

Portland Streetcar Citizen Advisory Committee
May 3, 2006, 3:30PM, Metro, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Room 501, Portland, OR
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Members in Attendance: Scott Bricker, Bill Danneman, Michael Dennis,
Peter Kilbourne, Stan Lewis, Janet McGarrigle, Susan Pearce, Carol "Zoe"
Presson, Vern Rifer, Scott Seibert, Chris Smith, Dan Zalkow
Other Attendees: Angela Johnson, Dick Barnard, Lynne Coward
Staff Attendance: Kay Dannen, Rick Gustafson

The meeting was called to order by our chair Chris Smith. The minutes
from March 1, 2006 were approved as presented. Introductions were made
by all.

1. Customer Service Fare Surveying Report.

Kay reported that customer service personnel have been hired as of April
1 and have been riding the Northwest loop from NW 10th/Johnson to NW
11th/Johnson checking on form of payment used by our riders. A Streetcar
management person also participates in this surveying and has the
authority to request that the person without a fare, purchase a fare
and/or exit the train. The process has been one of education rather than
enforcement. Comments from riders have been very positive. We have
even had one loyal streetcar rider volunteer to do some customer
surveying for us. Scott was very complimentary on how Lenore, our
manager of operations is handling passengers, which he has witness has
been done in a very friendly and professional manner.

For the month of April 2006, we have recovered \$1,514 in revenue at a
cost to collect of \$1,047. The first week of April showed 28.8% with no
fare, whereas the last week in April showed riders with no fare had
dropped to 22.9%. Percentage of riders having a valid TriMet fare
instrument is about 54%.

It was recommended by Rick to investigate the current Streetcar fare
policy structure by forming a CAC fare policy committee. Volunteers for
this fare policy committee include Scott Seibert, Dan Zalkow, Bill
Danneman and Sue Pearce. Mary Kennedy will be asked to join this
committee as a representative of OHSU. It is the desire of streetcar to
coordinate the fare structure with the tram in order to accommodate
seamless transfers from the tram to the streetcar and vice versa. Kay
will schedule a fare policy committee meeting and advise members.

2. Gibbs Extension Opening Ceremonies.

The SW Moody and Gibbs Streetcar extension is scheduled to open for
operations on Friday, September 8, 2006. The tentative plan is a
press/media event mid-morning on Friday with a hosted brunch for new
Meriwether residents as well as invited parties following the press
event. A planning committee is being formed with Mary Kennedy
representing OHSU, Bill Danneman, CTLH Neighborhood Association and
others. It is expected that the streetcar may offer a free weekend of
Streetcar rides. Scott Seibert suggested that we make sure that
Streetcar has a presence in the Tram/OHSU building #1 opening event,
which is tentatively scheduled for Dec 2006.
Kay invited members of the CAC to provide her with ideas surrounding the
promotion of the SW Gibbs extension opening event.

3. Lowell Extension Update.

Information and a map were provided to the committee on the Lowell Extension, which shows streetcar operations southbound on SW Moody, eastbound on SW Lowell, northbound on SW Bond and westbound on SW Gibbs. Platform stop locations are tentatively identified at SW Moody/Gaines, SW Lowell, center of block; SW Bond/Lane and SW Bond/Whitaker. The Streetcar alignment on SW Gibbs is between the tram terminus and the OHSU #1 building. Accommodation for bike movement was made off SW Bond eastbound to SW Whitaker and not on Gibbs, because of the complexity and unsafe passage between the OHSU #1 building, streetcar alignment and tram terminus. As Vern Rifer pointed out, the original plans showed River Parkway as the northbound route for streetcar. That streetcar alignment was changed to Bond to accommodate the street designation assigned by the City for River Parkway.

4. Maintenance Facility Construction Update.

Kay reported that the Streetcar maintenance facility construction continues with another scheduled streetcar closure in order to replace a switch on NW Northrup. Streetcar operations will be closed from 9:00pm on Friday, May 19 through end of day on Sunday, May 21. Streetcar commences service on Monday morning, May 22. Streetcar shuttle service using TriMet buses will be provided on the streetcar route during the weekend closure. This closure is necessary to enable streetcar personnel to upgrade the streetcar maintenance facility to accommodate the arrival of three (3) new streetcars in late summer 2006 in preparation for the opening of the Gibbs Extension on September 8, 2006. This addition to our fleet requires adding to storage capacity at the maintenance facility. Upgrades include adding storage track north of Northrup at 15th, exchanging the manual switch for an automatic switch at NW 16th/Lovejoy and adding a turntable in the yard. These upgrades have been funded through the Gibbs extension contract. Completion of the maintenance facility upgrades is scheduled for June 2006.

5. Eastside Alignment Update.

Rick discussed the status of the Eastside Transit Alternatives Analysis study. The public comment period commenced on Wednesday, May 3 with an Eastside Project Advisory Committee hosted open house at Metro, Room 370 from 4:00 - 7:00pm today, May 3. Following the open house is a public hearing scheduled Wednesday, May 10, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Portland Building, Room C, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue. The comment period runs through Friday, June 30. The alternatives under discussion are Streetcar alignment options: MLK and Grand and two-way Grand and a No-Build Option (base case, no change). Other alignment options that were considered were the 7th and 9th avenue routes. Recommendations will also be made for the phasing of the Minimal Operable Segment (MOS) with the choices being: Oregon MOS, Morrison MOS, OMSI MOS and the Full Loop MOS. Once a recommendation is made for a preferred mode alternative and MOS, local jurisdictions will be asked to adopt a Resolution in support of the recommendation. The Metro Council will consider all public comment and resolutions from local governments (City Council, Multnomah County, TriMet Board of Directors, Portland Streetcar, Inc., Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation) and make an adoption on the

alternative at their July 20, 2pm Metro Council meeting. The construction cost estimate and finance plan is due by the end of 2006. Once the Metro Council makes a recommendation for the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), the federal process begins. Rick indicated that the FTA is appearing to close the door on rail projects for Small Starts and that a lot of work needs to be done to convince them to include our project. All CAC members are encouraged to visit the Eastside Transit AA open house at the conclusion of this meeting. Chris indicated he would recommend we call a special meeting of the Streetcar CAC for Wednesday, June 7, 3:30pm at Shields Obletz Johnsen to discuss the Eastside Transit Alternatives Analysis study and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Eastside Project Advisory Committee.

6. Resolution responding to the new Portland Lobbyist Regulations. Chris discussed a resolution, which addresses a new City Code lobbying regulation, Chapter 2.12, in which it is recommended that the Portland Streetcar CAC, in order to represent the needs of the citizens in a transparent manner, shall be directed to appoint the CAC Chair and/or his designee to provide and document all communication that is consider lobbying. These conversations with specific City personnel should be properly documented and submitted under Chapter 2.12. This resolution was approved to be adopted by Sue Pearce, seconded by Scott Seibert and approved by majority.

7. Other Business.

Vern, as a member of the Lake Oswego Project Advisory Committee (PAC), briefed the committee on the current status of the Lake Oswego transit corridor study. No update to report, the process is moving slowly.

8. Next CAC Meeting:

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Shields 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.