

TRI-MET NEWS



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The President of Tri-Met's Board of Directors, Gerard K. Drummond, has announced the members of a citizens' blue ribbon task force charged with advising the Board on the future direction of transit, including levels of service and funding alternatives. The approximate two dozen members of the panel will hold an initial meeting in March at a date to be announced later, Drummond said. Metro Councilor Hardy Myers has agreed to chair the panel, Drummond announced.

"It's time for us once again to look at the regional public transportation system, decide what course mass transit should take and how it should be funded," Drummond explained. The Tri-Met Board cannot act on these major decisions in a vacuum. We need the ideas and support of this community, Drummond explained.

Also, named to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Mass Transit Policy were representatives of neighborhood associations, transit rider groups, business, labor and local government. The Committee will meet on a monthly basis to discuss its report to the Board which will be completed in six months. Those meetings will be open to the public and comments from individual citizens will be encouraged.

In naming the panel, Drummond pointed out changes which have taken place since the last citizens' evaluation of mass transit in the Portland region. "That was in 1977," Drummond said, "when business was booming and the region was growing. At that time, Tri-Met was receiving revenues far beyond its operations budget, and there was public pressure on the District to expand and take an aggressive posture.

Now, he added, things are quite the opposite: business is slowly coming out of two years of recession; growth has slowed; and revenues have been cut back to a bare trickle compared with the late 70's. "Before we move ahead into the 1990's, we have to take stock, and set new goals for the District." We cannot do that without the help of the community through this panel, Drummond declared.

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

on

MASS TRANSIT POLICY

CHAIRMAN

Hardy Myers - METRO Councilor

MEMBERS

Linore Allison - Noise Abatement/Neighborhood Advocate (Portland)
Jane Baker - Neighborhood Advocate (East County)
Earl Blumenauer - County Commissioner (Multnomah)
Tony Bryant - Union Executive (ATU)
Don Clark - Central City Concern
Larry Cole - Mayor (Beaverton)
Carl Halvorsen - Builder/Developer (Lake Oswego)
Chuck Heinrich - Utility Executive (PGE)
Wayne Kuni - Business Owner (Portland)
Jerry Mounce - Neighborhood Advocate (Portland)
Bill Naito - Business Owner (Downtown)
Judy Neilson - Conservationist
Ray Polani - Citizens for Better Transit, Chair
Bill Robertson - Business Executive (PacifiCorp)
Robert Schumacher - County Commissioner (Clackamas)
Bob Stacey - 1,000 Friends of Oregon
Margaret Strachan - City Commissioner (Portland)
Phil Thompson - Mayor's Staff (Portland)
Rusty Whitney - Business Executive (Oregon Software)
Charlie Williamson - former METRO Councilor
Dave Yaden - Business Executive (NERCO)

CHARGE

To review the draft mission, goals and policies proposed for the District in light of:

- meeting community expectations for mass transit;
- satisfying various community user groups; and
- serving the needs of taxpayers.

To assess whether Tri-Met's future revenue projections are reasonable in light of expectations for community growth.

To determine if Tri-Met is able to adequately serve the needs of the community given the financial resources presently available to it.

And, if not, whether and to what amount additional financial resources should be made available to it and, finally, if additional revenue sources are required, to suggest a possible way that those resources could be made available.

COMMITTEE MEETING TITLE OPACT

DATE March 14, 1985

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