

JPACT Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Resolution No 25-5504: For the Purpose of endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project – JPACT ENDORSEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED

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Purpose/Objective

Ask JPACT to approve Resolution No. 25-5504 and to submit it to Metro Council for approval. Approval of the resolution endorses the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and directs staff to prepare amendments to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) reflecting the LPA.

The LPA demonstrates regional consensus on the general project parameters, including the recommended mode, alignment, and general station locations. After extensive public engagement, technical analysis, close collaboration with local partners, and direction from the steering committee, staff recommended a draft Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the project steering committee to consider. On February 13, 2025, the TV Highway Steering Committee recommended the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project LPA.

Outcome

Project outcomes identified in the RTP include improving transit speed and reliability, making the bus more competitive with driving, improving corridor safety and accessibility, and providing a more dignified and attractive rider experience.

The JPACT approval and recommendation to Metro Council and subsequent Metro Council approval of the LPA resolution will allow Metro staff to continue working with TriMet and other project partners to:

- Amend the 2023 RTP to reflect the LPA and high-level funding plan
- Pursue federal funding
- Complete federally required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation
- Refine design and costing
- Coordinate with Washington County, ODOT, and the Cities of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and other partners as needed, on construction and design for improvements along TV Highway
- Support the implementation and construction of the project
- Open a new FX bus line along TV Highway in 2030

The resolution calls for LPA endorsement and directs staff to prepare amendments to the 2023 RTP to reflect the LPA. The project is currently listed in the 2023 RTP. However, the 2023 RTP needs to be amended to reflect the LPA defining the mode, route, and general station locations and a high-level funding plan. The next steps and timeline for that future action include:

- Summer 2025: staff coordination to prepare amendments to reflect the TV Highway LPA, as well as the 82nd Avenue and Montgomery Park Streetcar LPAs

- Fall 2025: Public comment period
- Fall/Winter 2025: Review/discuss amendment and public comment at MTAC, TPAC, MPAC, JPACT, Metro Council
- Spring 2026: Seek adoption of RTP amendment

What has changed since JPACT last considered this issue/item?

Metro staff presented the TV Highway LPA to JPACT in May to answer any questions and receive feedback prior to asking JPACT to make a recommendation for endorsement to Metro Council. The LPA has not changed since JPACT's discussion in May.

In addition, the agency partners have endorsed the LPA via resolutions or letters of support.

Partner endorsements include:

- The Board of Washington County Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-26 to endorse the LPA on April 22, 2025.
- The Cornelius City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-16 to endorse the LPA on May 5, 2025.
- The Hillsboro City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2881 to endorse the LPA on May 6, 2025.
- The Forest Grove City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-17 to endorse the LPA on May 12, 2025.
- Beaverton City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25084 to endorse the LPA on May 27, 2025.
- The TriMet Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-05-25 to endorse the LPA on May 28, 2025.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation endorsed the LPA with a letter of support dated May 28, 2025.

What packet material do you plan to include?

- Resolution No 25-5504: For the Purpose of endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project
- Exhibit A to Resolution No 25-5504: TV Highway Transit and Safety Project LPA Language and Map
- Staff Report to Resolution No 25-5504
 - Attachment 1: Local Actions of Support