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# Powell-Division Transit and Development Project

## **LPA Resolution and RTP Ordinance**

**May 25, 2017**

A partnership of Metro, TriMet, the cities of Portland and Gresham  
Multnomah County and the Oregon Department of Transportation



# Agenda

1. Review of Locally Preferred Alternative
2. LPA Resolution and RTP Ordinance comments and edits
3. Request for Council Action – LPA Resolution and 1<sup>st</sup> Read of 2014 RTP Ordinance





## Locally Preferred Alternative

- Mode: Bus rapid transit
- Route: Downtown Portland to downtown Gresham
- Approximately 40 stations

*Context Sensitive, Faster, More Reliable*

# Locally Preferred Alternative



First bus rapid transit in TriMet's system will connect the two largest cities in the Portland region





# Outer Division Visualization

- Major intersection

Example station

Existing SE Division & 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave

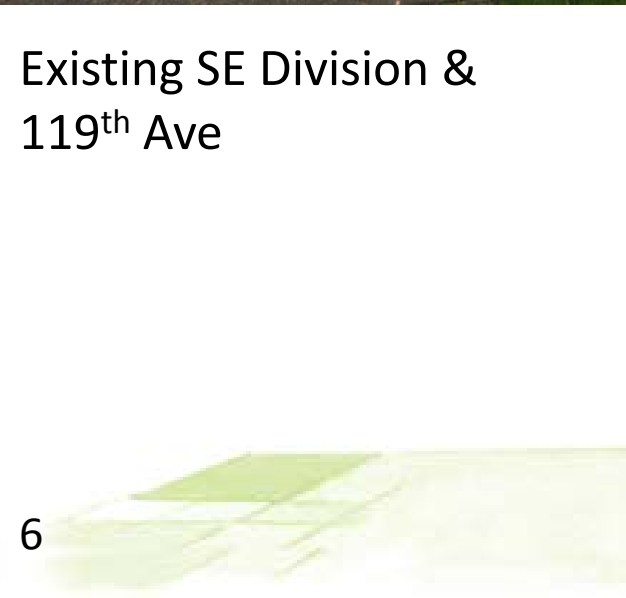




# Outer Division Visualization

- between major  
Intersections

Example Station



Existing SE Division &  
119<sup>th</sup> Ave





Existing SE Division &  
30<sup>th</sup> Ave

# Inner Division and Parts of Gresham

-Station integrated with  
sidewalk

Example



# Local Adoption of the LPA - Unanimous

- City of Gresham
- City of Portland
- TriMet
- Multnomah County
- ODOT *Letter of Support*





# City Local Action Plans

Transit is part of the solution

Equitable Housing and Community Development

Safety and Active Transportation



Powell-Division Transit & Development Project  
**PORTLAND LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

Proposed Draft  
April 2016

**Gresham**  
**ACTION PLAN**

Powell-Division Transit & Development Project

DRAFT  
April 2015



# Public and Partner Comments/Responses

- Public comment period 2/15/17 to 3/31/17
- OHSU testified in favor and expressed preference for the project to cross the Tilikum Crossing bridge
- Partner comments focused on clarification
  - How Powell project would move forward
  - Text edits to emphasize planning project context
  - Timing of prioritizations and definitions of priorities



# Edits in Response to Comments

- Powell Project
- Clarification of Planning Context
- Maps
  - Ordinance stipulates that 2014 RTP maps will be updated as part of the 2018 RTP process
- Project Lists

# Timeline for Adoption

MTAC – Request recommendation to MPAC	April 19
TPAC – Request recommendation to JPACT	April 28
MPAC – <b>Public invited to comment</b> Request recommendation to Metro Council	May 10
JPACT – <b>Action</b> <b>Adopt &amp; Recommendation to Metro Council</b>	May 18
Metro Council Meeting – <b>Council Action</b> <b>Vote on LPA Resolution /1st Read of Ordinance to amend RTP</b>	May 25
Metro Council Meeting – <b>Council Action</b> <b>2nd Read, Vote on Ordinance to amend 2014 RTP</b>	June 1



# Actions Requested

- Adoption of Powell-Division Transit and Development Projects' Locally Preferred Alternative Resolution
- 1<sup>st</sup> Read of the Ordinance amending the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan to adopt the LPA
- *June 1: Second Read of RTP Ordinance and Metro Council Adoption*







