



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised March 2016)

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Meeting Date: 12/22/16
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
Date Submitted: 12/6/16

Agenda Title: **Resolution for support of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Route of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: December 15, 2016 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Community Services **Division:** Transportation

Contact(s): Sean Files and Joanna Valencia

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Joanna Valencia, Multnomah County, Transportation Planning and Development Manager, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara, Metro, Investment Areas Project Manager, and Kelly Betteridge, TriMet, Manager Capital Planning

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of the Resolution supporting the identified Locally Preferred Alternative for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Powell-Division Transit and Development Project is proposed as a faster and more reliable transportation choice for residents and employees traveling in southeast Portland and Gresham. This Project proposes a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project stretching 14.8 miles if using the Tilikum Crossing alignment (or 14.2 miles if using the Hawthorne Bridge alignment), and with 35 stations between SE 8th Avenue / SE Division Street and the Gresham Transit Center. This Project would link to the region's current 51 mile, 74 station light rail system which provides service every 15 minutes or more frequently, seven days a week. The current light rail system serves the region east and west to such locations as downtown Portland, Beaverton, Gresham, Milwaukie, and Hillsboro, north to the Portland International Airport and to Expo Center, and south to Milwaukie. The Powell-Division Corridor is identified in the High Capacity Transit Plan as a near-term regional priority corridor.

On November 7, 2016, the Powell-Division Steering Committee recommended the 2016

Powell Division Transit and Development Project LPA. The recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for high capacity transit in the Powell-Division corridor is bus rapid transit with stations at the locations indicated on the attached map, operating between downtown Portland and the Gresham Transit Center. The route will operate on the transit mall (5th and 6th avenues) in downtown Portland, cross the Willamette River, and run on Division Street from SE 8th Avenue in Portland to the Gresham Transit Center. Additionally, the project includes improvements to transit service in East county, including improving connections to Mt. Hood Community College.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The County has been participating and will continue to participate in the project as part of the Transportation program's work program.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

This project implements high capacity transit policies from the Regional Transportation Plan and the East Metro Connections Plan.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The process has included a robust public outreach process, including the involvement of a Steering Committee composed of government agencies, community organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders. Moving forward, the project will continue to include public involvement as the project LPA is refined and further designed.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Commissioner Diane McKeel

Date:

12/7/16