



TriMet Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee – Virtual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Additional Panelists Present	Committee Members Present	Committee Members Not Present
Amparo, Agosto - Coordinator, Senior, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Ray Atkinson - Transportation Systems Analyst, Clackamas Community College	Scott Brumitt - Residential Services Manager, Northwest Housing Alternatives
Marissa Clarke - Coordinator, Senior, Community Engagement Programs, TriMet	Jan Campbell - Board President, Disability Rights Oregon	Lonnie Silva - Housing Program Supervisor, Urban League of Portland
Leah Drebin - Multnomah County Public/Behavior Health Reimagine Community Coordinator	Frederick Casey - Vice President, ATU757	Cesar Tapia-Chavez - Educational Access Program Manager, Latino Network
John Gardner - Director, Equity, Inclusion & Community Affairs, TriMet	Jonath Colon - Deputy Director, Centro Cultural	Kasi Woidyla - Marketing Communications Director, Virginia Garcia Memorial
Tom Hunt – Manager, Safety Response Team, TriMet	Lee Helfend - Organizing Director, OPAL	
Dr. LaVerne Lewis - TriMet Board of Directors	Adam Jenkins - Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	
Jessica Stanton – Global Communications Facilitator	Annadiana Johnson - Committee on Accessible Transportation Member	
Andrew Wilson – Director, Safety & Security Division, TriMet	Zach Lindahl – WACO chamber of commerce- for Nansi Lopez	
	Joseph McCleary - Outreach Worker, Homeplate Youth Services	
	Mahesh Rao Udata – Community Members	
	Jairo Rios-Campos - Recreation Manager, City of Fairview (PlayEast)	
	Celess Roman - Resource & School Outreach Manager, Clackamas Service Center	
	Wendy Sell - Service Coordinator, Lifeworks NW	

This meeting was recorded and can be found on: <https://trimet.org/publicsafety/>

Sign up for Public Comment prior to meeting: reimaginepublicsafety@trimet.org or put your name in the chat during the meeting.

Introduction and Minutes Approval

Dr. LaVerne Lewis welcome everyone to the March meeting a advice meeting was being recorded. Members introduced themselves and the meeting moved on to minutes approval. Motion moved by Ray Atkinson, second by Mahesh Rao Udata; Minutes approved unanimously without changes.

Adam Jenkins was invited to read the “Member Engagement Support” slide which highlights the points for committee engagement.

Dr. Lewis noted, as a public committee, discussion should remain limited to non-political topics.

Marissa Clarke reviewed the agenda and public comment logistics; attendees can sign up same day for public comment, send comments via email or phone calls. Marisa pointed to the work of the committee as shown on the timeline slides. Noted the goal of presentations from each transit group on the system is to build information towards developing a crisis intervention team in partnership with Mult Co Public Health/Behavioral Health.

Safety & Security update

Andrew Wilson provided an update on notable activities on the transit system. Two incidents on 3/3/22 on MAX Orange Line, a stabbing and a shooting.

- Jan Campbell asked “What do the riders on the MAX do during an incident like that?”
- Dr. Lewis suggests Andrew Wilson share protocols outside of the meeting. Marissa will facilitate.

Update on RFP (**John Gardner**)

- RFP was issued. Deadline to submit questions is 03/18/22. **Proposals due 03/25/22 by 5pm.** RFP Review March 28th-April 6th.
- Communication Highlight: Outreach Efforts & next steps.

RFP Interest-

- Committee members may help with evaluations for areas in which they are not applying: [Adam Jenkins](#), [Annadiana Johnson](#) and [Mahesh Rao Udata](#) volunteered to score applications.
- FAQ's have been posted online.
- Three committee members and five attendees from four agencies attended; attendees happy with flexibility and support offered through the process.

Overview of Safety Response Team and role on TriMet system. *(Tom Hunt)*

- This group of contract employees offers ridership support and outreach in the form of HOP passes, referrals for service, basic staples and emergency supplies. Its purpose is to reduce call to emergency services. They receive field training, education in mental health and de-escalation, and hold certifications in CPR, first aid and AED. With upcoming 5th class, they will be fully staffed. They provide between 1100-1900 significant interactions per month. Languages include English, Spanish and Russian. A video demonstrated some of the SRT activities.
- A robust discussion on referral process, additional partnerships and promotion opportunities ensued.
- There was a suggestion that Street Roots could develop "1 pagers" for each region and a QR code to the resources provided in the book, no further connection to Street Roots was provided. The committee was reminded that not all riders have access to data on their mobile phones.
- The committee was informed that trains in England have laminated 5-10 page "reference guide books" that were connected to the seat via a cord, could be something to explore here.
- Committee members were invited to contact Tom with additional referral services and to schedule Ride-Alongs with the team. **Tom Hunt Contact Information:** Manager Safety Response Team - Email: HuntT@TriMet.org

Suggested Resources to add to SRT outreach:

- Homeplate Youth Services.
- Just compassion's Safe Parking Program <https://justcompassionewc.com/safe-parking-program>
- Northwest Family Services, Clackamas Youth Specific Coordinated Housing Access: 503-546-4693
- Clackamas Women's Services: 888-654-2288

Open Forum - *There was no public comment so time was used for committee discussion.*

Committee Feedback *(Jessica Stanton)*

- The committee discussed the conversation to dispel rumors that all houseless folks are mentally ill, violent or that all violence is committed by a houseless person.
- There was a suggestion to not add houselessness as a descriptor if irrelevant to discussions during security updates.
- There was a suggestion to schedule Ride-Alongs after scoring proposals.
- There was a question about whether SRT members stay in certain geographic areas; they do not as they provide presence throughout the system.

Closing Remarks

Marissa thanked the group and reminded everyone the next meeting will be April 19, 2022 at 3:30 via Zoom.