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Meeting: Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Place: Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, Oregon

5:00 PM	1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Jody Carson, Chair
5:05 PM (5 Min)	2.	<u>SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS</u>	Jody Carson, Chair
5:10 PM (5 Min)	3.	<u>WELCOME TO FOREST GROVE</u>	Mayor Pete Truax, Forest Grove
5:15 PM (30 Min)	4.	<u>PRESENTATION -</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Grove interest in transit• Transit study results• How does it work• Origin of the service• When did it start• Performance• Long-term issues• Questions	Jon Holan, Community Development Director Julie Wilcke, Chief Operating Officer, Ride Connection
5:45 PM (30 Min)	5.	<u>EMBARK ON BUS(ES) TO RIDE WESTERN ROUTE</u>	Grove Link
6:15 PM (15 min)	6.	<u>MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS</u>	Jody Carson, Chair
6:30 PM	7.	<u>ADJOURN</u>	

* Material included in the packet.

** Material will be distributed in advance of the meeting.

Upcoming MPAC Meetings:

- Wednesday, July 23, 2014 MPAC Meeting
- Wednesday, August 13, 2014 MPAC Meeting
- Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 MPAC Meeting

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2014 MPAC Tentative Agendas

As of 6/26/2014

Items in italics are tentative; **bold** denotes required items

<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, July 23, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth Management Decision: Release Draft 2014 Urban Growth Report – <u>Information / Discussion</u> (45 Min, John Williams & Ted Reid)• Referral of Metro Charter Language on Single Family Neighborhoods – ACTION: <u>Recommendation to Metro Council</u> (15 min, Alison Kean)	<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Land Conservation and Development Commission strategic plan – Information / Discussion (30-45 Min, Carrie MacLaren, DLDC)</i>• Streetcar Evaluation Methods Project: Discuss preliminary results of FTA funded research project focused on developing a tool to better understand economic impacts of streetcar investments – ACTION: <u>Information/Discussion (30-45 min, Elissa Gertler/Jamie Snook, Metro, & Catherine Ciarlo, CH2M Hill)</u>
<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Discuss evaluation results and public review draft preferred approach– <u>Information / Discussion</u> (45-60 min, Kim Ellis)• Growth Management Decision: Results of regional Residential Preference Survey – <u>Information / Discussion</u> (30 Minutes, Ted Reid)• <i>Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program Changes – Information / Discussion (30 Minutes) (Primary Staff: Roy Brower)</i> <p>FYI: A comment period is planned from Sept. 18 to Oct. 20, 2014 on the Climate Smart Communities public review draft preferred approach.</p> <p>FYI: 2014 Rail~Volution, Minneapolis, MN, September 21 – 24</p>	<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth Management Decision: Discuss recommendation to Metro Council on whether Council should accept 2014 Urban Growth Report as basis for subsequent growth management decision – discussion and begin drafting recommendations (Ted Reid)• <i>2015 legislative session and possible shared regional agenda – Discussion</i>

<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Discussion of public comments, potential refinements and recommendation to Metro Council – <i>Information/discussion leading to joint meeting on Nov. 7th and recommendation on Dec. 10th</i> (30 min, Kim Ellis) • Growth Management Decision: Continued discussion and finalization of recommendation to Metro Council – Discussion – leading to recommendation on Nov. 12th (Ted Reid) 	<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Continued discussion of public comments, potential refinements and recommendation to Metro Council – <i>Discussion leading to Dec. 10th recommendation</i> (30 min, Kim Ellis) • Growth Management Decision: Recommendation to Metro Council on whether Council should accept 2014 Urban Growth Report as basis for subsequent growth management decision – Recommendation to Metro Council (Ted Reid) <p><u>HOLD: Nov. 7th Joint MPAC/JPACT meeting: CSC</u></p> <p>FYI: National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition, Austin, TX, November 18 - 22</p>
<p>MPAC Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Smart Communities Scenarios: Adoption of the preferred approach– Recommendation to Metro Council (45-60 min, Kim Ellis) 	

