



Salem Area Mass Transit District
Board of Directors

~ **VIRTUAL WORK SESSION** ~

September 24, 2020

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Courthouse Square – Senator Hearing Room

555 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

MINUTES

PRESENT: President Ian Davidson; Directors Robert Krebs, Chi Nguyen, Colleen Busch, Sadie Board
Board Carney and Charles Richards; VACANT (Subdistrict 4)

Staff Allan Pollock, General Manager; David Trimble, Deputy General Manager/COO; Al McCoy, Chief Financial Officer; Patricia Feeny, Director of Communication; Paula Dixon, Director of Administration; Steve Dickey, Director of Strategic Planning & Program Management; Ross Aguilar, Systems Administrator; Linda Galeazzi, Executive Assistant; and Ben Fetherston, SAMTD Legal Counsel

Guests: Maria Hinojos Pressey, SAMTD Board Member-Elect (Subdistrict 4)

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:40 PM

President Ian Davidson called the work session to order at 5:40 p.m. with an explanation that the Board had been in executive session prior to this meeting. A quorum was present.

President Davidson introduced Maria Hinojos Pressey, who attended the work session virtually. He stated that on Friday, September 25th, the State Senate would take action on Ms. Hinojos Pressey’s appointment to serve on the District’s Board of Directors representing Subdistrict 4 for the unexpired term of Director Rodgers until June 30, 2021.

Mr. Pollock shared a *Safety Moment* by following the “Three W’s” to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

2. PRESENTATION – None

3. DISCUSSION

A. FY2021 Board Priorities and Principles

Staff report: Pages 1-2 of the agenda

Presenter: President Ian Davidson

President Davidson explained his intent in providing a draft policy of five board priorities and principles for discussion. It was modeled after the Board's legislative agenda. An agreed upon policy would serve as a guide for board members in external meetings. In their role, they represent the Board collectively and not by one's own opinion. The policy would also serve as an agenda for the Board's work on various committees.

Board members voiced their concurrence with the concepts in the policy to:

- Support increased federal, state and local public transit funding for Marion and Polk counties for the noticeable gaps in frequency and coverage in existing service;
- Advocate for a strong multi-modal network within the Urban Growth Boundary with infrastructure such as sidewalks for bicyclists and pedestrians;
- Pay attention to unaccounted costs or policies that put a burden of costly infrastructure on the public while the benefits are given to a few. Parking minimums drive up the costs for homeowners on housing and commercial properties for automobile drivers.
- Prioritizing maintenance before new construction of travel lanes for automobiles.
- Decisions on how to allocate resources for new projects should always take into consideration historically underserved communities. An area with higher levels of pollution should be first to receive funding targeted to alleviate pollution.

Board members discussed taking a proactive advocacy role, and being more safety-conscious which ties in with equity and environmental justice. They considered that electric buses in poorer areas can relieve pollution in that area. The Board considered that many of these priorities as a whole offer choices for the community, and may help people to decide to move into the area. Bicycle and sidewalk infrastructure had been discussed by the Salem Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) and is also one of Mayor Clark's goals. The Land Conservation and Development Commission, through a four-agency collaboration is making changes through the *Every Mile Counts* program. It creates an opportunity to speak on these subjects with a collective voice.

Follow-up: Mr. Pollock advised that there was no priority order to the draft principles and priorities. They were meant to be guiding principles used as talking points to cultivate allies for public transit; much like is done with the District's legislative agenda when meeting with legislators. Staff will finalize the draft policy for Board action at the October 22 meeting.

At 6:03 p.m., Google Meet went down. Technology Support staff found that a nation-wide Google and YouTube outage had occurred due to a routing server crash for about 20-minutes. At 6:26 p.m., staff was able to reconnect to Google Meeting to continue the work session.

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Staff report: Pages 3-6 of the agenda

Presenter: Allan Pollock, General Manager

Mr. Pollock stated that the schedule for upcoming agenda items, and the Board's calendar of scheduled meetings and events were in the agenda packet for review.

Follow-up: There was no follow up. President Davidson adjourned the work session.

