



Board Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

September 14, 2022

1. Latest Headlines and Industry News – Board Members

Dan Bower, Portland Streetcar, Inc. reported that they just signed a new contract for cameras.

Curtis Ailes, Seattle DOT, reported the change to real-time arrival signs by Connectpoint, and partnered with Swiflty to install software that allows third party apps to publish the real position of the vehicle.

Derek Benedict, LA Streetcar, reported that the State of California earmarked \$2.5 million to pilot a grid upgrade that includes the streetcar line and maintenance facility in downtown LA.

David McDonald, CATS, reported that they have signed the planning contract for Phase 3 of the streetcar.

In other news, Omaha approved their streetcar route on Monday, September 19: [news article here](#)

2. Virtual Summit Review

Thank you to all our participants in the August 31 Virtual Summit. We had 55 register and 47 participate. Jorge Luna with HDR presented the pros and cons of zero fares. Tom Gerend moderated a panel of speakers, including Rob Smith, DART, Rhett Crowninshield, City of Tucson, Matthew Hulme, City of Cincinnati, and Joel Garcia, City of Oklahoma EMBARK. The recording of the meeting and PowerPoint Presentation will be up on the website by next week.

3. Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 9, 2022- APTA TRANSform in Seattle, 1:30-3:00 PM Joint Procurement Working Group, Sheraton Grand Seattle, Leschi Room, 1400 6th Ave, Seattle; 3:30-5:30 CSC Reception at Art Marble 21, just off the Southlake Union Streetcar Line. The invitation, which will include a map, will be going out soon. [\(Sent you a calendar notice for the reception in Pacific Time\)](#)

Monday, October 31, 2022- Rail~Volution in Miami, 1:30-3:00 PM CSC Streetcar Update and October Virtual Summit with report out from four properties.

CSC is working with Encore AV to set up the presentation at Rail~Volution as a Virtual Summit. Some of the speakers will be virtual, so we might as well go ahead and set it up for everyone to be able to listen in. Details to come. We have confirmed that Omaha, OCTA, Detroit, and Portland are participating in our panel discussion. We hope to solidify the participation of SEPTA in the coming days. Thanks to Carl for his help on this.

4. Working Groups

There have been a couple of topics come up during the Summit that warrant a working group. Working groups, include:

- Communications-Proposed Board Member Lead- Andrew Plambeck, staffed by Kristin Jenkins. Participants: Frank Wyszynski, HART; Ellen Homb, 2-Story/Milwaukee; Michael Scroggins and Megan Henderson, EMBARK/OKC; Monica Landgrove-Serrano, Tucson. Andrew stated that he'd work with Kristin and round up the group for a meeting soon.
- Buy America- Proposed Board Member Lead-Erik Yingling, staffed by Christy Willhite Participants: Bill Umbenhaur, Traction Systems; Keith Sanders, KCATA, Brian Hawkins, Siemens; Jake Speck, Kiewit. Erik will check on some recent industry comments and get back to the group.
- Combined Procurements- Proposed Board Member Lead-Dan Bower, staffed by Brandi Bird. Participants: Jason Krause, Portland Streetcar; Marwan Al-Mukhtar, RATP DEV USA/DC Streetcar, Nelson Hall, Tucson; Shankar Rajaram, Sound Transit; Chris Eilerman, Seattle DOT. First meeting was in August. Dan reported that they are looking at 8-foot vehicles but could also look at 8'8" vehicles. Also evaluating the need for Buy America compliance and a possible parts consortium. Next meeting will be held in Seattle after the APTA Streetcar Subcommittee meeting on Sunday, October 9.

5. Oklahoma City Summit

The next in-person summit will be April 2-4, 2023, in Oklahoma City. We're already working with the local team, and we need to appoint the Summit Planning Committee. Please be ready to volunteer if you are interested. We're looking at a different format for sponsorships, moving up the tour, and creating some opportunities for the board and streetcar properties to meet separately.

Summit Planning Committee: Michael White, Brookville; Jon Schlegel, Herzog; David McDonald, Charlotte; Andrew Plambeck, Portland Streetcar, Inc. **Still room for more!**

Looking to have our first planning meeting in October. I will send the survey results prior to the meeting for the Planning Committee's review.

6. Bird Advocacy & Consulting Contract

The Bird Advocacy and Consulting firm has been staffing the Coalition for the last year and a half. With the end of the contract term approaching, June 2023, Chair Dan Bower has requested that the board begin discussions on next steps.

Dan Bower, Chair, proposed, and Carl Jackson, Vice Chair, concurred, that the board should take a few minutes at the beginning of the November board meeting to discuss the staffing contract. Specific details on that setup will be sent out prior to the meeting. Please send any comments concerning Bird Advocacy & Consulting's contract directly to Dan Bower at dan.bower@portlandstreetcar.org.

7. Budget Report

July 1, 2022, started our new fiscal year. We have received \$62,500 in membership dues and have \$91,650 outstanding. As of August 31, there is \$174,259.28 in the bank account.

Carl asked Christy to report on new members.

New Members: ABB (thank you Bill for the recommendation); Atkins, GOMACO Trolley Company, Stadler, and VECOM USA. DART (Dallas) will be joining shortly as well.