

# 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:

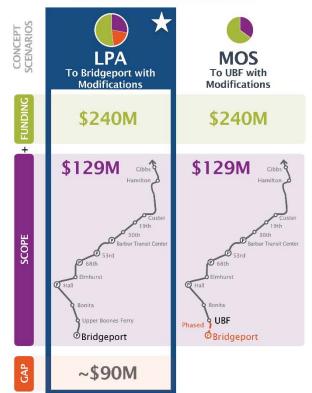
- Bike and walk infrastructure
- Interim Terminus
- Parking





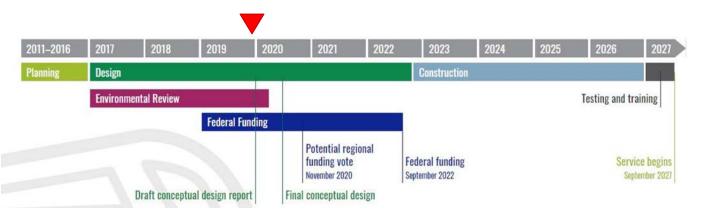
#### **Action on Recommendation**

#### Recommendation





# 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
- 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







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



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