SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

Steering Committee
December 16, 2019
Agenda

• Public comment
• Recommendation to close cost/funding gap
• Discussion and action
• SW Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS)
Draft Recommendation-LPA

Move forward with LPA:

• Incorporate $129m savings from scope refinements
• Incorporate $240m additional funding

• Continue to minimize impacts and costs through design
• Continue funding discussions to close remaining gap (about $90m)
**Recommended Interim Terminus (MOS)**

**Recommendation:**
*Upper Boones Ferry*

As far south as possible:
- Serves the most riders and reduces the most Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Most competitive per FTA ratings
CAC Comments

CAC had general consensus on draft recommendation

Interest in:
- Bike and walk infrastructure
- Interim Terminus
- Parking
Action on Recommendation

Recommendation

LPA
To Bridgeport with
Modifications

MOS
To UBF with
Modifications

$240M

$240M

$129M

$129M

$90M

CONCEPT
SCENARIOS

FUNDING

SCOPE

GAP
Coming soon: Conceptual Design Report (CDR) illustrating preliminary designs
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Southwest Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS)
Equitable Development Strategy

• $895,000 FTA Grant
• Diverse representation of ideas
• Goal:

To ensure that the residents of the SW Corridor have access to the opportunities that light rail will bring and concurrently address the impacts associated with this major infrastructure investment.
Project Goals

1. Address residential and business displacement
2. Expand the breadth and depth of influence among affected people
3. Reduce disparities and improve conditions for affected people
4. Preserve and expand affordable housing
5. Advance economic opportunity for all and build community capacity for wealth creation
6. Promote transportation mobility and connectivity
7. Develop healthy and safe communities
Business & Workforce Awards

Mercy Corps NW
Getting minority and women-owned businesses ready to weather the impact of Light Rail construction

IRCO & OHSU
Providing immigrants, people of color, and other marginalized communities access to career advancement opportunities in healthcare
Mercy Corps NW Pilot Project

- Fifteen aspiring and existing entrepreneurs began classes in Fall 2018
- Six week Business Foundations class — three hours per session
- Taught by professional instructor with practical small business experience
- Program offered a matched-grant savings option
- Sessions held at Multnomah County Library
IRCO Pilot Project

Enroll OHSU staff from entry level positions (food service, janitorial) to complete targeted short-term trainings for healthcare career advancement. Recruitment of staff began with SW Corridor zip codes and extended to family members and OHSU volunteers.

Training categories:
- Phlebotomy
- Patient Access Specialist
- Sterile Processing Tech
- Nursing Assistant
- Pharmacy Tech
Equity & Housing Awards

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)
Engaging historically marginalized communities in the design of existing and future affordable housing developments

Home Forward
Helping the Muslim community in SW Corridor navigate and influence affordable housing opportunities
CPAH Pilot Project

What did they hear?

• Large Units, with Flexible Spaces
• Different Ownership/Rental Models
• Privacy in Kitchens
• Outdoor Space
• Fear of Displacement from current renters
• Strong community connections
• Expiring Uses of Section 8 housing in Tigard (senior and family)
• Need for community organizing- lots of low cost market rate housing at risk of increasing in cost
Home Forward Pilot Project

- Informational sessions to help navigate current affordable housing programs
- Culturally-sensitive design workshops
- Focus groups around healthcare and employment needs

Arabic-speaking design workshop at MET

Somali-speaking design workshop at Stephens Creek
Equity & Housing Awards

Proud Ground
Helping targeted communities access affordable homeownership opportunities in the SW Corridor

Momentum Alliance
Enhancing the ability of communities of color to participate and influence the SW Corridor Plan
Proud Ground Pilot Project

Explored the expansion of Proud Ground’s Community Land Trust to create permanent affordable homeownership opportunities in the SW Corridor to mitigate displacement.

1. Create a development pipeline in SW Corridor
2. Engage SW Corridor homebuyers + jurisdictions
3. Development of a land bank feasibility study
Unite Oregon Pilot Project
A Project About People
Long-Term Implementation

• Federal Grant expires in July 2019
• Next 10 years are key to successful outcomes
• Support of local and national philanthropy will likely be necessary to keep a coalition of partners together
• Time is right- there is support to undertake these efforts now