Portland Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Portland Building, Room B
Members in Attendance: Owen Ronchelli, Chair; Bill Bagnall; David Brandt; Carolyn Brock; Michael Cannarella; Reza Farhoodi; Zoe Presson; Debra Unverdruss; Erik Wilson
Staff Attendance: Dan Bower, Julie Gustafson
Others in Attendance: Raymond Becich, Kyle Chisek

1. Meeting Called to Order:
   Ronchelli called the meeting to Order. The minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting were approved. The new members abstained from the vote as they were not present at the previous meeting.

2. Public Comment
   No public comment was made.

3. Introductions
   Ronchelli welcomed the new members of the committee and began introductions. Each member of the committee and staff introduced themselves, when they joined the committee, what group or area they represent, and their interests that lead them to join the Streetcar Citizen Advisory Committee.

4. TSDC Project List
   Kyle Chisek of the Portland Bureau of Transportation presented to the committee on the update to the Transit System Development Charge program and the project list. Chisek reviewed the history of the program as well as the goals for the current update. Streetcar projects proposed to be included in the list are: a future extension helping to fund one of the existing lines under evaluation; capacity increasing improvements such as potential work on Grand or Broadway to improve schedule adherence and travel times; Lloyd District turnbacks to allow for continued service on the east side during upcoming construction or other issues; additional streetcar vehicles which would need be in coordination with an exception in City Code where SDC funds are not permitted for rolling stock currently.

5. Capital Plan
   Bower presented on the 20-year capital plan for Portland Streetcar which includes laying out when costs are anticipated for vehicle refurbishments, vehicle replacements, purchasing of new and used streetcars to help improve and maintain existing service, purchasing security cameras and additional automatic passenger counters, and the long-term plan for funds to start replacing and refurbishing track when it reaches the 30+ year mark.

6. NE Grand & Davis
   Bower presented a draft plan for a Business Access Transit Lane on NE Grand between Burnside and Davis. This section of Grand is the area where the most delays occur on
the system to date. Delays are caused by the freeway traffic that backs up on Grand to queue up for the I-84 on ramp at Everett. The BAT lane would require all vehicles except transit to turn right onto Davis thus moving the freeway queue to the 2nd lane and allowing for Streetcar to proceed more efficiently to our signal at Davis where Portland Streetcar changes lanes to get out of the freeway on-ramp lane. This solution would be a relatively low cost solution requiring paint and signage and could improve reliability on the B-Loop, particularly during the PM Peak where currently 78% of trips are late. Bower reported to the committee that the PSI Board has passed a resolution in support of this idea and requested that the committee submit a letter of support to PBOT and the Commissioner’s office. The committee discussed the idea and passed a motion to submit a letter in support of designing and implementing a BAT lane on Grand between Burnside and Davis.

7. **Staff Updates**

Gustafson reviewed the performance reports that are included each month in the CAC packet. Ridership reached an all-time high in October with 15,921 average riders each weekday. Gustafson also reported that upcoming meetings will include information on the Hop Fastpass™ program and upcoming service interruptions related to partner construction projects. Bower reported that a decision was made by the City to require the Rose Festival Parades to move the parade off SW 10th Ave. For the past 15 years Portland Streetcar service has had to shut down during the Rose Festival parades due to the parades travelling southbound, against the normal flow of the street, along SW 10th Ave. Beginning in 2017 the parade will be relocated 2 blocks west to SW 12th Ave. allowing Streetcar to serve the more than 12,000 Saturday riders as well as those in town for the parade.

8. **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

The next meeting for the Streetcar Citizens Advisory Committee will be Thursday, December 15, 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 if you have any questions regarding this committee. The CAC meetings are open to the public.