TV Highway Transit & Safety Project

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: September 21, 2026 **Time:** 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Meeting Location: Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building

155 N 1st Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Zoom – **Click here to view the recording**

Attendees

Committee/Sub-Committee Members

- Annadiana Johnson, Chair
- Anne Thrall-Nash, Vice Chair
- Nansi Lopez
- Jahed Sukhun (Excused)
- Teddy Russell
- Itzel Abascal (Attended Online)
- Ian Grant (Attended Online)
- Michelle Knoke
- Maria Elena Baptista
- Alili Verduzco
- Steve Callaway
- Brian Long
- Fernando Lira
- Trinh Tran

TriMet Staff

- Nik Whitcomb, Community Affairs Coordinator
- Josh Brennan, Project Director
- Gwen Eckelman, Design Manager
- Lindsay Tenes , State Gov Affairs Manager

Partner Staff

- Ariel Nelson, Hillsboro Gov Affairs
- Jocelyn Black, Beaverton Gov Affairs

Meeting Notes

A. Call to Order & Housekeeping

- The meeting opened with member introductions and community agreements.

B. Project Team Summer Updates

The CAC values each member's individual opinion. In an effort to promote free discussion and collaboration during the meeting and to solicit as much feedback as possible, the notes do not attribute specific comments to specific CAC members. CAC members do not vote or make formal recommendations to TriMet. Views and opinions of the CAC are shared in reports to the Policy & Budget Committee and other audiences.

- Summer of Outreach:
    - Nik provided a high-level update on outreach activities over the summer. He attended more than 12 events and received more than 150 new newsletter sign-ups.
    - Nik shared that the number one concern raised by community members about the corridor was safety.
    - A member asked what other concerns were raised during the summer. Nik noted that community members also frequently expressed concerns about transit speed and reliability, as well as the spacing between some stops on the new line.
- Design Update & Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Rating Submission:
    - Josh provided an overall project update, reviewed the current project budget, and shared that the project is approaching the 30% design milestone.
        - A member asked about the "Unallocated Contingency" portion of the budget and whether there is information about how much of this funding is typically used during a project.
            - Josh explained that maintaining an unallocated contingency is a requirement for FTA projects. After reviewing project plans, the FTA may require a larger or smaller contingency. The project team is currently estimating what it considers to

be a generous amount and hopes the amount will remain close to the current budget.

    - A member asked whether the current budget accounts for current economic conditions and future cost escalation. The team confirmed that it does.

- Gwen shared that the 30% design plans will be available for jurisdictional partner review the following week.
- Josh shared that the CIG Rating Submission was sent to the FTA in August and that the team is currently responding to questions from the FTA.
- Josh also shared that the project team hosted an FTA tour of TV Highway the Friday before the meeting and that the tour went well.

C. Internal Value Engineering Exercise

- Gwen provided an update on the internal value engineering exercise conducted by the project team over the summer to better understand project costs.
- Gwen noted that the exercise was conducted for internal discussion only and that the FTA will require an additional value engineering effort at the 60% design phase.
- Gwen walked the committee through the items identified during the value engineering process and requested input on items currently under consideration to improve project efficiency.
    - A member asked when ODOT's planned work to address ADA curb ramps will occur and whether removing that scope from the project could place community members at a disadvantage.
        - Gwen shared that the work is planned for approximately 2029, which aligns with the anticipated opening of the new service, and that the project team is coordinating closely with ODOT throughout the process.
    - A member asked for clarification on the term "new diversified vendors." The team clarified that the term refers both to new vendors entering the market that may offer lower-cost options and to increasing vendor diversity demographics.

- Members advocated for flashing pedestrian beacons, bike lanes at major intersections, and trash cans at stations to be considered high priorities to support rider comfort and safety.

- A member requested additional clarification and examples for several items under consideration to support further discussion at a future meeting. The team confirmed that the value engineering topic will return for discussion at the November meeting.

D. Public Comment

- No public comment.

E. 2027 Legislative Session Update

- TriMet State Government Affairs Manager Lindsay Tenes provided an update on the 2027 Legislative Session and shared information about how the committee may be activated during the session.
- The committee expressed interest in bringing the discussion back at the next meeting to develop a more intentional strategy for supporting efforts to secure state funding for the project.

F. Adjourn

- Next meeting: November 16 from 6-7:30PM