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Dear Mr. Stedman:

This letter responds to yours of April 15, 2013. In that letter you indicate that TriMet is willing to have the initial, ground rule meeting open to the media. I had previously asked you to indicate which media TriMet considered "mainstream" and therefore acceptable to TriMet. You did not respond to that request. The Union therefore provides the following list of media organizations that it believes should be allowed to have representatives attend the first ground rules meeting and subsequent negotiation sessions:

Asian Reporter	Labor Press	Portland Mercury	Sellwood Bee
Beaverton Valley Times	NW Examiner	Portland Observer	Skanner
Gresham Outlook	Oregonian	Portland Transport	SW Connection
Hillsboro Tribune	PDX Memo	Portland Tribune	Willamette Week
Hollywood Star	Portland Afoot	SE Examiner	Television News

It goes without saying that many of these community media outlets are unlikely to send a reporter but I believe the parties should extend an invitation to them since they all have loyal readers and viewers in our community. I would not be opposed to asking that they give us advance notice of their attendance so that we can make sure the location has sufficient space. I suggest we issue a joint invitation to the media outlets listed above for the April 27th meeting.

I understand your letter to be stating that you are only willing to discuss ground rules on April 28th and 29th and that you refuse to schedule future bargaining sessions until you receive the union's proposal. Given TriMet's 400+ changes it is evident that numerous sessions are required, regardless of how many Union proposals there are. So, your refusal is puzzling.

The Union will meet to discuss ground rules on Saturday, April 27th. One day should be sufficient. We will agree to let you schedule the location of that April 27th meeting with two conditions. First the Union must give its prior approval of the location TriMet selects. Second, the Union's negotiating team will not be subjected to any "security check." If these conditions are not acceptable, then the Union will find a location for the April 27th meeting. That location, of course, will be subject to TriMet's prior approval. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hansen
President-Business Representative



April 15, 2013

Mr. Bruce Hansen
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Re: Bargaining Schedule

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This is in response to your letter dated April 11, 2013, regarding resumption of the successor contract bargaining process.

We understand your continued position that these negotiations are subject to the Public Meetings Law, but we disagree. Until we have a ruling on the declaratory judgment action from Multnomah County Circuit Court, our position is that the negotiations are closed except to the extent we mutually agree on ground rules that provide otherwise.

I had hoped we could meet informally to resolve ground rules so that the press could attend the first table session, but I accept your reason for rejecting that approach. Consequently, the first session will be closed until otherwise agreed. TriMet will propose its ground rules, together with a full explanation of their meaning, at the first session. We hope ground rules can be agreed to promptly so that members of the press agreed to by the parties can attend all subsequent sessions and report on the proceedings.

TriMet is available to discuss ground rules Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We prefer to wait until you provide us with the union's proposals before we schedule substantive bargaining sessions. This will help avoid the prospect of scheduling and then having to cancel sessions.

As offered in your April 8 letter, TriMet will arrange a location for these discussions and will inform you well in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy M. Stedman".

Randy M. Stedman
Executive Director Labor Relations and Human Resources

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