

Meeting: Metro Council Work Session

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2 PM 1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

2:15 PM 2. LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT -

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Roberts Wieghart Snook Withrow

3 PM 3. HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE LAKE OSWEGO TO

PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT - <u>INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</u>

Snook Monberg Withrow

Wieghart

3:20 PM 4. METRO INTERNET SURVEY PANEL - INFORMATION

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3:50 PM 5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

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#### LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT

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#### METRO COUNCIL

#### **Work Session Worksheet**

Presentation Date: September 21, 2010 Time: 2:15-3 p.m. Length: 45 minutes

Presentation Title: Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project

Service, Office, or Center: Planning and Development, Corridor Division

Presenters (include phone number/extension and alternative contact information):

Ross Roberts, x1752 Bridget Wieghart, x1775 Jamie Snook, x1751 Karen Withrow, x1932

Attached are maps depicting the alternatives under study (enhanced bus and streetcar).

#### **ISSUE & BACKGROUND**

The Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project is anticipating publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in fall of 2010 with adoption of a Locally Preferred Alternative this winter. Nearly all of the DEIS analysis is complete at this point with drafts being reviewed by local, state and federal participating and cooperating agencies and the Federal Transit Administration. Upon publication, which is anticipated in mid November, a formal public comment period will be held along with project presentations, open houses, a public hearing before the project Steering Committee.

This presentation will provide an opportunity to provide a project, schedule and budget update on the project along with early DEIS analysis highlights and information about the status of plans for project funding. Analysis highlights will include information about capital and operations and maintenance costs, ridership, travel time, and environmental impacts as well as an update on public involvement activities in the corridor.

With some property owner and community concern about the project, the decision-making process to lead to selection of a project to advance to Preliminary Engineering and a Final EIS will be lively. Close coordination between project partners and good communication will continue to be paramount.

#### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

The project team wants to receive Councilor feedback on project benefits, outreach and messaging as well as identifying any Councilor questions or concerns in time to address them in advance of the decision-making process.

#### IMPLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

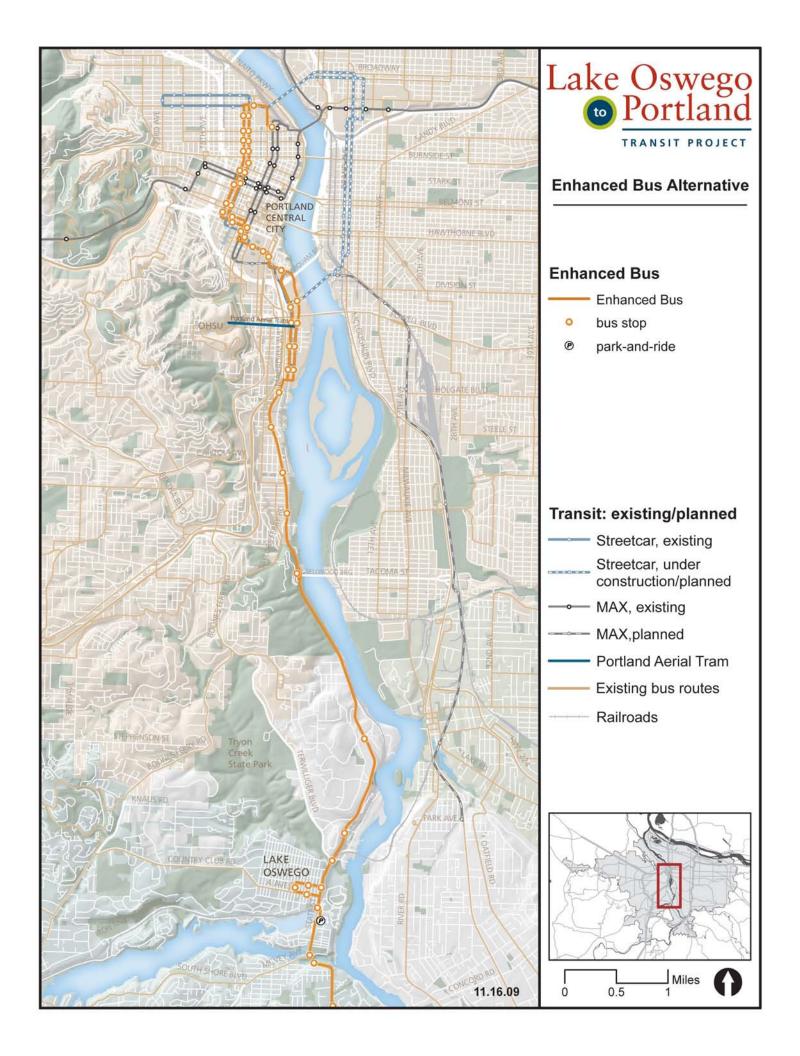
The project team anticipates significant public discussion as well as interaction between elected officials in the project corridor leading to selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative for the corridor. Council liaisons to the project, as co-chairs to the Steering Committee will continue to play a key role in leading these discussions.