5. WORK SESSION ADJOURNED

6:27 PM

Submitted by:
Linda Galeazzi, CMC
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

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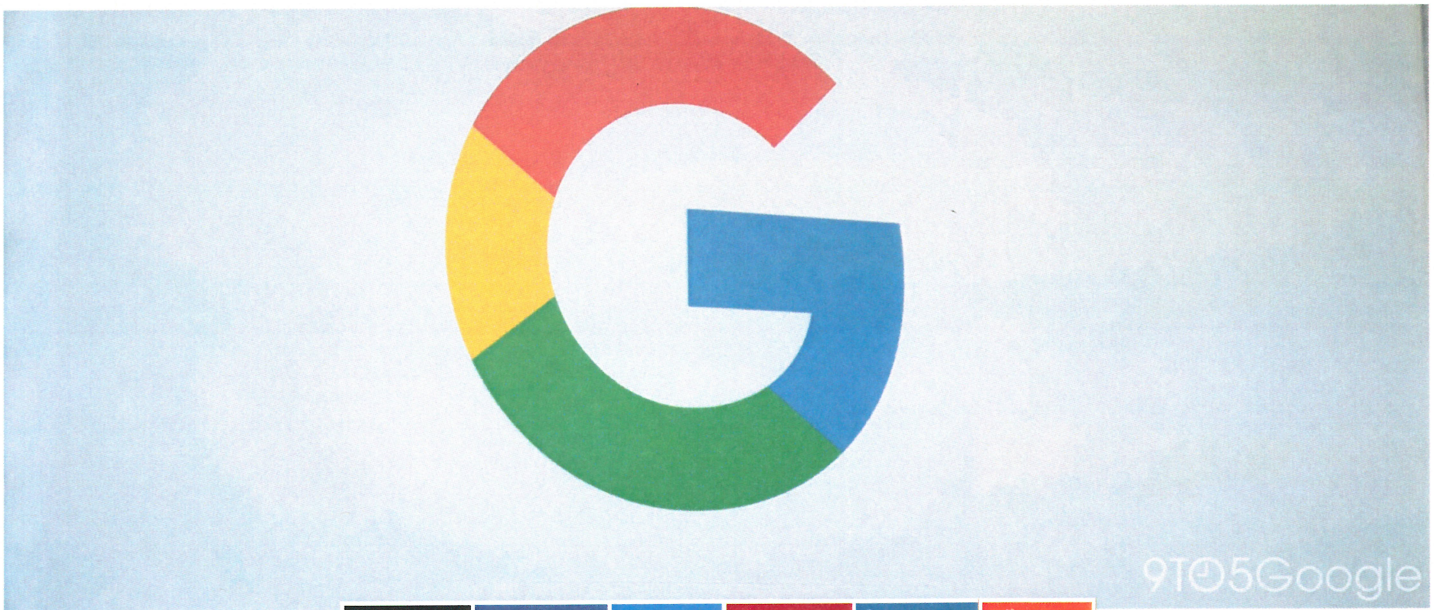
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SEPTEMBER 24

Wide-ranging Google and YouTube outage was due to routing server crash

Abner Li - Sep. 24th 2020 7:55 pm PT @technacity



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At 6 p.m. PT on Thursday, several Google and YouTube services were impacted by an approximately 20-minute outage. After the issue was resolved, Google shared a brief technical explanation of what happened.

Compared to outages that usually only impact G Suite, YouTube and the Play Store would not load, while we had issues with the Google Home app. Nest identified issues with the following aspects of its service: Setup & Pairing, Nest Apps, Nest Thermostat, Nest Protect, Nest Cam Live Video, Nest Cam Video History, and more.

On the productivity front, users were able to access Gmail, Google Calendar, Groups, Chat, and Meet, but saw "error messages, high latency, and/or other unexpected behavior." On the mail front, messages would not send and were stuck in the outbox. Lastly, "there was no major impact" to the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) for third-party companies hosting services, but "minor APIs" were affected.

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Google infrastructure chief Urs Hölzle took to Twitter to **detail** the issue, and apologized for these "critical" services going down:

As has been noticed, several Google services were down for some users from 6:00 to 6:23 p.m. PDT. A pool of servers that route traffic to application backends crashed, and users on that particular pool experienced the outage. GCP was not affected.

A postmortem is forthcoming to "ensure this won't happen again." While not all users were impacted, this was a wider Google (and YouTube) outage than normal.

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