

# SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

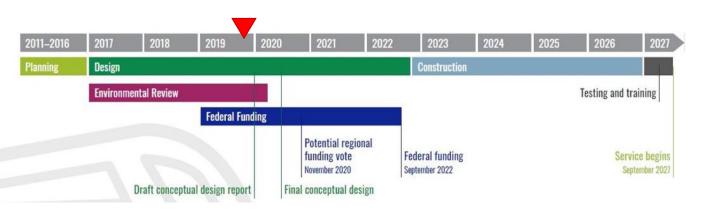
# **Steering Committee**

November 4, 2019



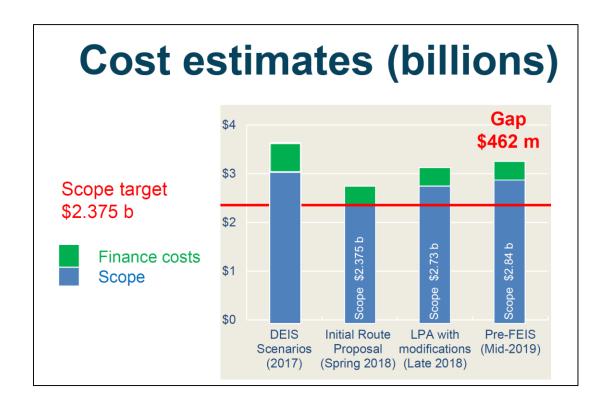
## **Agenda**

- Scope Refinements & Funding Opportunities
- Regional Priority for SWC Project
- Draft Recommendation
- Next steps





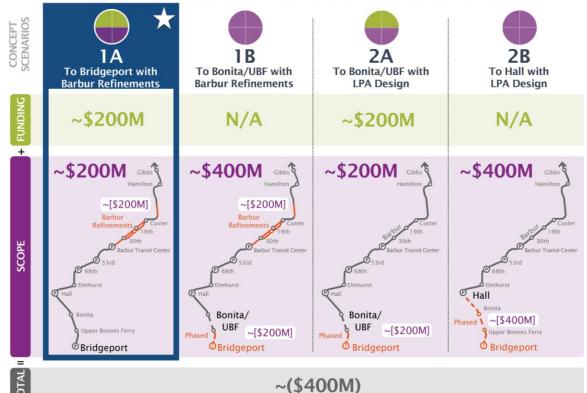
# Cost/ Funding Gap: \$462 m





# **Bridging the \$462 m Gap**

What project could be built by 2027?





## **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
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   <\$100m gap</li>





## **Scope Adjustments Recommended**

Scope	Amount
Right of Way Adjustments – Multiple Locations	- \$24 m
Stormwater Infrastructure	- \$32 m
Reduced Crossovers (6)	- \$34 m
Red Rock Creek Structure	+ \$11 m
Upper Boones Ferry Traffic Mitigation	+ \$5 m
Operations & Maintenance Facility	- \$15 m
Systems Substations	- \$10 m
Right of Way Adjustments – SW Gibbs	- \$20 m
Right of Way Adjustments - SW Custer/13th	- \$10 m
Total	- \$129 m



# Draft Recommendation- Remove Consideration of Barbur Refinements

- Little community support
- Erosion of savings as design progressed
- Traffic analysis findings:
  - Light rail improves person-throughput over no-build, even with lane reductions
  - Refinements reduce automobile capacity to unacceptable levels in some locations
- Concern among partners about public support

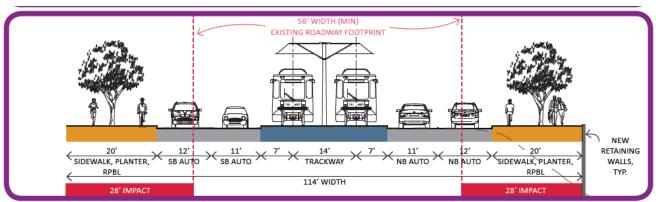




## **Recommended Scope**

#### **Rebuild Barbur Boulevard**

- Viaducts reconstructed with project
- Two auto lanes in each direction south of Naito
- Sidewalks, raised protected bike lanes, stormwater facilities



**Example Section** 



## **Funding Adjustments Recommended**

Funding	Amount
Incorporate Jurisdictional Transfer Funds	+ \$65 m
Regional Funding Measure Contribution	+ \$125 m
FTA New Starts Contribution	+ \$50 m
Total	+ \$240 m



## **Revised Funding Assumptions**

#### Metro

 Initial recommendation up to \$975 m affirms the regional benefit of the project to Bridgeport

### **FTA** potential:

- Other cities recently requested amounts over \$1.25b
- SW Corridor project to Bridgeport rates very well