Parking Lot:

- Presentation on health & land use featuring local projects from around the region
- Affordable Housing opportunities, tools and strategies
- Greater Portland, Inc. Presentation on the Metropolitan Export Initiative
- MPAC composition
- “Unsettling Profiles” presentation by Coalition of Communities of Color
- Tour of the City of Wilsonville’s Villebois community

Directions to Forest Grove Community Auditorium

From Portland and points east (about 10 minutes from Glencoe/Hwy 26; about 30 to 45 minutes from Metro – depending on traffic)

- Head west on Highway 26
- Take Glencoe (North Plains) Exit – turn left onto Glencoe and proceed over the freeway
- Turn right onto Zion Church Road (first stop light past the interchange)
- Stay on road until you reach traffic circle
- Take first road off of the traffic circle (Verboort Road)
- Travel to next traffic circle
- Take third exit off of the traffic circle (Martin Road)
- Stay on Martin Road until you reach a stop sign (Highway 47)
- Turn left onto Highway 47
- Proceed until you reach first stop light (Pacific Avenue)
- Turn right onto Pacific Avenue from Highway 47
- Proceed 1.4 miles until you reach Main Street (second traffic signal after you pass Pacific University Campus)
- Turn left onto Main Street
- Near the end of the block, the Community Auditorium (1915 Main Street) and its parking lot is on the left side of the street

From South (starting at Highway 99 in Sherwood) (about 45 minutes)

- Turn to west off of Highway 99 onto Roy Rogers Road (Roy Rogers Road is Tualatin-Sherwood Road east of Highway 99)
- Proceed northbound on Roy Rogers Road until you reach Scholls Ferry Road
- Turn left onto Scholls Ferry Road – proceed to Hillsboro
- At traffic circle, take first exit to Hillsboro (River Road)
- Proceed on River to its end
- Turn left onto Tualatin Valley Highway (Highway 8)
- Stay on Highway 8 through Hillsboro and Cornelius
- At Highway 8 and 47 intersection in Forest Grove, proceed straight (road becomes Pacific Avenue)
- Stay on Pacific Avenue for 1.4 miles until you reach Main Street (second traffic signal after you pass Pacific University Campus)
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GroveLink

Transit in Forest Grove

MPAC

July 9, 2014

City Interest in Transit

- Long standing desire to expand transit service in the community
- Attempted to expand service with TriMet
- Issue – Do we stay in TriMet or separate similar to Canby?

Past Studies

- 2009 – In-house effort with citizen committee
 - Is there interest in transit
 - What are the options for transit service
- 2011 – Nelson – Nygaard with citizen committee
 - What option should Forest Grove pursue
 - What does the City need to do to start transit service
- TriMet developed Westside Transit Service Study-recommended additional transit service for Forest Grove-Cornelius area – released during 2011 study

