

Executive Summary: TEAC Meeting – Tuesday, 12/10/24, 4:30 to 6:30 PM

TriMet Updates: Community Engagement shared TriMet updates including:

- New Board Members
- Heritage Celebrations
- Hiring at one of Forbes top places to work in Oregon
- Zero Emissions Investments
- Outreach Events and Language Access Survey
- New Hop Card Vending Machines
- FX updates
- Language Access Plan and current survey of our Limited English Community
- Title VI and DBE Programs from IDEA team
- Legislative Priorities
- TEAC recruitment for upcoming term

Relationship Building: Partners were asked to come prepared to share their organization priorities and their feedback was incorporated into discussion to identify where they aligned with TriMet and each other. Partners presented and shared updates from their own organizations of work and news. Some highlights shared were continued partnership with workforce development, crosswalk challenges in Cornelius around Centro's food pantry, how to get mode split back up to pre pandemic numbers of 45%, the upcoming transportation package with safety and transit being a top priority, and highlighting transit as a basic need, that is essential to accessing education.

- Partner Updates:
 - POIC – more college prep, entrepreneur opportunities, elite sports, semi-conductor training cohort
 - Mt Hood – new equity and community resource center, housing project turnkey, evaluation report, eligibility services at center, upcoming bond measure, and pantry enhancement, looking for more partnerships.
 - Street Trust – Call for sign on to Move Oregon Forward campaign to support our work and stay engaged with the 2025 transportation package, and invitations to upcoming New Year Day Ride.
 - TriMet - NoLows grant and workforce training program for diesel mechanics. PCEF grant application for workforce development to support 82nd Ave project.

Fare Subsidy Research Update: Four Nines Technologies, the consultants, have completed their research for all three areas and they will be finalizing their report this month and plan on presenting to the Fare Subsidy Workgroup in the coming weeks.

FX Update: Included multiple engagement and outreach opportunities for community to participate with 82nd Avenue and TV Highway Projects.

Language Access Plan Update: Actively working with community partners on outreach for the current Language Access Survey in 16 languages. 162 bus stop locations. Will also be surveying our internal workforce who speak languages other than English, including services and supports our staff needs. All this data will inform on the Language Access Plan.

Title VI updates – encompassing Community Engagement, Language Access, Complaint Process, Public Participation, Disadvantage Business Enterprise, Service and Fare Analysis.

Legislative Updates: Included noting that the transportation package is one of the largest items on the next long session. STIF dedicated funding for transit, operations and maintenance. TriMet is working with 70 other transit providers in Oregon, asking to increase STIF from 0.1% to 0.5% by 2032. The current transit systems need investment to making our transit adequate for the 25% Oregon population who depend on transit. There is a call to action to TEAC members to partner with TriMet to advocate the State for more funding and identify where we want to see the investments go across the state to serve the communities represented by TEAC partners.

- Partnership with Washington County, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro on TV Hwy, and advocate for STIF funds to support the project.
- CDL Alternative for Max operators, as a state policy change that light rail operators do not require CDL, and streamline payment of testing fees with payments up front vs employee reimbursement.
- Safety & Security Transit Safety Officer bill – with DMV database to help with citations on the system on individuals violating code, to identify either those who are repeat code offenders or those exempt. Not armed, but will have body cam.
- Operator Assault bill – expands the crime of assault.

Future Meetings: Community partners were provided in depth information and updates on the Language Access Plan, and the survey that is currently being conducted. Partners are asked to disseminate the survey to their organizations and communities to contribute to the data needed to continue the Language Access Plan work.

TEAC will begin recruiting in the New Year for its next term. Partners are encouraged to share their own TEAC experiences to further develop what we can do to maximize the participation and insights from this group of community partners.