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Summary of public comments on Resolution No. 17-4776, for the purpose of adopting the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project's Division Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative and Ordinance No. 17-1396, for the purpose of amending the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan to include the Locally Preferred Alternative of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project.

Metro conducted a 45-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 15, 2017 to 5 p.m. March 31, 2017. The comment period was advertised with a legal notice in the Asian Reporter and regional Pamplin Media newspapers and a newsfeed posted to Metro's News web site on February 15, 2017. Both the advertisement and the newsfeed directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments.

Because of the limited scope of the amendments, and significant culturally specific public engagement already conducted for the Division Transit Project, staff determined that translation of the amendments and additional specific Title VI and environmental justice outreach were not required. The notice regarding the public comment period was translated into four languages: Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Following the release of the Powell-Division LPA Resolution and RTP Amendment Ordinance for public comment, Metro received a number of comments from partner agencies (Gresham, Portland, ODOT, and TriMet). An initial round of comments was addressed as documented in a table available on the project web page. To clarify Metro's response and to receive more feedback from partner agencies, Metro convened two meetings with staff from Gresham, Portland, ODOT, and TriMet on March 2 and 16. At these meeting, Metro discussed the general themes of the comments received, and Metro's proposed edits to the documents in response to those themes. The general themes included:

- Concerns with how the unmet transit, safety, and mobility needs of the Powell Boulevard corridor were portrayed
- Concerns regarding a future corridor refinement plan for the Powell Boulevard corridor and how it would be portrayed on RTP maps
- Concerns regarding the discussion of mobility corridors in relation to the project
- The desire to provide context for the project in relation to the Regional Transit Strategy and the 2018 RTP update processes
- The desire to provide more information on the East Metro Connections Plan and the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Gresham, Multnomah County, and Mount Hood Community College (MHCC)



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Changes to the documents as a result of that meeting include:

- Revisions to how Powell Boulevard is addressed within the documents
- Revisions to direct that the RTP maps be updated as part of the 2018 RTP update instead of updating them in the 2014 RTP
- Clarification on the role of mobility corridors in the planning process
- Providing additional context on how the Powell Boulevard corridor will be considered as part of the 2018 RTP update and the Regional Transit Strategy
- Adding language reflecting the East Metro Connections Plan and the MHCC MOU
- Minor language and grammatical revisions to reflect additional comments from partner agencies

In addition to comments from jurisdictional partners, Michael Harrison from Oregon Health and Science University testified at the Metro Council public hearing on March 23, 2017 in support of the project and in particular for an alignment on the Tilikum Crossing. Mr. Harrison referenced a letter previously submitted to the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Steering Committee on October 7, 2016. No other public comments were received.

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