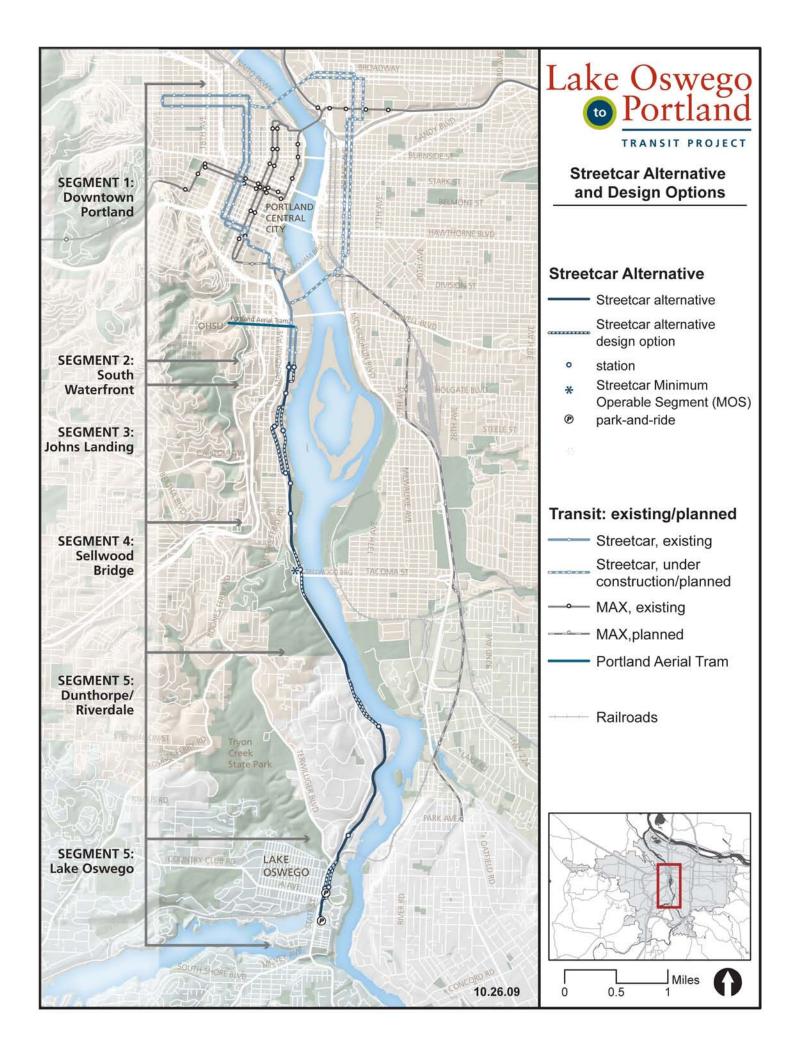
#### **OUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Are key choices and tradeoffs related to the alternatives and design options becoming clearer? Are there additional ones to highlight?

- 2. Are there outstanding questions or things the project team should follow up on in order for the Metro Council to be prepared to see the DEIS released for public comment with movement towards a Locally Preferred Alternative?
- 3. What other direction or suggestions would you provide to maintain project momentum in anticipation of a Locally Preferred Alternative recommendation from the Steering Committee in late fall and request for Council action early next year?

LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL ACTION \_\_Yes \_x\_No DRAFT IS ATTACHED \_\_\_Yes \_x\_No

















**Streetcar Alternative** 

**Phasing and Design Options** 

A: South Waterfront Phasing - South Portal Phasing Option - Full-Project Construction Phasing Option

B:Johns Landing Design Options - Willamette Shore Line

- Macadam In-Street
- Macadam Additional Lane

C: Sellwood Bridge Design Options - Willamette Shore Line

- New Interchange

D: Dunthorpe/Riverdale Design Options - Willamette Shore Line

- Riverwood In-Street

E: Lake Oswego Design Options

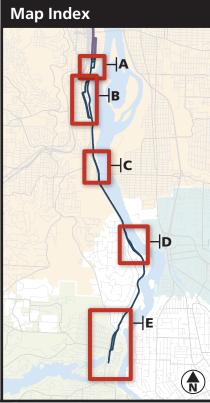
- UPRR Right-of-Way
- Foothills

Streetcar alignment common for all options

Streetcar options

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Streetcar station park-and-ride



#### HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE LAKE OSWEGO TO PORTLAND TRANSIT PROJECT

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#### METRO COUNCIL

#### **Work Session Worksheet**

Presentation Date: September 21, 2010 Time: 3-3:20 p.m. Length: 20 minutes

Presentation Title: Health Impact Assessment on the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit

Project

Service, Office, or Center: Planning and Development, Corridor Division

Presenters (include phone number/extension and alternative contact information):

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Jamie Snook, x1751 Brian Monberg, x1621

Karen Withrow, x1932

#### ISSUE & BACKGROUND

Much of Metro's work directly benefits human health by encouraging walkable and bikeable communities, natural gardening and toxic reductions programs, and restoration and trail development. We have begun consciously integrating health into our planning activities, for example health is a goal of the RTP update as well as the creation of the Active Transportation Partnership. Both of these efforts recognize the role that public health plays in regional planning decisions.

A number of public health related organizations have expressed interest in working with planning organizations to integrate health into planning activities. This past spring Metro began partnering with Community Health Partnership (CHP) to identify a transportation project to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA). This was a result of CHP receiving funding from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Network of Public Health Institutes to conduct some HIAs on Portland-area projects, plans, and policies related to transportation strategies for mitigating climate change. After meeting with Metro staff to screen a variety of possible projects, Metro and CHP agreed to pursue doing an HIA on the three alternative scenarios being considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) currently being prepared for the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project.

The Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project was selected for several reasons.

- There is more opportunity for both staff education and replicability of analysis with other similar projects at Metro.
- o Project staff is motivated and interested to incorporate this analysis into the project, understanding it will help shape future NEPA processes.
- o Because results will be disseminated via the public comment period there is a defined opportunity for education and dissemination of results.
- The integration of HIAs into the NEPA documentation process is just beginning to receive attention and encouragement from federal agencies.

This HIA is the first that Metro has embarked upon and is being treated as a pilot project to explore the role that HIAs may have in future Metro work. CHP is taking the lead on conducting this HIA in consultation with Metro staff. A Memorandum of Understanding has been created to ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly defined. A project team consisting of Metro and CHP staff meets on a regular basis to track project progress as well as to discuss the development of the Health Impact Assessment. Additionally, the Climate Change Initiative Steering Committee has been engaged in this project. CHP has also formed an Advisory Committee made up of people familiar with HIAs and transportation planning to help inform the completion of the HIA.

The HIA is expected to be completed in October and will be submitted as a public comment to the DEIS. Project staff is creating a public outreach plan that will identify possible public engagement opportunities, provide assistance with the dissemination process, and provide consistency and coordination between the HIA and DEIS. The HIA will provide for some new outreach opportunities to groups who may not normally comment on transportation projects.