# Timeline

- December 2016: LPA Adoption by Local Agencies
- February 15 – March 31- Public Comment Period
- Jan-May 2017: Metro Committee meetings, Comment period and revisions, JPACT 5/18
- Metro Council 5/25 vote on LPA resolution and first reading of revised materials for adoption of RTP ord.
- June 2017: Metro Council votes on RTP Ordinance
- Design, Construction, and Fall 2021 new transit service
- *Engagement will be ongoing – New CAC meetings*

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# Planning Context

- Updates are to the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan
- 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update
  - Project prioritization, 2018 Call for Projects
  - Comprehensive update of RTP
- 2017 Regional Transit Strategy
  - Regional partners have been working on regional vision
  - Regional Transit Vision (longterm)



# Edits in Response to Comments

- Powell Project
  - Powell would be advanced for Corridor Refinement Plan in the financially-unconstrained project list
  - Corridor Refinement Plan would study appropriate context-sensitive solutions for all modes
  - Prioritization of this project would occur as part of the 2018 RTP Update
- Clarification of Planning Context
  - Added language reflecting EMCP, Outer Powell Safety Project, MHCC MOU
  - Clarification of mobility corridors as a planning unit

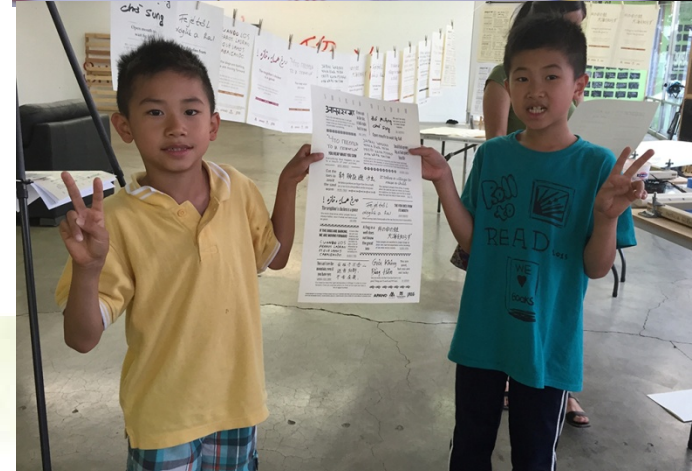
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- Project Lists
  - Update to reflect the LPA in financially-constrained list
  - Edits to show financial constraint
  - New Powell Corridor Refinement Plan on the unconstrained list