## State of Oregon potential:

- Importance of addressing I-5 congestion
- Value of improving Barbur Boulevard to facilitate jurisdictional transfer

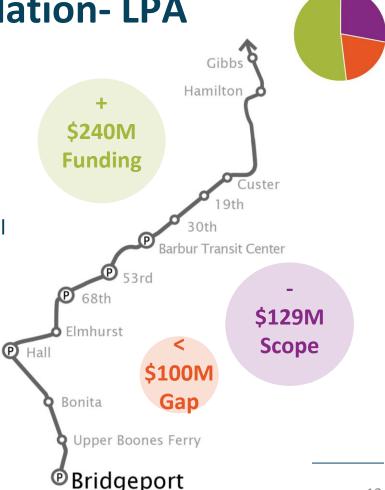




## **Draft Recommendation-LPA**

### Overview:

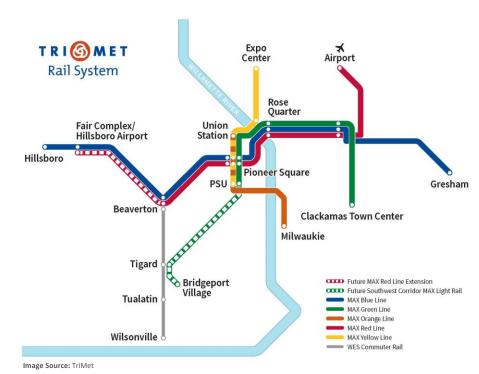
- 13 Stations
- Reliable 30 min travel time
- Ridership
- Park and Ride Access
- Connection to Marquam Hill
- Access to fast growing job centers in Washington County





## **Expands a Multi-Line Regional System**

- Provides an alternative to congested highways & streets
- Is critical to region's economic growth & affordable housing
- Frees up roads for transport of goods & services
- Can be catalytic for improvements to streets, trails & natural resources







# **Helps Focus Regional Growth**

By 2035, we could see:



**75,000 new residents** along the Southwest Corridor

according to Metro data



## 17% increase of congestion

Up t**o**n I-5 between Portland and Tigard

predicted without the Southwest Corridor



## **43,000 riders** on the line on an average weekday

according to TriMet data



Image Source: Casey Braunger, Ankrom Moisan Architects



Image Source: Opus Group



## Who Does the Southwest Corridor Serve?









Image Source: ZGF Architects

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## **Connecting Job Centers**

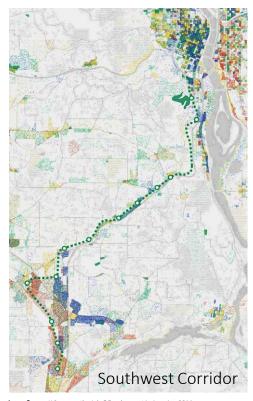
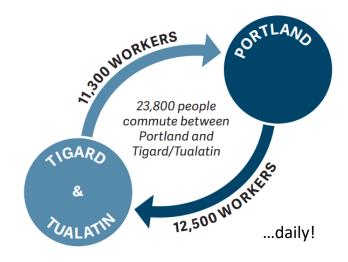


Image Source: Where are the Jobs? Employment in America, 2014



- Manufacturing and Logistics
- Professional Services
- Healthcare, Education & Government
- Retail, Hospitality, and Other Services



<sup>\*</sup>one dot = one job

# **Project Principles**



MOVE AND CONNECT PEOPLE



MAINTAIN AND CREATE EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES



PRESERVE AND
RESTORE THE
NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT



DESIGN FOR THE **FUTURE** 



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# Identifying Interim Terminus (MOS)



The purpose of selecting a MOS is to identify a segment of the Locally Preferred Alternative that provides the most cost-effective solution with the greatest benefits for the project. The MOS must be able to function as a standalone project and not be dependent on any future segments being constructed.





# **Identifying Interim Terminus (MOS)**



## Recommendation:

**Bonita/Upper Boones Ferry** 

As far south as possible:

- Serves the most riders and reduces the most Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Most attractive for Washington County and ODOT funding contributions
- Most competitive per FTA ratings





## **Draft Recommendation**

## Recommendation





## **Next Steps**

### November 18th:

### **Confirm Project Recommendation**

Incorporate Steering Committee discussion from today

## Begin development of funding IGAs with project partners

- City of Portland
- Washington County



## **Next Steps**

#### 2020:

Conceptual Design Report: illustrate design; solicit feedback

- Stations and Park & Rides
- Marquam Hill Connector
- Streetscapes (Barbur Boulevard, 53rd Ave, 70th Ave, Hall Boulevard, etc.)

**FEIS**: disclose impacts and mitigation

- Traffic mitigation
- Parks, historic and natural resources
- Property impacts