As mentioned above, this HIA is being treated as a pilot project and a learning opportunity for Metro staff. To that end, a series of brown bags have been taking place here at Metro and will continue through November. Topics include:

- HIA and project overview
- HIA stakeholder analysis and dissemination
- Choosing and Right sizing an HIA
- HIA draft results
- Integrating Health into Metro's work

#### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

The goal of this work session presentation is to provide the Council with some background on this pilot project and answer questions they have either about HIAs, this specific project, or implications for future use of HIAs at Metro.

#### IMPLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

The project team anticipates that this pilot project offers an opportunity for Metro to explore the use of HIAs and other health measurement tools in our future work. Additionally, this pilot project also provides an opportunity to explore the use of HIAs on a project that is undergoing a DEIS. We anticipate having a number of discussions with a range of people interested in the results as well as the process we went through to complete this.

#### **QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1. Are there questions about the use of HIAs?
- 2. Do you have any feedback on how the HIA should be a part of the public comment period?
- 3. Are there certain questions you would like to be answered throughout the life of this HIA that would be helpful for future conversations around how Metro should use HIAs and other health measurement tools?

LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL ACTION \_\_Yes \_x\_No DRAFT IS ATTACHED \_\_\_Yes \_x\_No

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## METRO INTERNET SURVEY PANEL

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#### **Metro Internet Survey Panel (working title)**

#### An opportunity to increase transparency and hear new voices

Gathering meaningful public input requires adding new tools and techniques to our outreach and public involvement strategies. We've said it ourselves and we've heard it from the public -- we need to do a better job listening, gathering input and connecting with under-represented audiences. The recent Auditor's report (which will be presented to you later this month) adds some urgency to our need to invest in available new tools. Internet panels are becoming standard practice in the private sector but are only now being considered by public agencies.

Metro is contracting with DHM Research (Adam Davis and Su Midghall) to design and develop an internet based panel to gather regular, ongoing public comment on a variety of questions. The panel will be "Metro's"; meaning that it will be clear that people are signing up to provide information to Metro. All the demographic data and reporting will be managed by DHM Research to provide participants with confidentiality and to increase Metro's credibility in the use of this tool. We will provide transparency by making the survey results public and available directly to panel members.

DHM Research estimates that we will need 7-10,000 people to sign up for the panel to achieve a statistically valid survey sample for the region as a whole. In the meantime, we'll be collecting demographic information from all those who sign up so that we will have a good idea of who we are talking to so we can take that into account as we go along. We will invite our current email subscribers — those who get GreenScene, Council newsletters, Nature in Neighborhoods emails, etc. — to participate. We will broaden our invitation beyond our core audience to other parts of Metro (Oregon Zoo, Expo and PCPA email subscribers, for example) as well as work with partners to reach out to their members to join in and be heard.

Some *draft* materials are attached for your information.

#### **Project outcomes:**

- Gather meaningful input and feedback from new audiences
- Demonstrate Metro's commitment to listening
- Make it easier for people to be engaged in decisions that affect the region and their neighborhoods
- Provide a new public involvement tool to support Metro Council decisions.

#### **Project timeline**

The project team has set a Nov. 1, 2010 deadline to have the panel information ready to launch and to begin inviting people to sign up as panel members.

\*questions with a (\*) should not be asked of respondents under the age of 18. For certain questions, use words in brackets [] for individuals under 18.

- 1. In what county do you live? (DROP DOWN MENU)
- 2. In what city do you live? (DROP DOWN MENU BASED ON COUNTY)
- 3. What is your zip code? (RECORD)
- 4. What year were you born?

#### Group ages as:

Response Category	
11 and under	1
12-14	2
15-17	3
18-24	4
25-34	5
35-54	6
55-64	7
65 and above	8

5. What is your gender?

Response Category	
Male	1
Female	2

6. What is the highest level of education you have had the opportunity to complete?

Response Category	
8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	1
Some high school	2
HS graduate	3
Some college/technical/	1
community college/2-yr degree	4
College degree/4-yr degree	5
Post graduate	6

7. Are you of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin?

Response Category	N=
Yes	1
No	2

8. What is your race or ethnicity?

Response Category	N=
Asian or Pacific Islander	1
American Indian/Native	2
Black / African American	3
White / Caucasian	4
Hispanic/Latino	5
Two or more races/other	6
Refused	7