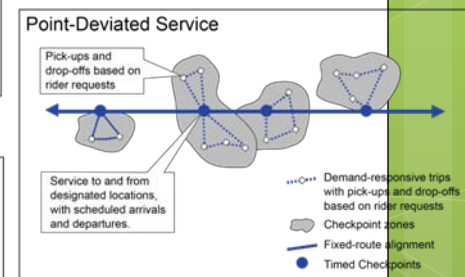
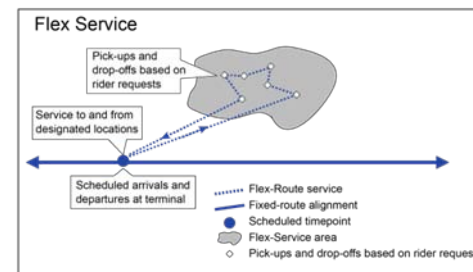
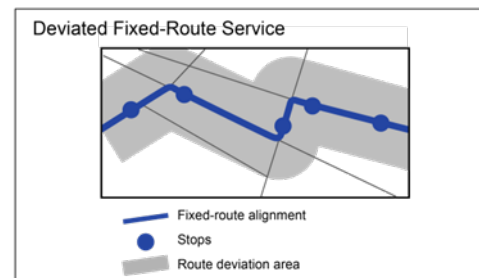
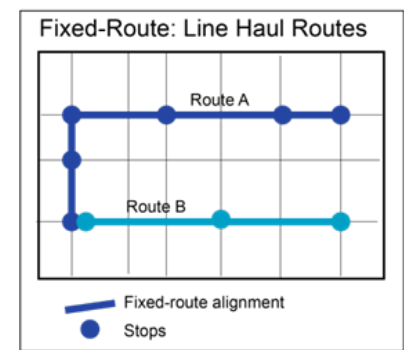
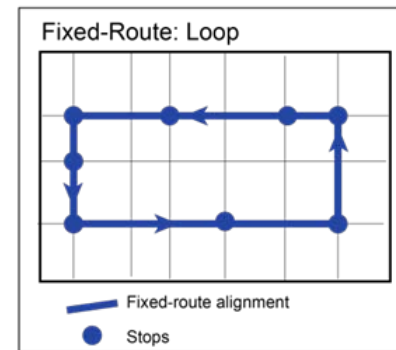
Demographics Supporting Transit

(from Nelson Nygaard Study)

- Good mix of higher density development throughout community
- larger share (compared to the county and region) of demographic groups (youth, seniors, disabilities, low income and carless) that typically have the greatest need for transit services.
- Large inflow and outflow of employees – need to stay in TriMet

Nelson – Nygaard Study

Service Type	Description
Fixed Route	Local service with fixed route and schedules (e.g., 30-60 minutes). Requires complementary ADA Paratransit (curbside pickups/dropoffs).
Deviated Fixed Route	Local service with optional deviations (e.g., ¼ mile area) along the length of a route to make curbside pickups/dropoffs on demand. No ADA requirement.
Flex Route	Local service with curbside pickups/dropoffs on demand in a defined zone. May have some fixed stops or timepoints (point deviation). No ADA requirement.



During Nelson – Nygaard Study

- TriMet approached Ride Connection to apply for Federal funds to provide service in Forest Grove
- This changed the focus of the study from “how to” to “how to sustain”

Grant Funding

- JARC - Operation costs for one year - \$121,000 for Forest Grove
- 5310 Funds - Operation costs for two years \$121,000 per year
- 5310 Funds - Bus Equipment (two 14 passenger buses) - \$134,450
- TriMet funded the local match for operations; City funded the bus equipment match (\$13,808) through TIF funds

