

JPACT Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Better Bus Program Update

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Purpose/Objective

- Provide an overview of the Better Bus program, including results from the Enhanced Transit Concepts (ETC) Pilot Program
- Introduce the proposed project identification process and upcoming jurisdictional workshops
- Ask JPACT members to consider how Better Bus projects could be incorporated into other planned projects in their jurisdictions
- NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

Outcome

JPACT will be briefed about Better Bus program, including the performance of the prior ETC program and completed projects, and informed about recent and upcoming jurisdictional outreach for the Better Bus program.

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

Metro and TriMet have initiated the Better Bus program, which continues the basic concepts of ETC with some modifications and will invest \$10M in design and construction funding. The Better Bus program is a data-driven approach to planning and designing transit priority projects, and builds on existing partnerships between Metro, TriMet and local jurisdictions to implement them.

Over the past two months, Metro and TriMet have been meeting with local jurisdictions to introduce the program and learn about potential issues and project opportunities from partners. In October, Metro and TriMet will be holding workshops with local jurisdiction staff to share data analysis results and work together to identify promising project locations. This will be followed by a Call for Partnerships in late October/early November 2023.

What packet material do you plan to include?

No materials.