

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

**Thursday, November 19, 2015, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Portland Building, Room B**

***Members in Attendance: Owen Ronchelli, Chair; Lenny Anderson; David Brandt; Carolyn Brock; Bill Danneman; Reza Farhoodi; Susan Pearce; Cora Potter; Zoe Presson; Bob Richardson; Vern Rifer***

***Staff Attendance: Kay Dannen, Julie Gustafson***

***Others in Attendance: John Betts, Adam Kriss, Stephen Weber***

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

Ronchelli called the meeting to Order. The minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

### **2. Public Comment**

Adam Kriss commented on an issue with the ramp deployment and the ability to request a stop with the blue buttons and not just the yellow strips. There appears to be inconsistency between different generations of streetcar vehicles. Kriss requested that signage and programming be modified to have one policy for all vehicles. He asked the CAC to work with staff on a policy and procedure for this as well as improved language in the audio recording.

Stephen Weber brought up a concern about the pedestrian signal on the south end of the intersection having the green at the same time as the streetcar that turns right onto Moody. Gustafson stated she would report the issue to Operations and Signals.

### **3. Station Consolidation Process/Outreach**

Gustafson reported on the upcoming station consolidation trial. As part of the efficiencies improvements around the alignment, Portland Streetcar is looking at the consolidation of 5 stations (4 platforms) on the west side of the river. The 5 stations are: NW 10<sup>th</sup> & Everett, NW 11<sup>th</sup> & Everett, SW 10<sup>th</sup> & Stark, and SW 1<sup>st</sup> & Harrison (both directions). Staff are working on a comprehensive outreach plan including website, brochure, signage, meetings, and a trial closure beginning February 1, 2016. During the closure there will be bags on the flagpole, A-frame boards with special yellow "Station Closed" signage, the NextBus signs will be turned off and there will be verbal announcements on the vehicles. Ronchelli stated that his biggest concern is to not have the signage be very obvious and extra work to make sure people recognize the stations are closed. Gustafson responded that there will also be work with the Customer Service Agents out on the street to help ensure that riders aren't waiting, confused at the closed stations. Brandt recommended putting a sticker stating the stops are closed on every map at all platforms and on all streetcars. Farhoodi and Richardson stated the importance of information sharing during the trial so that not only those negatively impacted but those who will see a benefit are notified of the closure and given the chance to provide comments.

### **4. CAC Bylaws**

Ronchelli reported that there are different City based modal committees and that the Streetcar CAC has historically been treated differently than the other committees. As part of the growth of the system and the Streetcar CAC it is time to come into

alignment with the other modal committees including the adoption of bylaws. It has to do with membership, officers, tenure, etc. Examples of both the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee bylaws. A subcommittee was formed and will meet in December to draft a first round of bylaws for the Streetcar CAC. Committee members provided initial feedback to subcommittee and authorized them to create a draft.

## **5. Staff Updates**

Gustafson reported that flooding occurred on both Halloween and November 17 causing delays and shutdowns to the system. No streetcars were flooded during the heavy rains. Brock asked where the flooding occurred. Gustafson responded that on Halloween it was all over the alignment on both sides of the river. The flooding on the 17<sup>th</sup> had locations with standing water on both sides of the river.

An infographic laying out the data from the rider survey has been released and has resulted in positive media coverage nationally.

## **6. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, February 18, 2016, 3:30pm-5:00pm at City Hall, Pettygrove Room. Please call Julie Gustafson at (503) 222-4200 or email at [julie.gustafson@portlandstreetcar.org](mailto:julie.gustafson@portlandstreetcar.org) if you have any questions regarding this committee. The CAC meetings are open to the public.