Before Operations Began

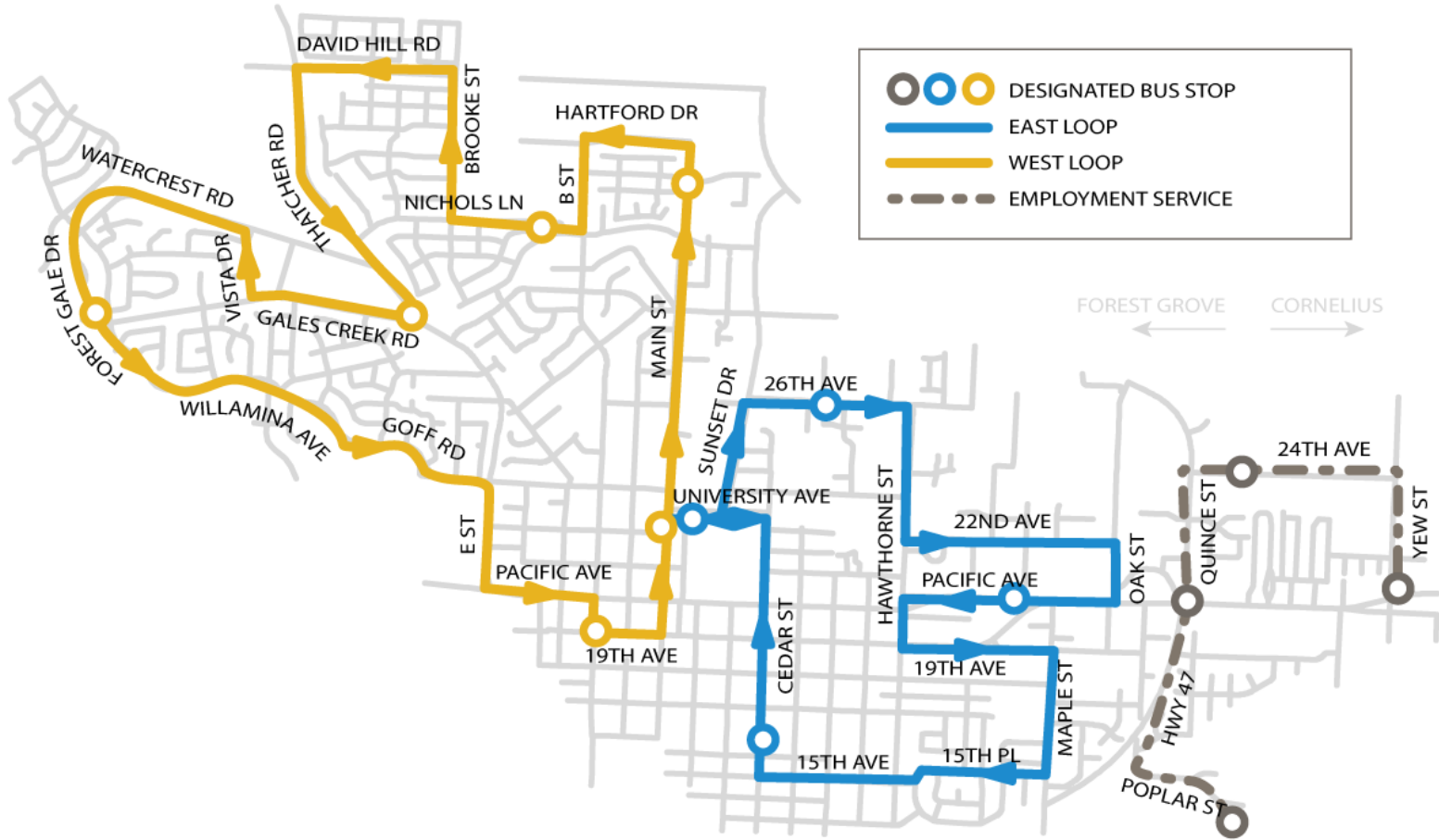
- Ride Connection wanted community input to develop the service
 - Publicity Campaign
 - Survey – about 300 responses
 - Developed routes
 - Solicited comments about the routes
 - Solicited proposed name for the service
- The service was developed based on these inputs
- Deviated Fixed Route Service

Deviated Fixed Route Service Operation

- Two Routes
 - West and East side of community
 - Cover Industrial Areas during peak times
 - Service to most of the community
 - High School
- Two Schedules
 - Midday – one bus
 - Peak hours (Commuter times) – two buses
 - 6 am to 7 pm weekdays
- Deviations anywhere in Forest Grove
- Started service August 19, 2013
- Fareless



GroveLink



First Day



Results Thus Far

Ridership has increased each month

Month	Average daily ridership
August	40
September	70
October	86
November	85
December	88
January	108
February	109
March	108
April	120
May	139

AM and PM differences are significant

- AM – 32%
- PM – 68%

Popular stops

- Safeway store
- High School
- Watercrest and Forest Gale Drive (northwest part of the community and most suburban)

Low ridership

- Industrial areas

First Last Mile

- Creates community connections/connectivity
- Supports reduction in greenhouse emissions
- Increases accessibility
- Enhances livability

Next Steps

- Develop Long-Term funding source
- Work on improving ridership in Industrial Areas
- Install infrastructure
 - Permanent bus stops
 - Shelters
 - Bus zones