
$50,000 - $100,000 for cost estimated to repair vintage trolleys.  

1. RiverPlace/Gibbs Extension Construction Update:  
Kay indicated that the RiverPlace extension construction is wrapping up  
with platform stop amenities to be added, landscape cleanup and further  
testing of Streetcar operations to RiverPlace in advance of the opening  
of operations on March 11, 2005. Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., the general  
contractor for streetcar was given notice to proceed on the Gibbs  
extension on January 10, 2005 and have proceeded with advance water work  
and removal of existing track way on this extension. Construction to  
Gibbs is scheduled for completion in September 2005. Operations to Gibbs  
is to commence mid to late 2006 in conjunction with the occupancy of  
residents and OHSU building tenants in South Waterfront. 3 new cars are  
being ordered from the Inekon out of Ostrava with scheduled arrival  
summer 2006.  

2. RiverPlace Opening Events:  
Planning activities continue for RiverPlace opening celebrations with  
invitees for the inaugural ride on Friday, March 11, 2005, leaving SW  
Park & Market at 10:30am and ceremonies at SW River Parkway and River  
Drive at 11:00am. An all day community celebration is being planned for  
Saturday, March 12, 2005 from 11AM to 5PM with 30+ vendor booths, live  
entertainment throughout the day, beer garden, wine tasting, and other  
creative fare.  

3. Signage Review:  
Kay reviewed the final car channel map, frame map and general brochure.  
Stan suggested that photos within the general brochure be more personal  
and contain streetcar photos with people. Kay will attempt to get some  
alternative photos for the brochure. It was suggested on the frame map  
to add a red box to indicate OHSU and identify Old Town/Chinatown and  
move the Downtown name. Those two items will be done. Signage was  
approved by the committee with the above alternations.  

City council actions approved on 12/08/04 were:  
· Created the Local Improvement District (LID) for the Gibbs  
Extension Project. This created LID will provide for $2,020,000 for the  
capital of the Gibbs Extension.  
· Amendment to the City/TriMet IGA for funding assistance for both  
the RiverPlace and the Gibbs Extension. TriMet’s maximum contribution
will increase from $1.6 million to $2.0 million for RiverPlace and to $2.4 million when Gibbs service begins. They also will make an annual inflation adjustment based on the Portland Consumer Price Index. Time extension until 9/30/09.

- Amendments to the City/TriMet IGAs for provision of personnel and for other services. Time extension until 9/30/09.
- Amendment to the contract with Portland Streetcar, Inc., for assistance with operations and maintenance of the streetcar.

City Council actions approved on 12/22/04 were:
- Adoption of the final capital plan for the Gibbs Extension for a total of $15.8 million - $2,020,000 LID, $3,780,000 for PDC-tax increment, $10,000,000 MTIP funds.
- New City/TriMet IGA for the provision of the $10,000,000 in MTIP funds for the streetcar.
- Amendment to the Inekon Contract to purchase 3 new streetcar vehicles. 3 cars are sufficient to provide service to Gibbs and also for a future Bancroft Extension.
- Authorization of a short-term loan from the Sewer System Rate Stabilization Fund to provide bridge funding for the City to purchase 3 new streetcar vehicles.
- Amendment to the Construction Contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., for construction of the Gibbs Extension Project.
- Amendment to the Portland Streetcar, Inc., contract for construction management and design services for the construction of the Gibbs Extension Project.

5. MTIP Funding Status.
Chris reported a public hearing was being held at Metro, Thursday, February 17, 5PM at Metro where public testimony is being encouraged from CAC members in support of $1 million for eastside streetcar and $688 thousand for planning in the Willamette Shoreline corridor.

BridgePlates are scheduled to arrive by February 15, 2005 and be installed in time for the opening. A grant was received (with TriMet’s assistance) for $265,000 to pay for the bridgeplates. NextBus will not be ready until May 2005, primarily because of the time it has taken us to get the amber on black issue taken care of. All platform stop locations on the RiverPlace Extension have been wired for NextBus. The actual signage will be installed upon delivery, estimated in May 2005. Customers will be able to activate the RiverPlace NextBus information on the website when RiverPlace opens on March 11, 2005.

7. NextBus no smoking signage.
Discussion was held on the “no smoking on the platform” signage that has appeared on our NextBus system. Streetcar operations have experienced complaints and demonstrations from our riders regarding this signage. Unfortunately, streetcar operations is unable to explain in the NextBus message that not smoking at the platform stop is recommended. Also when this message is removed for emergency NextBus messaging, the no smoking message many times does not get replaced. It was agreed that Steve Fosler and Sue Pearce will form a sub-committee and report back to the
CAC on their recommendations for advising our riders regarding smoking issues.

8. CAC RiverPlace preview ride, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 4:00PM.
All interested CAC members are asked to meet at the SW 5th and Montgomery platform stop at 4:00PM on 2/16 for a preview ride to RiverPlace.

Portland Streetcar, Inc., has executed the following contracts:
· $50,000 to Metro for preliminary alternatives analysis services.
· $51,000 with URS for conceptual planning.
Chris reported that Metro is conducting the AA process on Eastside at the same time as the planning study for Lake Oswego.

10. Other Business.
Vern asked about the similarity between the current Skoda cars and the new Trio cars being ordered from Inekon out of Ostrava. Cars are very similar – the main difference is the trucks (wheels). On-going conversations are happening to ensure that these Trio cars will be complimentary to the current fleet of Skoda cars.

11. Next CAC Meeting:
The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, April 13, 3:30PM - 5:00PM at Shiels Obletz Johnsen, 520 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite #400, Portland, Oregon.
Please call Kay Dannen at 503/478-6404 or email at dannen@portlandstreetcar.org if you have any questions regarding this committee or have items for the agenda. The CAC meetings are open to the public.