Opportunities and Challenges

DOWNTOWN MILWAUKIE STATION AREA

Neighborhood Context:
This station will be the southern anchor to Main Street in Milwaukie’s downtown, a classic small town environment that includes historic buildings, active businesses and a growing number of residents. The station area is surrounded by established residential neighborhoods, Kellogg Creek and Riverfront Park on the Willamette River.

Opportunities
1. Create a high quality station that generates activity to support the new neighborhood described in the South Downtown concept
2. Support ongoing revitalization throughout downtown Milwaukie
3. Create a new, attractive portal into downtown from Lake Road
4. Facilitate a future multi-use connection from downtown to Kronberg Park and Island Station
5. Commemorate Milwaukie’s history through the design of the light rail station
6. Develop site adjacent to station to provide a local landmark that generates activity and reinforces the “sense of place” at the station
7. Improve bus, bicycle and pedestrian facilities through streetscape enhancements

Challenges
8. Maximize opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as for access to Adams Street businesses, when 21st Avenue is regraded
9. Minimize auto connectivity reduction due to planned closures of parts of Adams and Main streets
10. Design new bridge over Lake Road and Kellogg Creek to minimize scale and create a safe environment under the bridge
11. Coordinate with future development of a new public plaza on Main Street