9. Just your best guess, what is your [parents] household income before taxes?

Response Category	
Less than \$10,000	1
\$10,000-\$14,999	2
\$15,000-\$14,999	3
\$25,000-\$34,999	4
\$35,000-\$49,999	5
\$50,000-\$74,999	6
\$75,000 - \$99,999	7
\$100,000 -\$149,999	8
\$150,000-\$199,999	9
\$200,000 or more	10

10. Do you **[your parents]** own or rent your primary residence?

Response Category	N=
Own	1
Rent	2
Don't know/Refused	3

11. Including yourself and any children, how many people currently live in your household?

Response Category	N=
0	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6 or more	7
Refused	8

12. \*Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in the household?

Response Category	N=
Yes	1
No	2
Refused	3

13. (IF YES TO Q12) \*In what age group is your child/children? Check all that apply.

Response Category	N=
0-4	1
5-11	2
12-17	3
Refused	4

14. Is anyone in your household a current public employee, meaning they work for a city, county, regional, or federal government agency?

Response Category	N=
Yes, city	1
Yes, county	2
Yes, regional	3
Yes, federal	4
No	5
Refused	6

15. (IF YES, REGIONAL TO Q14) Do you or does anyone in your household work for Metro?

Response Category	N=
Yes, self	1
Yes, household	2
No	3
Refused	4

16. How involved are you in community and public affairs:

Response Category	
Not at all involved	1
Not very involved	2
Somewhat involved	3
Very involved	4
Other/don't know	5
Refused	6

17. How closely do you follow community and public affairs in the media?

Response Category	
Not at all closely	1
Not very closely	2
Somewhat closely	3
Very closely	4
Other/don't know	5
Refused	6

18. \*Which one of the following statements best describes your employment status?

Response Category	N=
I am unemployed because I'm retired, or for some other personal or family reason not in need of or looking for a job, and do not expect to in the future.	1
I am unemployed and in need of or am looking for a job	2
I am underemployed	3
I am employed	4
Don't know	5

19. \*Are you registered to vote?

Response Category	N=
Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3

**\*(IF VOTER)** When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself more of a Democrat, more of a Republican, or more of an Independent or a member of another party?

Response Category	N=
More of a Democrat	1
More of a Republican	2
More of an Independent/Other party	3
Don't know/refused	4

\*(IF VOTER)When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself to be mostly liberal, mostly conservative, or more middle of the road/moderate?

Response Category	N=
Mostly liberal	1
Mostly conservative	2
More of a moderate/middle of the road	3
Don't know/refused	4

\*Are you a member of or affiliated with any community organization that has strong views about taxes, land-use, the environment, or politics?

Response Category	N=
Yes (Specify)	1
No	2

23. **(IF YES TO Q24)** Would you say you are very involved, somewhat involved, or not too involved in this organization(s)?

Response Category	N=
Very involved	1
Somewhat involved	2
Not too involved	3
Don't know/refused	4

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Our research helps to improve communities by informing our planning through the voices of the public. We ask people questions on **issues that make a difference** – like the regions urban growth boundary, transportation planning, and the Oregon zoo, preservation of our natural areas, and recycling.

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By joining Metro's panel, you as a resident of the region can have a stronger role in the regional planning decisions affecting our future.

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#### **JOIN OUR PANEL**

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#### (Each potential respondent must take demographic survey)

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#### JOIN OUR PANEL

#### **Contact Us**

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### Project and Draft Environmental Analysis update

Metro Council work session Sept. 21, 2010









### Project purpose

- Optimize the regional transit system by improving transit within corridor
- Develop transit that
  - supports land use goals
  - maximizes regional resources
  - is environmentally sensitive
  - is fiscally responsible
  - garners public support
  - maximizes economic development potential









### Project need

- Population and employment growth
- Historic and projected traffic congestion
- Increasing transit travel times and deteriorating reliability
- Increasing transit operating expenses
- Topographic, geographic and built environment constraints
- Local and regional land use and development plans, goals and objectives

