

**Friends of Portland Streetcar**  
**Regular Meeting on January 15, 2026 at 3:30 pm**  
**Capital One Cafe**  
**625 SW Broadway**

## **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Stephen Weber.

Members present:

- Stephen Weber, Chair
- Carolyn Brock

## **Call to order**

### **Additional TriMet service cuts**

TriMet has unveiled phase 2 of service cuts because of their budget deficit. They can be reviewed and commented online at <https://trimet.org/servicecuts/>

Discussion points included:

- The proposed updates this round are much more severe.
- No impact to Streetcar, but the MAX Green Line would no longer serve downtown.
- There was general discussion over which changes are expected to have the most pushback.

### **Vehicle swap with Tacoma**

Sound Transit has approved the budget increase required to move forward with trading Portland's 030-series cars from Brookville with Tacoma's original three cars from Škoda.

Discussion points included:

- No known timeline, but work is expected to begin soon.
- A question was asked about how the trains will be transported. Stephen expects them to be moved via a flatbed truck. This could cause a brief service interruption along Northrup and Lovejoy while cars are loaded and unloaded from the yard.
- A question was asked about what model these cars would be. Stephen responded the cars would be similar to existing cars 001-007.

### **040-series RFP update**

The RFP submissions for the 040-series cars closes at the end of this month.

Discussion points included:

- It was clarified the contract requires the new trains to be built in the US.
- There was agreement that having a front (or crew) door again is highly desired. Passenger flow on the Brookville cars was very poor.
- Possible manufactures and vehicles will not be known until closer to March.

- Concerns were expressed with the ability to secure funding for new vehicles. The city desires to purchase 15, which will be a significant investment.

## **2025 ridership review**

Stephen reviewed ridership and performance trends from 2025. Ridership was generally consistent other than August, which saw some of the best ridership since before COVID.

Discussion points included:

- It was noted that the Broadway Bridge closure does not appear to have had an impact on ridership of the A and B-Loops.
- It was noted performance in the earlier half of the year struggled due to a shortage of vehicles and operators.

## **Vehicle refurbishment update**

Car 003 is now back in service as the second car to receive the cameras and digital signage retrofit.

Discussion points included:

- There was no discussion.

## **Adjourn**

Stephen adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.