

September 2019 Update

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project will bring high-capacity transit to one of the most congested travel corridors in our region. As growth continues to increase, light rail gives people an option that is fast, reliable and affordable.

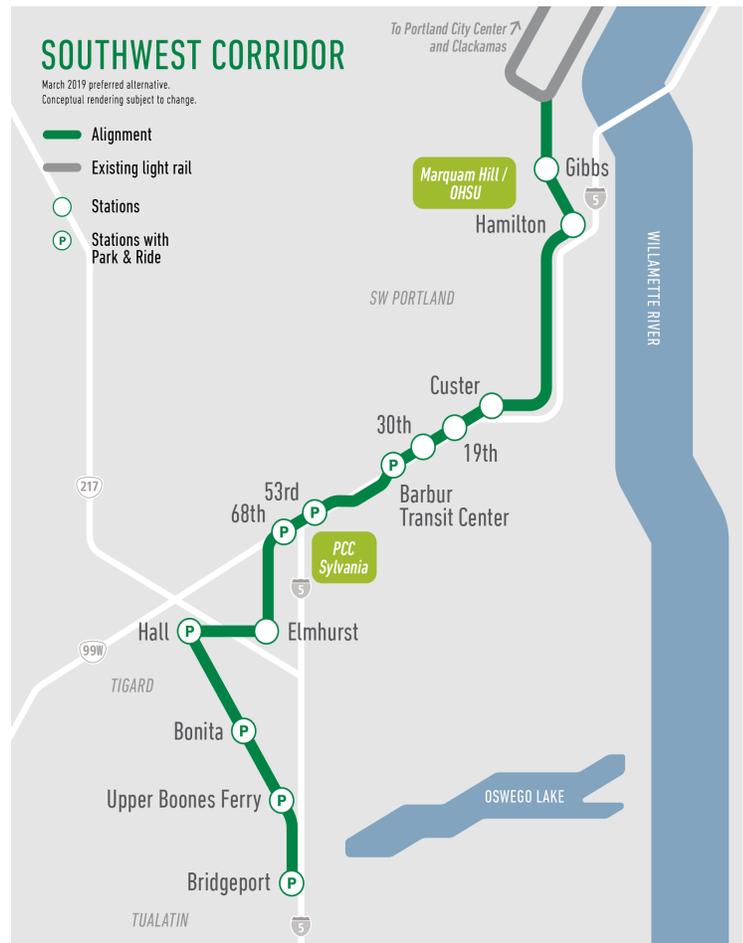
Planning has been underway since 2011 and project partners are now reassessing the scope of the project in relation to its target. Current cost estimates are at least \$400 million over the amount assumed available for funding.

Projects of this size typically go through cycles where initial cost estimates are revised based on stakeholder input, advancing design, and updates to projected interest rates and construction costs. This project is no different, but potentially even more challenging due to the corridor's topography.

Partners are working together to explore potential cost reduction strategies and keep the project on schedule. The magnitude of the cost gap means the team must find significant ways to reduce the amount of infrastructure the project will build, and potentially increase funding.

CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED

To reduce the cost of the project, staff are



exploring ways to minimize expensive impacts along Barbur Boulevard. This includes narrowing the footprint by removing a lane of vehicle traffic in areas where it is technically feasible, or running the train adjacent to I-5 to avoid complex areas.

Staff are also exploring a phased project should additional funding not be available. In this case the project would still be planned to Bridgeport Village, but a

Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) would be identified as a shorter first phase to be built by 2027. A terminus for the MOS could be Hall Boulevard, Bonita, or Upper Boones Ferry. (See the *Project Scenarios graphic on page 3 for more information.*)

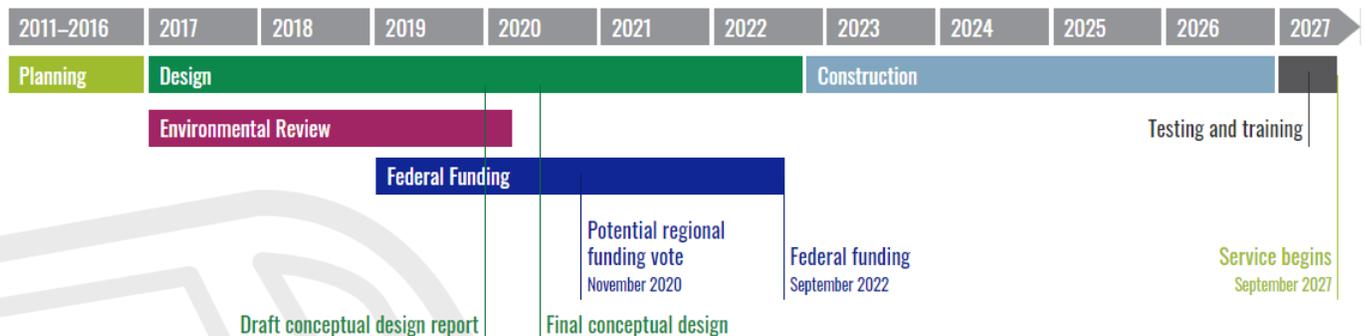
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This summer, staff have been developing options for substantial changes to project scope and exploring additional funding options. In September, the project Steering Committee is expected to review feasible options.

In October, the committee is expected to define the project scope for the larger package that Metro is assembling into a potential regional transportation funding measure in November 2020.

Beyond October, there are still years of design work and community engagement ahead. In early 2020, a Draft Conceptual Design Report will illustrate preliminary designs. Project partners will seek community input on this draft to help inform a final report and guide ongoing design efforts in the coming years.

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LEGEND



Concept scenarios that meet the project target through additional funding sources and reduced scope.



Concept scenarios that meet the project target primarily through reduced scope.

Note: Concept scenarios developed for discussion purposes. Details regarding funding and scope vary by option.

What project could be built by 2027?

CONCEPT SCENARIOS

FUNDING

+

SCOPE

TOTAL



~(\$400M)