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PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY DRAFT FINAL

August 24, 2023 • 1:00 PM—2:30 PM

Zoom Call

Advisory Committee Members	Position	Affiliation	Present
Darin F. Campbell, Chair	Taxi Company	Radio Cab	Yes
Nickole Cheron	City of Portland, ADA Title II and Disability Equity Manager	Office of Equity and Human Rights	No
Dan Mark, Vice Chair	LPT Company	Mark Car Service LLC	Yes
Jen Armbruster	Representative of People with Disabilities	Member-at-Large	Yes
Jemal Abdi	NEMT Company	JB Medical Transport, LLC	Yes
David Duncan	Tour Bus Company	Grey Line of Portland	No
Eileen Collins	TriMet	TriMet—Accessible Transportation	Yes
Eric Followell	Taxi Driver Representative	Radio Cab	Yes
Robel Berhen	TNC Driver	UZURV	No
April Murchinson	Ground Transportation Contracts Administrator	Port of Portland	Yes
John L Finley	TNC Company	Uber	No
Dan Lenzen	Riding Public	Business Owner	Yes
Mark Williams	PBOT (non-voting member)	Interim Parking and Regulatory Services Director	No
Gabby Sanchez	PBOT	Regulatory Division, Office Support Specialist II	No
Matthew Erickson	PBOT	PFHT Program Manager	Yes
Josh Lynch	PBOT	PFHT Program Manager	Yes
Camerina Galván	Notetaker	Galván Consulting LLC	Yes
Tracy M. Smith	Facilitator	Inhance LLC	Yes
Vacant	At-Large Community Member, Disability		N/A

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Vacant	LPT Driver		N/A
Vacant	Shuttle Company		N/A
Vacant	NEMT Driver		N/A
Vacant	Limousine or Party Bus		N/A
Vacant	Shuttle Driver		N/A
Vacant	Tourism Industry		N/A
Vacant	Pedicab Company		N/A

- **Other Attendees:** Josh Lynch, PBOT; Roger; Koests; Karyssa Jackson, Lyft; Anna Richter Taylor, Uber; Noah Ernst; Marshall Runkel, Lyft.

OPENING: DARIN F. CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- Darin F. Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.
- A quorum was met.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS: DARIN F. CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- **Committee Recruitment Update:** Eric Followell and Robel Berhen are new committee members.
- **Hotel Parking:** Hoteliers would like their parking spots back in front of hotels for pick up, drop off, and busses. Dan Lenzen would like less metered parking near hotels to help the clientele.
 - Matt Erickson had not heard of this issue before.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Matt Erickson will pass the information to the PBOT’s Parking Enforcement and Control department.
 - Darin Campbell shared that the bicycle lanes eliminated many taxi zones.
- **Accessible drop-off and pick-up:** The number of candle sticks dividing traffic lanes from parking or pull-off areas hinders TriMet’s ability to safely drop off and pick up customers, especially those with a disability.
- **Appreciation Day:** Ground Transportation and the Port of Portland are hosting an Appreciation Day for drivers on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Holding Area (8157 NE Air Cargo Rd., located next to the 7/11 gas station). There will be ice cream, swag, and conversation with the drivers.

APPROVAL OF 6/22/2023 MEETING SUMMARY: DARIN F. CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- Approved: Final draft June 22, 2023, Meeting Summary.

PBOT UPDATES: JOSH LYNCH, PBOT, AND MATT ERICKSON, PBOT

- Josh Lynch will attend the Private for-Hire Transportation Advisory Committee meetings moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT: DARIN F. CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- No public comment.

DISCUSSION: TOPIC SUBMISSION: PERMITTING PROCESS: DARIN F. CAMPBELL, CHAIR, AND NOAH ERNEST, RADIO CAB

- PBOT is tracking three dates for driver certification and permits, which do not synch up. Noah Ernest proposes two code changes:
 - Eliminate tracking certification and background check dates.
 - The taxi driver is responsible for acquiring a permit at PBOT. The taxi permit is valid at any taxi company.
- Noah Ernest’s code changes would only impact taxi companies. However, he feels a single permit should be issued to all private for-hire drivers. He understands TNCs don’t want a single permit for all private for-hire drivers.
- Anna Richer Taylor cannot confirm Uber’s position on having a single permitting process for all private for-hire drivers.
- Marshall Runkel doesn’t believe that Lyft would have an issue with a single permitting process for all private for-hire drivers and feels the package PBOT is preparing for the fall will troubleshoot the problems.
- Darrin Campbell’s recollection of the PBOT package language states the background check updates are an attempt to synch up the dates, not a sure solution.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Darrin Campbell will share the PBOT package language with Noah Ernest.
- In Noah Ernest’s experience, taxi drivers follow the date printed on the permit and renew their permits one week before the printed date with help. Drivers do not read PBOT emails.
- Dan Mark motioned to move the topic submission to an action item. April Murchinson seconded it.
 - Approved: The motion to submit the topic to an action item passed unanimously.
- Noah Ernest’s proposals are within PBOT’s technological capabilities. It’s a matter of coordinating when the system change will occur.
- There is yet to be a timeline for when PBOT will present items from the PBOT package before the city council. PBOT is finalizing the documents.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Matt Erickson will inquire about the timeline and inform Darrin Campbell.

CHAIR ADJOURNED THE BUSINESS MEETING AT 1:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 1:00—2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Camerina Galván, Notetaker, Galván Consulting LLC.