

TV Highway Transit Project

Steering Committee overview

Metro Council will establish a Steering Committee to ensure the TV Highway Transit Project develops a transit design that has community support and can be implemented.

The Steering Committee will make decisions on project milestones and recommend a locally preferred alternative to the adopting bodies. The Steering Committee is anticipated to meet approximately eight times between February 2022 and June 2023. Members will be informed of public input and technical findings in advance of each meeting. The Steering Committee will include elected officials, agency executives and members of the TV Highway Equity Coalition.

The project will be informed by a robust community engagement process. Meaningful public input opportunities will precede the decisions Steering Committee members will be asked to make. Decision-makers will be provided with this input in advance so that they are aware of community needs and desires. Of particular importance will be the involvement of low income and minority populations and people that rely on transit to meet their daily needs.

A technical work group comprised of jurisdictional staff will guide the planning process. The project team will lead the technical analysis and public engagement. The project team will meet regularly to direct, inform, manage, and assess the work. The project team will provide information and recommendations to the Steering Committee. Project partners include the cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Cornelius, Washington County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet and Metro.

Steering Committee charge

The Steering Committee is charged with recommending a locally preferred alternative for high capacity transit on OR-8 or Tualatin Valley Highway by the end of June 2023.

They may also be interested in the process to develop the Equitable Development Strategy on TV Highway, but their approval or involvement is not required. Instead, they identify means to receive updates through the strategy's development and share feedback. The charge of the committee is as follows.

- **Represent the community:** Provide information to and from constituents/community members, and represent their perspectives, concerns and priorities.
- **Advance the project through key decision points:** Follow decision-making protocols as established by the committee to make key decisions that include:
 - Establish a purpose and need statement and goals for the project
 - Advance a range of transit alternatives for analysis and community consideration
 - Narrow for further consideration the transit alternatives that best meet the project's goals and community needs
 - Concur on a transit alternative to advance as a locally preferred alternative
- **Recommend a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA):** Follow decision-making protocols as established by the committee to develop, refine and agree to an action plan (including

phasing and funding for physical improvements and commitments and timeframe for implementing land use and related policy changes) for the plan area to the project participants, as appropriate.

Steering Committee member roles and responsibilities:

- Advocate for and participate in the public process.
- Follow decision-making agreements established by Steering Committee members.
- Prepare for and attend periodic meetings between spring 2022 and spring 2023, depending on project outcomes. Send an alternate if unable to attend. If a Steering Committee member cannot continue to serve, that member's agency will identify a replacement.
- Provide information to the community. Use channels of communication for your community to inform on the project, through meetings, events, newsletters. Be a conduit for the project team to be invited to meetings and events. Request and review information from the project team so that it communicates project information to your community.
- Create an atmosphere in which issues can be raised, discussed, and melded into group decisions, one where divergent views and opinions are expected and respected.
- Notify the project team of any media inquiries and refer requests for official statements or viewpoints to Metro. Steering Committee members will speak to the media about the project only on their own behalf, not on behalf of the group.

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