



**SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Judi Richards | Marja Byers | Lucinda Edwards | David Levy  
STAFF: Tom Dietz | Don Clifford | Ben Sawyer | Zach Leeth | Michelle Buie  
BOARD LIAISON: Bill Holmstrom  
ABSENT: Bryan Casey | Ron Rubel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum

Chair Richards called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance was noted and a quorum was present.

B. Safety Minute

Tom presented the safety minute on intersection safety for pedestrians and bicycles.

C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda: None.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Member Levy asked if there are any updates because of the change in the administration and the recent executive orders on federal funds. COO Dietz says the District is still unsure what is happening based on the executive orders being challenged in the courts. We currently have grants funds that are obligated for the 10 battery electric buses.

David gave thanks to Tom for giving him information on real-time prediction. COO Dietz let the members know they will be a part of the beta testing for the MyStop real-time prediction.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2024

Action			
Motion:	Approve the committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2024		
Motion by:	Marja Byers	Second:	David Levy
Vote			
Aye:	Richards, Byers, Edwards, Levy		
Motion passes unanimously 4-0			



#### **4. REPORTS**

- A. Committee Member Roundtable - Members provided updates on activities and outreach in which they represent the District.
  - i. Marja – Marja presented handouts on the Hull Foundation and Learning Center which creates different retreat experiences for adults with blindness or sight loss. Marja is working with Cherriots Marketing on helping with their education to riders who are blind or have low vision on the real-time prediction app.
  - ii. Lucinda – Lucinda is also on the Valley Mental Health Committee. They have contractors all over the city. She is currently working to make sure their buildings are ADA compliant.
  - iii. David – David is Chair of the Salem Public Library Advisory Board. They are currently working with many other groups to put together a levy proposal.
  - iv. Judi – Judi is involved with the disabled community helping them find the services they need.

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. CAC Bylaws Updates
- B. Planning Updates
- C. MyStop App Presentation
- D. DRIVE Committee Presentation

#### **6. ADJOURN**

Chair Richards adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**