### Highway 43

- ODOT determined widening not feasible (1996)
- Long planned for transit enhancements
- Right of way purchased in 1988





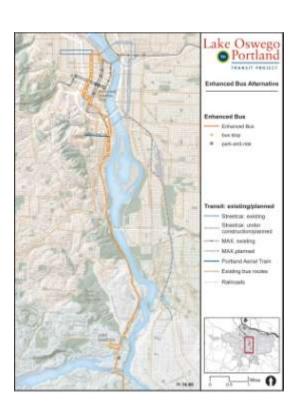


# Draft EIS Alternatives and design options

- No-build alternative
- Enhanced bus alternative
- Streetcar alternative
  - Phasing and design options

# Enhanced bus alternative

- Operates in mixedtraffic on existing streets
- Has fewer stops than existing bus
- Operates more frequently than the existing bus



# Streetcar alternative

- Extension of existing streetcar service
- Operates almost exclusively in existing rail right of way.
- Has fewer stops and more frequency than existing bus.

Separation Statement State

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# Streetcar phasing options— South Waterfront



A: South Waterfront

- Willamette Shore Line phasing option
- Moody/Bond couplet extension

Streetcar alignment common for all options

Streetcar options

# Streetcar phasing options—

Sellwood Bridge





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# Streetcar design options—

Johns Landing

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- Willamette Shore Line
- Macadam In-Street
- Macadam Additional Lane

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### Streetcar design options-

### Dunthorpe/Riverdale

D: Dunthorpe/Riverdale Design Options

- Willamette Shore Line
   Riverwood In-Street



Riverwood In-Street Design Option Willamette Shore Line Design Option

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### Streetcar design options-

### Lake Oswego Foothills District

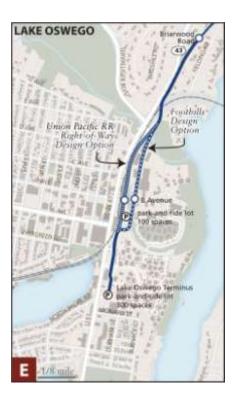
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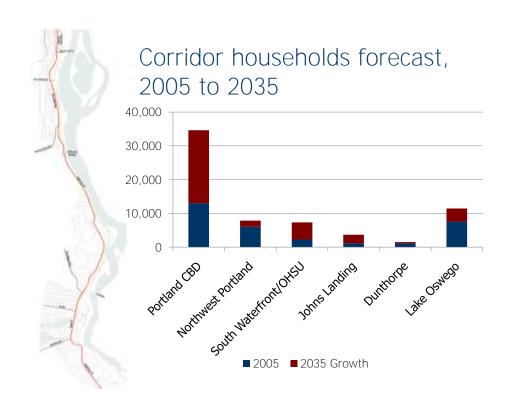
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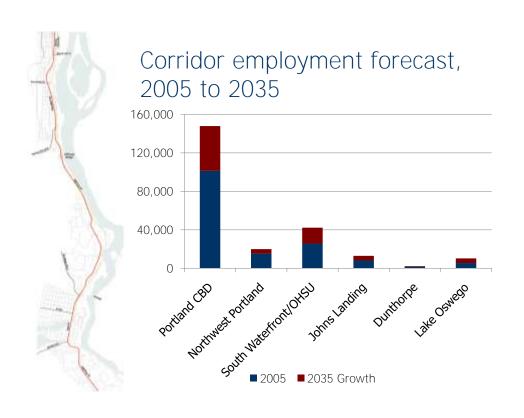
Streetcar options



Streetcar station park-and-ride









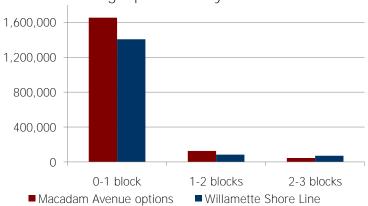
# Supporting Downtown and South Waterfront Growth

- Connections to
  - Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail
  - Streetcar Eastside Loop
  - South portal access
- Redevelopment
  - OHSU lower campus
  - Discovery Center
  - GSA building



# Johns Landing development opportunities

Added building square feet by 2025\*



\*From an economic development analysis that uses more expansive protocols than is allowed in EIS analysis.



