

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative – RECOMMENDATION Requested

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Purpose/Objective

Staff will provide an update on the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) endorsement process and request a recommendation to the Metro Council.

Outcome

Request that Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) recommend that Metro Council endorse the 82nd Avenue Transit LPA by Resolution No. 25-5495 and direct staff to begin the process to amend the 2023 Metro Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for consideration by JPACT and Metro Council in 2026.

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Council will consider the resolution in early summer. The JPACT recommendation and subsequent Metro Council adoption of the LPA will allow Metro to continue working with TriMet and other project partners to:

- Amend the RTP to reflect the LPA and a high-level funding plan
- Pursue federal funding
- Complete federally-required NEPA documentation
- Refine design and costing
- Coordinate with City of Portland, Clackamas County, ODOT, and other partners as needed, on construction and design for improvements along 82nd Avenue
- Support the implementation and construction of the project
- Open a new FX bus line along 82nd Avenue in 2029

MPAC will be engaged in the RTP amendment process anticipated to begin later this year with the following schedule:

- 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 MPAC last considered this issue/item?

Staff presented to MPAC on the 82nd Avenue Transit Project LPA on February 26, 2025, to answer any question and get feedback prior to asking MPAC to make a recommendation for endorsement to Metro Council. The LPA has not changed since MPAC's discussion in February.

Since that time, Metro staff has presented to MTAC, TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council. While there were questions around the LPA and next steps, there were no requests to amend/change the LPA. MTAC met on May 21, 2025 and all present members voted yes that MPAC should recommend Metro Council endorsement of the LPA.

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

Partner endorsements include:

- TriMet adopted Resolution 25-03-15 – Recommending to the Metro Council Adoption of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project as Part of the Regional Transportation Plan on March 26, 2025.
- Multnomah County adopted Resolution No. 25-023- Approval of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) on April 17, 2025.
- Port of Portland endorsed the LPA with a letter of support dated May 2, 2025.
- ODOT endorsed the LPA with a letter of support dated May 5, 2025.
- City of Portland adopted Resolution no. 2025-093- Adopt the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project and Conditions of Approval on May 21, 2025.
- Clackamas County – letter of support (**anticipated**).

What packet material do you plan to include?

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 25-5495 For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project

Attachment 2: Resolution Exhibit A: 82nd Avenue Transit Project LPA Language and Map

Attachment 3: 82nd Avenue DRAFT Resolution Staff Report

Attachment 4: Attachment 1a to 1f to Resolution Staff Report (Partner endorsements)