

Private for Hire Transportation

Supervisor's Report for May 2009

Code rewrite hearing continued to May 13 Next Step, Administrative Rules

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PFHT Code and Administrative Rules Workshop Schedule

All workshops to be held at:

Revenue Bureau, Rivers Conference Room

111 SW Columbia, Room 600

Monday May 18, 2009 11:00am-12:30pm

Friday May 22, 2009 10:00am – 11:30am

Wednesday May 27, 2009 2pm-4pm

Thursday June 4, 2009 2:00pm-3:30pm

Tuesday June 9, 2009 2:00pm-3:30pm

If you have questions, please call Patrick Kramer (503-865-2484) or Frank Dufay (503-865-2487). If you cannot attend a work session, but have specific comments on the current draft; please submit them in writing to Frank Dufay (fdufay@ci.portland.or.us).

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

PRIVATE FOR HIRE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF REVIEW

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009; 1:30-3:00

8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

111 SW Columbia

More info: 503-865-2484



Downtown Portland Transit Mall Update

Progress report

May 1, 2009: Light rail operator training begins May 4 on the Portland Mall, permanently increasing the number of light rail trains on 5th and 6th avenues. During this phase, light rail trains are not picking up passengers.

Look alive! Pedestrians should stay safe by obeying all signals and using crosswalks. Motorists and cyclists must use the left traffic lane on 5th and 6th avenues, and right turns are prohibited unless signs and signals indicate otherwise. Enforcement of traffic laws is under way.

TriMet bus service returns to 5th and 6th avenues on May 24, 2009.

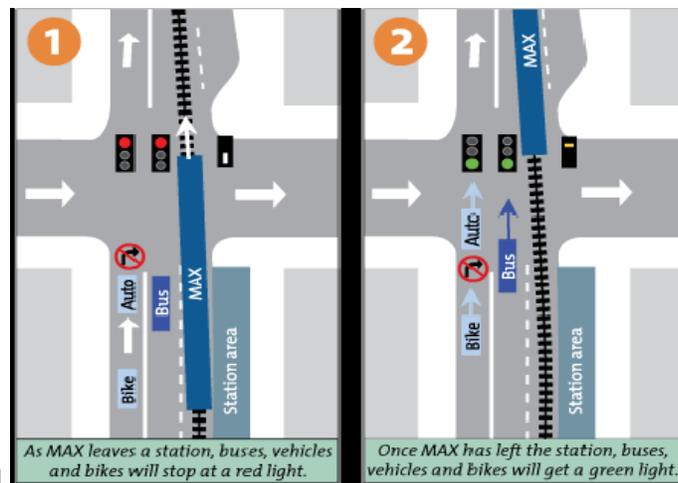
MAX service begins on the Mall in September 2009.

**Look
Alive!**

WARNING!

THE FINE FOR
VIOLATING THE
DOUBLE LINE ON THE
TRANSIT MALL IS NOW:

\$ 242.00



- You must drive only in the left lane, never cross the bumpy, double white line.
- You may not use the transit lane to stop, idle or drive around other vehicles.
- Never turn right over light rail tracks unless permitted by signals and signs.
- Do not stop or idle in the left-hand traffic lane except as needed by traffic signs.
- You must obey all signals.
- The right side transit lanes are only for buses and light rail trains, and private vehicles must not enter the transit lanes. Driving or parking in the transit lanes is prohibited and damages light rail platforms.

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PLEASE.....

**DON'T FORGET
TO REMOVE
YOUR OLD
SHUTTLE AND
TOWN CAR
METAL PLATES!**

They are **expired** and no longer have any value and enforcement staff – and customers— **MAY** think you do not have current permits!

You can return them to us or put them in with your recycling.

In order to accommodate the switchover to decal permits with different expiration dates throughout the year, we're redesigning the permits.

This design is tentative, and we're planning on using different colors for different segments of the industry.

Please send your feedback to me re size, design, and any other issues you may have. Thanks. fdufay@ci.portland.or.us

Introducing our New Regulatory Division Manager

Kathleen Butler



In April, Kathleen Butler joined us as the new Manager for the Regulatory Division.

Kathleen was Code Enforcement Director for Burlington, Vermont for the past two years. She has worked in municipal government for nearly 20 years, and half that time was spent in the area of code enforcement. Kathleen has been involved in every aspect of municipal code enforcement activities, including on-the-street enforcement, public education, stakeholder involvement, creation of enforcement protocols, and code revisions.

She is a graduate of the University of Vermont and has a Certificate of Managing Code Compliance from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Kathleen is excited to be working for the City of Portland and is looking forward to getting to know the PFHT Board and stakeholders.

AND OUR NEW REGULATORY PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Dennis LoGiudice

Dennis comes to us from the Office of Neighborhood involvement. Dennis is primarily supporting the towing program in Regulatory, but will be providing support to Special Events, Amusements & Social Gaming, and, of course, Private for Hire Transportation.



<p>Enforcement Penalties:</p> <p>Paid to date:</p> <p>\$ 11,200.00</p>

PFHT Enforcement Report

- The appeal of **Around the Town Towncar** was heard by the Appeals Board, and the city's revocation of their company permit and five vehicle permits was upheld.
- **Sochi Transportation** paid the \$100.00 fine that was outstanding.
- City of Portland Parking Enforcement took possession of an expired permit from an executive sedan driver and returned it to the Regulatory Division. Parking Enforcement continues doing vehicle inspections on a regular basis, most of which show the vehicles in compliance.
- We continue to investigate complaints about unpermitted taxis operating in Portland, including **Yellow Cab**, **Designated Driver**, **AKidzcab**, and **Taxi Express**. Information and warnings have been issued to each of these companies.
- We are working with the **Port of Portland** on a daily basis to coordinate our enforcement efforts, permits and regulations.
- We've contacted the **Federal Department of Transportation** for better coordination of the federal and municipal vehicle licensing requirements.
- We secured the return of a Taxicam belonging to **Green Cab**, from a driver who'd been terminated.
- We continue to meet with hotel managers regarding current code requirements and enforcement. In response to requests, we've asked taxi companies to be sure taxi stands at hotels have consistent taxi coverage.
- We intervened to obtain the return an excessive shuttle fare.

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PFHT News and activities

WOW: **Butch Miller** of **Broadway Cab** has been ferrying around **Harrison Ford**, as a movie extra, along with his cab.

There's a lot going on, and we're looking for the best ways to report this. Please send your comments and ideas to Frank Dufay (fdufay@ci.portland.or.us) or share your ideas with us at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, May 13, from 1:30 to 3:00.