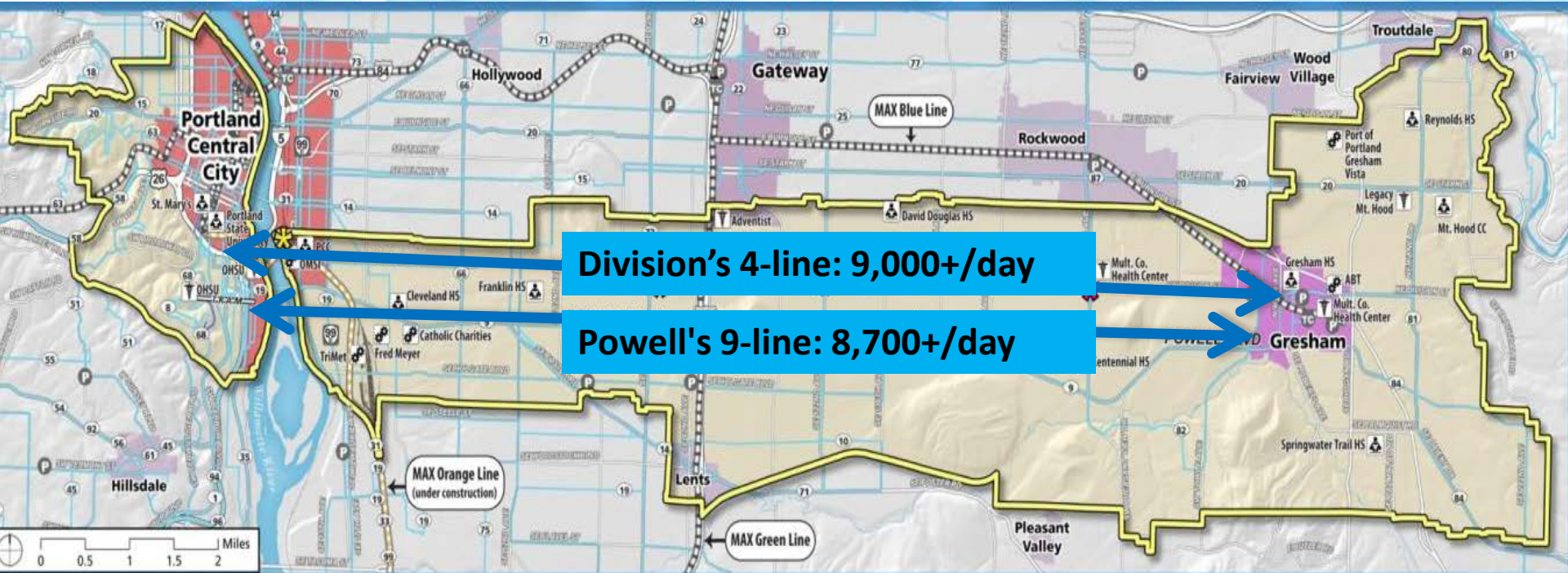
# Public engagement: In depth approach

- Community representation on steering committee
- Meeting people where they are
- Connect transit project to broader community goals
- Multi-cultural, multi-lingual meetings and materials
- Equity Lens
- Lots of Engagement



# Questions

- Any questions regarding the Locally Preferred Alternative?
- Questions regarding the RTP amendments?



## High Transit Demand –

- Powell #9 and Division #4 high ridership, and growing
- Demand exceeds capacity with standees, pass ups
- Regional priority for High Capacity Transit
- High levels of congestion, High Crash Corridors
- Most diverse part of Oregon, with need for public investment



# City of Portland LPA Conditions of Approval

MOU with community groups (EPAP, OPAL, Division Midway Alliance, APANO) and City, Metro, TriMet

- Affordable Housing commitments
  - PHB, Metro
  - Continued engagement with PHB and community
- Small business support and local hiring
  - PDC, TriMet
- Transit commitments
  - Metro- Powell is advanced for regional consideration as a high capacity transit corridor
  - TriMet to reinvest 4 Division service in Powell-Division Corridor



# MHCC and Eastside Agreement

Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between TriMet, MHCC, Metro, Gresham, and Multnomah County

## Highlights

- Enhancements to Line 20 service are accelerated to better connect the college to the BRT, downtown Gresham, Rockwood, and MAX lines
- Partnerships on fare assistance, advertising on buses, real-time arrival displays, design work for future transit facility at campus



# Better transit – Responsive to needs

- **More access to more opportunities**
- **Quicker, more reliable trips**
  - Higher level of Transit Signal Priority
  - All-door boarding
  - Less stopping
  - Higher capacity vehicle
- **Context sensitive approach**
  - East Portland and east county also need more access and safer crossings
  - Inner Division needs more bus capacity





# Improved Travel Times and Reliability

- BRT would be 15-20% faster than Line 4-Division between 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Pioneer Courthouse Square
- Overall GTC to Pioneer Courthouse Square around 10 minutes faster.
- 4 Division currently has the most pass up complaints on the TriMet system
- Reliability will be improved



# Project Features

## New 60-foot articulated buses, signal improvements

- Faster boarding with multiple doors
- Carry 60% more people, fewer pass ups
- Longer, not wider, than current bus
- Branded – special look and feel
- Queue jumps at key congested intersections to allow buses to move around cars
- Traffic signal priority



**Example 60-foot bus**

# Project Features

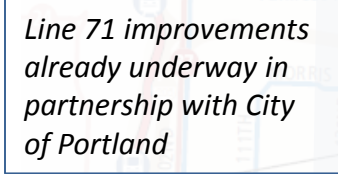
## Substantial stations with wider spacing

- Weather protection and lighting
- Information on bus arrival times
- Some other amenities, such as bike parking and benches
- Level or near level platforms
- Upgrading sidewalks with ADA ramps
- Improved street crossings





# community with opening



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## Powell-Division Corridor-wide Strategy

### Transit Investment

- **Division BRT  
Locally Preferred  
Alternative**

- Powell transit enhancements
- Other local transit service enhancements

### Equitable Housing and Community Development

- Portland creating and stabilizing affordable housing
- Gresham promoting homes and businesses near transit
- Transit-oriented development

### Safety and Active Transportation

- Division: Safety improvements, bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Powell: Safety improvements and pedestrian projects
- Pedestrian projects and bikeways on North/South Streets