

**Salem Area Mass Transit District
Board of Directors**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mill Creek Conference Room

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Board: President Ian Davidson; Directors Ramiro Navarro (Virtual) and Sadie Carney (Virtual)
Staff: General Manager, Allan Pollock; Deputy General Manager, David Trimble; Executive Assistant, Kirra Pressey.
Guests: Dale Penn (Virtual), Waylon Buchan (Virtual)
Public: Marja Byers (Virtual), John Hamill, Sam Spink.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ian Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M. Attendance was noted with a quorum of 3 members present.
- B. For the Safety Moment, GM Pollock advised when going to the capital, be aware of on-going construction and ever-changing pedestrian detours.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Legislative Committee reviewed the draft of the 2023 Federal Legislative Agenda.
 - 1. *Project Descriptions* in the proposed federal agenda included the Zero Emissions Buses Project and the South Salem “MaaS” Transit Facility.

2. *Policy Priorities* in the proposed federal agenda include considered endorsements of the Bus Coalitions' efforts for continued plus-ups to the Bus and Bus Facility competitive grant program 5339b, and extending and making permanent the Alternative Fuels Tax Credit which is set to expire at the end of 2024.

B. The Legislative Committee reviewed the draft of the 2023 State Legislative Agenda

1. *Policy Issues* were prioritized as follows: 1) preserve, maintain, and enhance public transportation investments and monitor opportunities to increase investments in zero-emission vehicles; 2) support increased investments on footpaths and bicycle trails; 3) monitor the I-5 bridge replacement conversations, and Transportation Network Companies (TNC) (Uber/Lyft) legislation.

The Committee suggested continued monitoring of the following: 1) LC 3144 / House Bill 2777 – Imposition of public transit incentive surcharge on any fine or violation of city or county motor vehicle parking; 2) LC 603 / House Bill 187 – repeals the provision prohibiting transit workers from striking; 3) LC 639 / no house bill at this time – Increased punishment for propulsion of bodily fluids at public transit vehicle operators. In addition, continued monitoring of NEMT Legislative Concept / no house bill at this time.

President Davidson, suggested monitoring discussions of the I5 Toll Lane as a priority 3. Director Navarro suggested monitoring discussions surrounding a commuter rail from Eugene to Portland.

C. GM Pollock reviewed the Oregon Legislative Assembly Committee Appointments.

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

Kirra Pressey

Recording Secretary

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