# Foothills District development opportunities

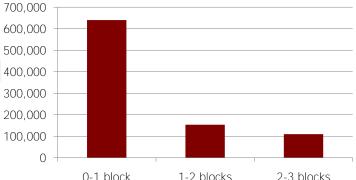
- 120 acres
- Urban, mixed-use neighborhood
- Connections to waterfront
- Diverse housing types
- Sustainable, pedestrian orientation
- CET grant for the Framework Plan



# Lake Oswego development opportunities

Added building square feet by 2025

#### Albertsons park and ride and terminus



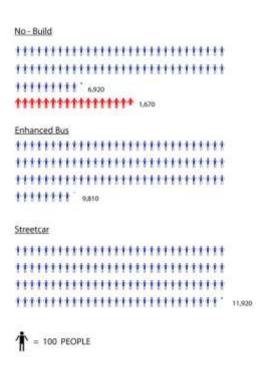
0-1 block 1-2 blocks 2-3 blocks
Albertsons Park and Ride Terminus
From an economic development analysis that uses more expansive protocols than is allowed in EIS analysis.



		2035 ridership	Change from no-build	Percent change from no-build
1	No-build*	6,920	n/a	n/a
	Enhanced bus	9,810	2,890	42%
1	Streetcar	11,170 to 11,920	4,250 to 5,000	61% to 72%

<sup>\*</sup> No-build does not meet future demand of 8,590

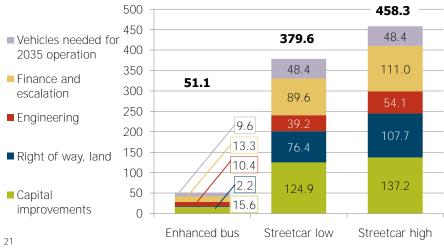






### Estimated capital costs

(2017 \$ in millions)

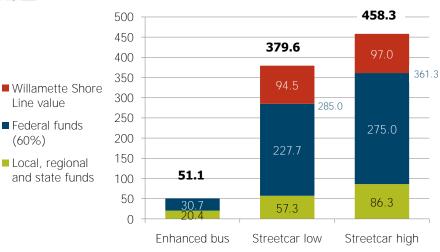




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### Capital funding concept

(2017 \$ in millions)





# Estimated annual operations and maintenance costs, 2035

(in 2010 dollars)	Change from no-build
No-build	n/a
Enhanced bus	\$3,700,000
Streetcar	\$2,780,000

Difference between streetcar and enhanced bus: \$920,000 annually



# Comparison of alternatives

	No-build	Enhanced bus	Streetcar
Ridership	0	•	•
Capital cost	•	•	0
Travel time	0	•	•
Operating and maintenance	•	0	•
Reliability	0	0	•
Capacity	0	•	•

O=good | **(**=better | **●**=best





### Next steps

- Publication of DEIS
  - November
- 45-day public comment period
  - Open houses
  - Public hearing
- Locally Preferred Alternative process
  - Late February



Discussion and questions

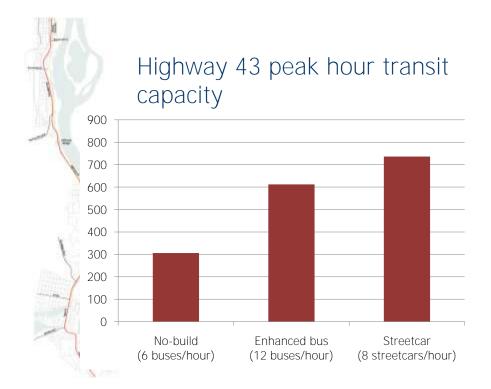


# Walk and trip travel time, 2035 peak hours

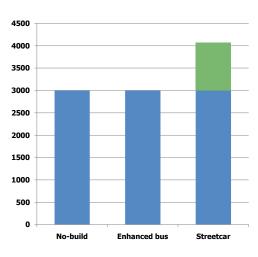
From Lake Oswego to:	No-Build 35	Enhanced Bus	SC- Mac	SC-WSL	Auto
PSU	42	40	33	29	28*
Pioneer Square	48	49	43	39	29*



