

HB2017 Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Friday, October 24, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Virtual (WebEx)

Recording Link: Available upon request

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Attendees

Committee Members

Michael Morrow (Chair – TriMet Board District 7)

Andrew Aebi (City of Portland)

April Bertelsen (City of Portland / PBOT)

Ally Holmqvist (Metro – Alternate)

Clint Culpepper (Community Representative)

Deanna Palm (Washington County Chamber of Commerce)

Jan Campbell (Committee on Accessible Transportation – CAT)

Jarvez Hall (TriMet Board District 6)

Margi Bradway (Multnomah County)

Mary Lou Ritter (ATFAC Representative)

Phil Selinger (TriMet Board District 2)

Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commission)

T.J. McHugh (Portland Metro Chamber)

Additional Agency and Partner Representatives

Aron Carleson (Hillsboro Schools Foundation)

Dyami Valentine (Washington County Land Use & Transportation)

Eve Nilenders (Multnomah County)

Heidi Muller (Canby Area Transit)

Karen Buehrig (Clackamas County)

Kristina Babcock (Clackamas County)

Sara Wright (City of Portland)

Miranda Seekins (Washington County)

Sarah Iannarone (The Street Trust)

Sushmita Poddar (Atfalati Lands Representative)

Kelsey Lewis (Wilsonville SMART)

Dwight Brashear (Wilsonville SMART)

Ride Connection and Associated Partners

Andy Nelson (Ride Connection)

John Mira (Ride Connection)

TriMet Staff

Tom Mills – Director, Mobility Planning & Policy

Kittie Kong – Public Affairs / Community Engagement

Young Park – Zero-Emission Bus Program Manager

David Bouchard – Administrative Assistant, Service Planning

Justin Trubiani – Senior & Disabled Transportation Coordinator

Debbie Gregg – Public Involvement

Jamie Surface – Public Involvement

Wes Charley – LIFT Service Delivery (TriMet)

Charlie Clark – LIFT Service Delivery (TriMet)

Tony Clark – Service Delivery Manager (TriMet)

Nate Smith – Customer Experience (TriMet)

Kate Kiser – Planning Support (TriMet)

Visitors / Public Participants

Claudia Robertson (Community Member)

Minutes

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, Roll Call & Housekeeping

Chair Michael Morrow called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. Members and alternates reintroduced themselves as this was the first meeting following a long hiatus.

- Paul Savas requested an updated committee roster showing current terms and expiration dates.
- Tom Mills noted that staff would review how TriMet Board term-limit bylaws apply to committee appointments.

Agenda Item 2 – FY2024–25 STIF Accomplishments (Presentation by Tom Mills)

Approximately \$44 million (about 24%) of STIF resources were dedicated to service expansion during the biennium. Weekly bus service hours increased to ~41,500, a 5.8% gain over FY23. TriMet plans a phased 10% service reduction by FY27 (~4,100 weekly hours) to maintain long-term financial stability while keeping service above July 2023 levels.

Honored Citizen Program: ~14,000 new enrollments and 3.4 million rides in FY24, with continued growth in FY25. Youth Programs: Partner outreach up 22%; Summer Pass ridership increased from 389,000 (FY24) to 501,000 (FY25), and participating schools rose from 14 to 16.

Transit center improvements at Beaverton and Oregon City are advancing toward construction and include new operator facilities. TriMet completed a major scheduling software upgrade and added support staff to enhance service analysis and run-time accuracy.

Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Update (Presented by Young Park): Fleet expanded to 24 long-range battery-electric buses (588 kWh packs, ~150-mile range). Dual-mode charging infrastructure (plug-in and overhead) now operational at Merlo; Powell power upgrades underway; Columbia Garage ZEB design advancing. ZEBs are currently operating on Lines 6, 9, 12, 20, and 72, rotating as infrastructure capacity permits.

Human Services & LIFT: Approximately \$2 million annually in STIF funding supports Human Services Transportation. LIFT allocations increased from \$639,000 (FY24) to \$747,000 (FY25), serving 17% more rides. 42 Human Services vehicles replaced (average 240k miles vs 150k standard life).

Agenda Item 3 – Committee Discussion

Paul Savas requested performance metrics linking STIF outcomes to HB2017's intent on coverage and equity expansion. Action: TriMet to prepare coverage vs. frequency metrics for a future meeting.

Andrew Aebi requested a finance update comparing prior forecasts to current budget conditions and a clear service trajectory summary through FY27. Action: Finance team to present updated projections at a future meeting.

April Bertelsen flagged an incorrect funding attribution slide referencing PBOT. Action: Staff to correct and redistribute slides.

Margi Bradway requested a future agenda segment on TriMet's overall budget, the sunset of the two-year STIF structure, and state legislative preparations. Action: Staff to schedule these topics for discussion at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:29 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 21, 2025