



Salem Area Mass Transit District

Board Work Session Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Board Directors:**Present:**

President Maria Hinojos Pressey

Sadie Carney

Ian Davidson

Sara Duncan

Bill Holmstrom

Absent:

Ramiro Navarro Jr.

Staff:

GM Allan Pollock

CSO Cliff Carpentier

CBDO Jaél Rose

COO Tom Dietz

Service Planning Manager Chris French

Transit Planner II Jolynn Franke

Commuter Options Coordinator Kiki Dohman

Project Administrator Ted Stonecliffe

Executive Assistant Kirra Pressey

Guests:

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates' Kyle

Taniguchi & Paul Lutey

1. Call To Order**A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum**

President Hinojos Pressey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance was noted.

B. Safety Minute

COO Dietz presented the safety moment, highlighting tips to stay safe and hydrated during the hot weather.

C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda

President Hinojos Pressey announced the addition of Item 3.D – GM Interim.

2. Presentations

None

3. Discussions**A. Comprehensive Operational Analysis**

Presenter: Service Planning Manager Chris French, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates' Kyle Taniguchi and Paul Lutey

Agenda Packet: Pg. 3-305

Service Planning Manager French introduced Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates' Taniguchi and Lutey, who presented an update on the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). The presentation included an overview of the project, outreach and engagement efforts completed to date, and the process for gathering public feedback on potential service improvements.

The presenters reviewed service planning principles and discussed preliminary service concepts intended to improve efficiency, connectivity, and customer experience while making effective use of existing resources. Potential service options were presented for several local and regional service areas. Concepts included route modifications, service consolidations, improved connections, and potential on-demand transit service in select areas.

The presenters emphasized that the concepts are preliminary and will be refined through community engagement and further analysis. They outlined next steps, including public outreach, evaluation of potential ridership impacts, development of a cost-neutral service plan, and future Board briefings prior to adoption of final recommendations.

Board members discussed several service concepts and emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong fixed-route network, improving connectivity, and providing a seamless customer experience. Discussion focused on potential service changes in West Salem, South Salem, and regional corridors, with Directors expressing support for increased frequency, reduced transfer requirements, and improved connections with partner transit agencies. Directors also discussed opportunities to enhance service in Polk County and explored how alternative service models could complement, rather than replace, existing transit service.

B. Shared Micromobility Feasibility Study

Presenter: Commuter Options Coordinator Kiki Dohman

Agenda Packet: Pg.305-420

Commuter Options Coordinator Dohman presented next steps following completion of the Shared Micromobility Feasibility Study. Staff reviewed key findings, implementation options, and organizational considerations, noting that a phased, operator-managed pilot approach would provide an opportunity to evaluate demand while minimizing operational risk. Staff also discussed potential funding opportunities, estimated costs, and near-term activities needed to support future implementation. Board members provided feedback on the role the District should play in shared micromobility and discussed considerations for future decision-making.

Board members discussed implementation approaches, funding opportunities, and potential partnerships for a shared micromobility program. Discussion focused on balancing organizational capacity, operational costs, and customer experience, while exploring opportunities for sponsorships and grant funding. Board members emphasized the importance of integration with existing transit services and discussed factors that would contribute to a successful and accessible program. Consensus was reached directing staff to pursue grant opportunities, explore additional revenue sources and partnerships, and further evaluate implementation options and associated costs.

C. Task Force Update

Presenter: President Hinojos Pressey

President Hinojos Pressey provided an update on the status of the Business Community Task Force, including ongoing questions related to public meeting law, the expiration of the facilitation contract, and the upcoming GM transition. Board members discussed future engagement with the business community, the importance of clear communications, and potential approaches for pausing and restructuring the effort. General consensus was reached to bring the matter forward for Board action at a future meeting.

D. GM Interim Assignment

President Hinojos Pressey raised the topic of an interim GM, noting that the timeline for recruiting and onboarding a permanent GM does not align with the current GM's planned retirement. She suggested Deputy GM David Trimble serve in an interim capacity and stated that an executive session would be scheduled prior to the next Board meeting to further discuss the matter.

4. General Manager Comments

A. Upcoming Agenda Items

B. Board Calendar

GM Pollock provided an update on the upcoming agenda items and Board calendar. Executive Assistant Pressey noted Directors were provided with an updated packet of policies that will be brought to the June Board meeting for approval and requested feedback be submitted by June 18, 2026.

5. Adjourn

President Hinojos Pressey adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Hinojos Pressey

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Maria Hinojos Pressey, Board President







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