\*Does not include park and walk time, which is assumed at 5 minutes in downtown Portland



### Highway 43 southbound hourly capacity







# Transit users in the region (2009)



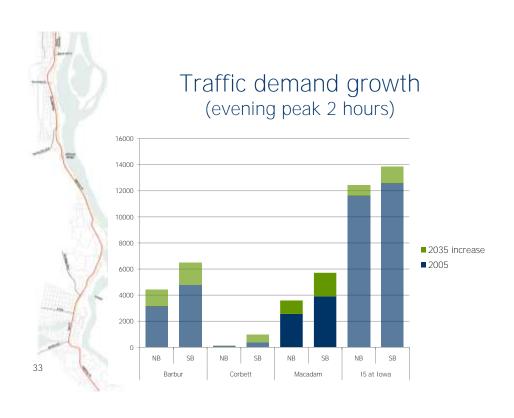
- Of recent riders, 81% are "choice" riders who own a car or have ability to own car.
- On average, about 30% of all trips made in region included a transfer.
- 30% of regular TriMet riders have individual incomes above \$60,000.



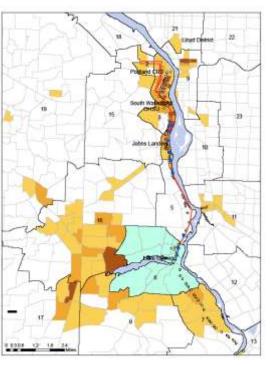
# TriMet bus 35 and 36 riders (2008)



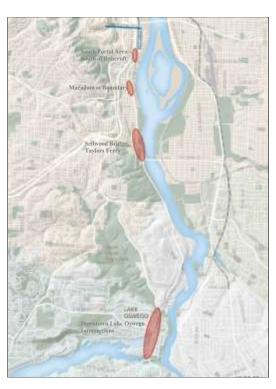
- About 30% of riders transfer to complete their trip
- About 84% are "choice" riders
- About 40% of riders earn \$60,000+/yr
- Average weekday riders: 2,340
- Ridership increased 23% since 2005 (compared to 7% on whole system)











Distribution of 2035 evening peak Highway 43 traffic north of Taylors Ferry Road

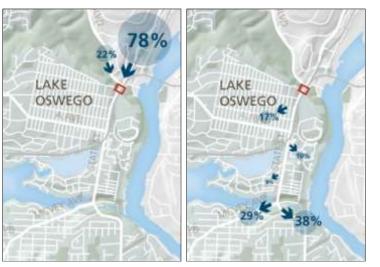




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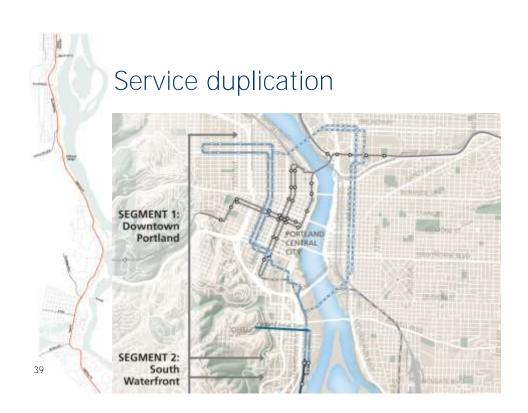


### Distribution of 2035 evening peak Highway 43 traffic in Lake Oswego



Downtown
Portland walk
distance
comparisons







# Traffic issues or changes related to transit alternatives

Streetcar/Enhanced bus



Streetcar



Streetcar Macadam options





### Traffic analysis conclusions

- All transit improvements would slightly reduce future year traffic
  - Streetcar would reduce traffic more than enhanced bus
- No major traffic impacts associated with transit alternatives

Minor impacts include:

- Slight increase in traffic accessing park and ride lots
- Signal modifications with Macadam design options would result in slight increase in delay for Macadam
- Mitigation measures/design adjustments to address minor impacts

