



Greater Portland Metro Ridership Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2024:
DRAFT Meeting Minutes:

Member	Municipality	Role:	Status
Hope Cahan	Falmouth	Chair	Present
Julie Dubovsky	Yarmouth	Vice Chair	Present
Prosper Lohomboli	Westbrook	Member	Present
Bill Rixon	Freeport	Member	Present
Roberto Rodriguez	Portland	Member	Present
Pious Ali	Portland	Member	Present

Staff Present	Identified Members of the Public
Mike Tremblay – Director of Transit Development Denise Beck – Marketing Manager Glenn Fenton – Chief Transportation Officer, Acting Executive Director	

- I. **With a Quorum in place, this meeting was called to Order By: Hope Cahan at: 3:31 pm**
- II. **Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.
- III. **Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes:**
Bill Rixon made a motion to approve October 18, 2023 meeting minutes, Hope Cahan seconded the motion, after a roll call vote of the members present, the minutes for October 18, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Selection of Ridership Committee Vice Chair:**
Hope leads the discussion on the selection of Ridership Committee Vice Chair. Hope nominated Julie Dubovsky as vice chair of the Ridership Committee, after a roll call vote, Julie Dubovsky was elected as vice chair of the Ridership Committee, unanimously of those present.
- V. **Ridership Update:**
Mike leads the discussion on item 5 on the agenda: Ridership Update. The committee discussed the trends in ridership, and several upcoming projects, including the Gorham-Westbrook-Portland Rapid Transit Project and the potential for RTP to join the DiriGo fare payment network.

VI. Route 7 Service Improvements Update:

Mike leads the discussion on Item 6, Route 7 Service Improvements update. Due to struggles hiring bus operators, and delays in the procurement processes for microtransit, microtransit and the Route 7 frequency improvement is likely delayed until fall. The extension of Route 7 will proceed as planned in June. The Committee is satisfied by the contingency plan.

VII. Service Improvements Roadmap:

Mike leads the discussion on item 7, service improvements roadmap, which includes planned ARPA-funded service improvements in 2024, as well as Route 8 bidirectionality, potential extensions of Route 2 and Route 4, BREEZ Sunday service, and other improvements at later dates. Service requests have been made on several occasions to serve Portland's VA outpatient clinic on West Commercial Street, as well as the Stroudwater neighborhood of Portland.

VIII. Future Agenda Items:

- Partnering with bicycling entities
- Route 1 on Munjoy Hill
- Bus shelters and bus inventory
- Microtransit vendor and marketing strategy
- Pass Program partnership with Bowdoin

IX. Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Directors – April 25, 2024 at 4:00 pm
- Finance Committee – April 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm
- Executive Committee – April 18, 2024 at 3:30 pm
- Ridership Committee – May 15, 2024 at 3:30 pm

X. Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by: Hope Cahan at 4:29 pm. Seconded by Julie Dobovsky, the meeting was adjourned with no one opposed.