



Greater Portland Metro Ridership Committee
Wednesday, August 21, 2024:
DRAFT Meeting Minutes:

Member	Municipality	Role:	Status
Hope Cahan	Falmouth	Chair	Present
Julie Dubovsky	Yarmouth	Vice Chair	Absent
Pious Ali	Portland	Member	Present
Prosper Lohomboli	Westbrook	Member	Absent
Bill Rixon	Freeport	Member	Absent
Roberto Rodriguez	Portland	Member	Present
Seven Siegel	Gorham	Member	Present
Michael Shaughnessy	Westbrook	Member	Absent
Ed Suslovic	Portland	Member	Present
Christine Adamowicz	Brunswick	Member	Absent

Staff Present	Identified Members of the Public
Glenn Fenton – Executive Director, Interim Chief Transportation Officer	Kevin Kraft – Director of Planning, City of Portland
Denise Beck – Marketing Manager	Helen Donaldson – Director of Special Projects, City of Portland
Mike Tremblay - Director of Transit Development	Max Greenwald – Portland Resident

I. With a Quorum in place, this meeting was called to Order By: Hope Cahan at: 3:30 pm.

II. Public Forum:

Max Greenwald, City of Portland resident: He is very excited of public transit. He believes that the biggest priority is frequency and how important that is for him and a lot of Portland is to have the buses coming more frequently and having the buses come more often in 15-minute intervals and how much it would help him and the community.

III. Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Ed Suslovic moves to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Roberto Rodriguez seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the minutes for April 17, 2024 were approved with one abstention due to absence from the previous meeting.

IV. Portland’s ReCode and Transit Implications:

Mike leads discussion for item 4 Portland’s ReCode and Transit Implications, Kevin Kraft presenting. Kevin presented the Recode plan, highlighting Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

zones in the vicinity of Congress at St. John and Valley streets, as well as on Brighton Avenue in the vicinity of Rand Road. The committee discussed with Portland staff about other items in the proposed code, including parking implications, as well as other ways to encourage development to rely on transit to a greater degree.

V. Ridership and Project Update:

Mike leads Item 5, Ridership and Project Update, including an update on ridership of Route 7 and Route 5 after recent route changes, as well as a microtransit project update.

VI. Route 1 Service on Munjoy Hill:

Mike leads item 6, Route 1 service on Munjoy Hill. Mike discussed ridership changes along the route, noting that ridership on Munjoy Hill has stayed steady while ridership has increased significantly along the Congress Street segment of the route. On-time performance has improved since the route change took place. The Committee agreed that the route should remain as-is unless future data suggests otherwise.

VII. Future Agenda Items:

- Partnering with bicycling entities – September 2024
- Bus shelters and bus inventory
- Micro transit vendor and marketing strategy

VIII. Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Directors – August 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee – September 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee – September 11, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.
- Ridership Committee – September 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: Hope adjourned meeting at 4:51 pm.