



Help make transit better in your community.



Powell-Division Transit and Development Project

The Powell-Division Transit and Development Project seeks to bring important investments to Gresham, East Portland and Southeast Portland, supporting and improving our communities and making it easier for people to get around.

What can you expect?

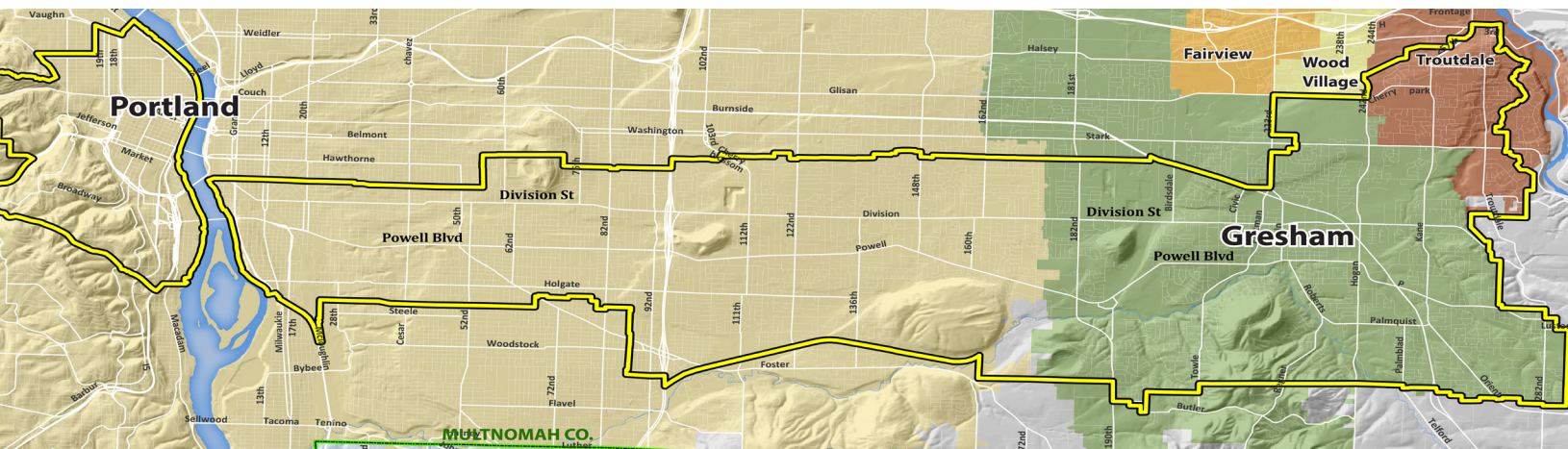
- A more robust transit connection between Portland and Gresham including improved service and new station areas along a new route to be determined on portions of Powell Boulevard and Division Street.
- An economic development strategy for key places where additional jobs, housing and shops are desired and could be accommodated, based on community input and existing plans.



Partners include the cities of Portland and Gresham, Multnomah County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet and Metro.

Learn how you can shape the project, sign up for updates and take a survey now!

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Southeast Portland, East Portland and Gresham are home to growing communities, diverse cultures and commercial areas, and many educational institutions. Higher capacity transit with new stations will create faster, more reliable trips for people at a lower cost to operate over time.

Making choices

Planning for enhanced transit and neighborhood development in Portland and Gresham will involve generating lots of good ideas and refining those choices based on community input, the physical environment, cost and other considerations. Where do we want to see change in our community and what do we want to remain the same?

Station areas and development opportunities A station area is more than just a transit stop. Community input can shape a station area into a neighborhood asset by protecting the things people value and planning for changes people want to see. We will identify station locations along with development strategies that meet community and businesses needs.

Route Powell Boulevard and Division Street look very different depending on where you are in the corridor. We will determine a route that meets the needs of transit riders, complements existing neighborhoods and serves commercial areas and major destinations, such as Portland State University, Portland Community College and Mount Hood Community College.

Transit type We will consider the type of transit, or mode, that best complements the neighborhoods along Powell Boulevard and Division Street. We will evaluate some familiar modes, such as light rail and streetcar, and others that would be new to our region. Bus rapid transit is a mode that can take many forms. It differs from standard bus service with larger buses and stations spaced further apart with amenities, such as larger shelters and real-time arrival information.

Timeline

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PLANNING							
Winter 2014 Establish a common understanding of the needs and opportunities for transit and development in the corridor	■						
Spring and summer 2014 Look at the kinds of transit that that are feasible and desirable in the corridor, hear ideas about where it should go and identify places that would make safe and active station areas	■						
Fall 2014 Take the elements that are most supported and feasible, and craft a recommendation on the type of transit, route and strategies for development at station areas		■					
Winter 2015 Refine the recommendation and present it to local and regional elected councils for consideration and endorsement		■					
DESIGN							
2015 to 2017 Create detailed design of the new transit line and station areas, and complete environmental review and permitting			■	■	■		
CONSTRUCTION							
2018 to 2020 Build the transit line and station areas and start new service					■	■	■

Public input and decision-making

Your input is critical. There will be public input opportunities before each decision-making milestone shown above. The project's Steering Committee – made up of elected leaders and community members – will weigh public input and technical information to craft a transit project and related package of investments that has community support and can be implemented.

The Steering Committee will meet five to six times between 2014 and early 2015. People are welcome to attend and share thoughts directly with committee members. Find information about the Steering Committee members, meeting dates and other opportunities to participate on the project website.

Other improvements to transit service

What other changes would make transit better? TriMet wants your input to help plan improvements to transit service, access, stops and crossings in your community. Between 2013 and 2015, TriMet will ask riders, residents, neighborhood groups, governments, schools and businesses for feedback to create a long-term vision for transit service that identifies and prioritize transit improvements and changes that make it easier and safer to walk and bike to transit.

TriMet and Metro will partner on participation opportunities to make the most of your time. With joint surveys and workshops, your input will shape both projects. Learn more about TriMet's service enhancement plans at www.trimet.org/future.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy, and sustainable transportation and living choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together, we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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