Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Shiels Obletz Johnsen  

Members in Attendance: Chris Smith, chair; Bill Danneman; Sorin Garber; Stan Lewis; Janet McGarrigle; Dan Zalkow; Owen Rochelli; Susan Pearce; Carol "Zoe" Presson; Bob Richardson; Vern Rifer; Debbie Cronk  
Others: David Brandt, Arnold Panitch, Dustin Posner, Brodie Harvey, SWI, Catherine Ciarlo, David Hampsten, Vicky Hastings  
Staff Attendance: Kay Dannen

1. Meeting to Order:  
Meeting was called to Order by Chris Smith, chair. The minutes from the July 8, 2009 meeting were adopted.

2. Public Comments:  
No public comments were noted.

3. Status of CAC – Representative update from the Mayor’s office:  
Catherine Ciarlo, Transportation Director from the Mayor’s office indicated that Chris Smith is retiring as the chair of the Streetcar Advisory Committee and has accepted a position on the Portland Planning Commission at the request of Mayor Adams. Owen Rochelli has been selected by Mayor Adams as the new chair of our CAC. It is expected that the CAC would continue to advise and council the Mayor on Streetcar issues. It is also expected that former members of the Streetcar System CAC would join our CAC and our charge for the CAC expanded. Stan requested that Owen provide some information on his background. Owen indicated he was the chair of the Streetcar System CAC, serves on the Streetcar Loop Project Advisory Committee and is presently a program manager for the Lloyd District Transportation Management Association (TMA). Our expanded charge for the CAC will cover future streetcar alignments option for Portland. Sorin is on the freight committee and he expressed his interest in having the freight committee as well as the bike committee informed on streetcar expansion possibilities. Streetcar corridors are also good pedestrian and freight streets. Our mayor has a strong focus on expanding streetcar for transit and land use. Arnie indicated he thought it was difficult to be chosen to serve on the CAC. Chris agreed that the committee needs to be expanded geographically. Owen mentioned that the Streetcar System Plan working groups had a good wide-spread involvement in developing the streetcar system plan. Chris indicated this committee could assist in identifying next streetcar alignments, funding resources, etc. Chris indicated this committee has two big decisions to resolve and advise on: an equitable fare policy and service configuration/frequency in operational considerations.

4. Loop Construction Update:  
Kay indicated that a 3-week update is posted on our website each week. We are also using Twitter and Facebook as a resource for communicating construction information. We continue with water work on Grand and will have some locations to work on water and sewer during the holiday moratorium which is between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is expected that the Broadway Bridge will be closed from July 6 through September 3, 2010. That, of course, depends on the approval of Multnomah County. We expect the construction grant agreement to be signed soon. A criterion that has to be met in order for the grant to be signed is: Congressional review, Union Pacific approval and Department of Labor performa (review). It is expected that this grant will be signed at the end of October.
5. **Project Updates:**

- *Portland/Lake Oswego Project* – Vern reported that the EIS will be done at the end of this year with an MOS selected in January 2010. It has been a challenging process because of the Dunthorpe residential area and planning for the Sellwood Bridge. Our Mayor wants to put tracks on the Sellwood Bridge when a new one is constructed. Political and financial decisions need to be made – more than likely the project will apply for Small Starts funding. Open houses are being planned in Lake Oswego and Milwaukie.

The Streetcar Project Advisory Committee will move to quarterly meetings. One agenda item for this committee will be neighborhood parking issues. Everyone recognizes that a parking strategy needs to be in place prior to the opening of the Loop streetcar in April 2012.

6. **Other Business**

The PSU sustainable building planned for the Jasmine Block is scheduled for start of construction in about 1 year. The City has applied for a TIGER Grant to cover a diagonal streetcar alignment through this block and connection to OMSI. The State of Oregon has 19 applications for grant money which totals $1.5 billion. $56 billion in applications have been submitted to the Federal government.

Stan suggested we provide organizers of city walking tours more streetcar information. Also be more descriptive on the streetcar website with CAC structure information, board of directors, budget information, etc.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 3:30pm-5:00pm at Shiels Obletz Johnsen, 1140 SW 11th Avenue, Suite #500, 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.