

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension Locally Preferred Alternative – RECOMMENDATION requested

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Purpose/Objective

Staff will provide an update on the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension 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 Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension LPA by Resolution No. 25-5505 and direct staff to begin the process to amend the 2023 Metro Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for consideration by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Council in 2026.

JPACT and Metro Council will consider the resolution in June 2025. 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 the City of Portland to:

- Amend the 2023 RTP to reflect the LPA and a high-level funding plan
- Pursue federal funding
- Complete federally-required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation
- Refine design and costing
- Support the implementation and construction of the project
- Open the streetcar extension in 2030

The resolution calls for LPA endorsement and directs staff to prepare amendments to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan 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 Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension LPA, as well as the TV Highway and 82nd Avenue 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 MPAC last considered this issue/item?

Metro staff presented to MPAC on the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension LPA in May 2025 to answer any questions 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 May.

Since that time, Metro staff have presented to the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC). On June 6, 2025, TPAC recommended that JPACT approve Resolution No. 25-5505. On June 18, 2025, MTAC recommended

that MPAC recommend Metro Council endorsement of the LPA by approving Resolution No. 25-5505.

What packet material do you plan to include?

- Resolution No. 25-5505, For the Purpose of Endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension
- Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5505: Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension LPA Language and Map
- DRAFT Staff Report to Resolution No. 25-5505
 - Attachment 1: City of Portland Resolution No. 37692 and Exhibits A-C