

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail project is a proposed 12-mile MAX light rail line serving Southwest Portland, Tigard, Tualatin and the surrounding communities. The proposed project also includes bicycle, pedestrian and roadway projects to improve access to light rail stations. The light rail project is part of a broader Southwest Corridor Plan that identifies an array of investment strategies to help improve safety and quality of life and contribute to the success of local land use and development aspirations in the area.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Metro, TriMet and the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to identify the significant positive and negative impacts the project could have on the built and natural environment and to determine options to avoid, minimize or mitigate those impacts. The Draft EIS will assess the options remaining from over three years of analysis refinement and suggest ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate significant adverse impacts. The information disclosed in the Draft EIS, and public and agency comments on the Draft EIS, will inform the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, which is comprised of public officials from



*Southwest Corridor Light Rail route options*

Metro, TriMet, the City of Portland, the City of Tigard, the City of Tualatin, the City of Durham, the City of King City, the City of Sherwood, Washington County and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in its recommendation of a locally preferred alternative.

### **Purpose of the community advisory committee**

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail project Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be composed of community members representing various stakeholders in the Southwest Corridor in a meaningful way. The CAC purpose is to advise the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee in the selection of the final light rail route, station locations, park-and-ride locations and sizes, and related bike, walk and roadway projects. The committee will be asked to consider different options taking into account possible positive and negative impacts. To do so, the CAC must:

- Work collaboratively to provide feedback and recommendations to project staff (from Metro, TriMet, the City of Portland, the City of Tigard, the City of Tualatin, the City of Sherwood, Washington County and ODOT) at key study milestones through the Draft EIS
- Support the process to date including previous decisions and direction set in the Southwest Corridor Investment Strategy, the proposed route options and the Purpose and Need statement presented in the [Scoping Booklet](#)
- Represent stakeholders in the Southwest Corridor
- Bring a broad perspective on community and social issues in Southwest Corridor neighborhoods, business districts and communities
- Communicate regularly with the groups they represent to correctly act in their interest

## Membership description

The membership of the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project CAC will be appointed by the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee and composed of stakeholders in the corridor, including representatives from residents, property owners, community-based organizations, businesses, educational institutions and advocacy groups. Members should have the ability to work collaboratively with people who do not share their perspective and bring background knowledge in multiple areas of importance to the corridor.

## Membership benefits

- Opportunity to make the region a better place to live, work and play
- Direct role in problem solving with regional planners and policymakers
- Opportunity to advise decision-makers on key design options within the alignment
- Opportunity to learn about other geographic or organizational perspectives along the alignment
- Responsibility to act as a resource within your respective community on understanding and participating in the planning process
- Chance to use this experience to deepen your commitment to livable communities, to expand your knowledge of regional planning and to further professional interests

## Selection criteria

The advisory committee is expected to include 12 to 18 members. Every effort will be made to include balanced representation from communities along the light rail route. The group's membership should advance Metro's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts by increasing meaningful engagement in decision-making. Specifically, membership will aim to include individuals who represent one or more of the following interest / group categories in the corridor:

- Neighbors (including renters and owners)
- Major employers
- Small businesses
- Property owners
- Educational institutions
- Students / youth
- Cultural organizations and communities of color
- Community-based organizations
- Environmental interests
- Health-related interests
- Affordable housing interests
- Accessibility interests (seniors, people with disabilities)
- Bicycle and pedestrian interests
- Transit-related interests (including transit-dependent individuals)
- General countywide transportation interests

# Community Advisory Committee Description



Southwest Corridor Light Rail project, November 2016

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## Terms of service

### Time commitment

- Sixteen-month time commitment to begin early 2017 and to end in the spring of 2018.
- Four to six hours a month including meeting time, meeting preparation, coordination with those you represent and other committee activities.
- Ability to meet at least once a month.
- Ability to travel to meeting locations within the corridor. Locations will be accessible by transit.

### Responsibilities

- Attend regular committee meetings
- Participate in committee-sponsored activities
- Be prepared for each meeting by reviewing and reading meeting materials and documents beforehand
- Inform project staff of community issues that need to be considered in the design of the locally preferred alternative
- Adhere and respect group decision-making processes and participation guidelines
- Communicate willingly and regularly with interested people within your community and share the feedback received at committee meetings
- Build upon previous decisions and direction set by the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee

## Application procedure

To be eligible for membership on the committee, submit a completed application form by email or to [swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov) or by mail:

Metro Regional Center

Attn: Southwest Corridor Plan

600 NE Grand Ave. Portland, OR 97232

For questions or more information, contact Eryn Deeming Kehe at [eryn.kehe@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:eryn.kehe@oregonmetro.gov) or (503) 797-1881

The Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee, composed of elected representatives from jurisdictions within the alignment, will review applications and select candidates best suited to serve, based on a balance of stakeholder representation and the qualities outlined above. Applicants will be notified by Metro on the status of their membership in December 2016.

# Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project Community Advisory Committee application



Return by November 21, 2016

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Metro believes that meaningful public involvement is essential to good governance and planning for the future. Elected officials, staff, and residents all play important roles in setting the right direction for the Portland metropolitan region. Cooperation among all levels of government and community members will result in the best policy decisions for our current and future residents and businesses. Metro is committed to promoting and sustaining a public involvement environment that is both proactive and responsive.

## **The Southwest Corridor Light Rail project Community Advisory Committee**

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a collaborative group whose purpose is to represent community interests and advise project staff and the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee on the identification of a locally preferred alternative for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail project. The CAC will engage in the project and learn together with project staff in order to provide informed feedback to project staff at key study milestones. The CAC's recommendation on the locally preferred alternative should be based on the findings of the federally-required Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and a balance of local community, corridor-wide and regional considerations.

CAC members are identified by project staff and appointed by the Steering Committee based on their experience, their local knowledge and the people they can meaningfully represent. Each committee member is expected to bring a unique perspective balanced with a corridor-wide vision.

The Southwest Corridor Steering Committee will select the final light rail locations based on many factors, including CAC recommendations. The Steering Committee is comprised of public officials from Metro, TriMet, the City of Portland, the City of Tigard, the City of Tualatin, the City of Durham, the City of King City, the City of Sherwood, the City of Beaverton, Washington County and Oregon Department of Transportation.

More detailed information is available in the Community Advisory Committee description.

**Applications must be received by email or mail by 5 p.m. Nov. 21, 2016. Use one other page if needed.**

### **Submit Applications to:**

Metro  
Attention: Southwest Corridor Project  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland 97232  
[swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov)

### **Staff contact:**

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503-797-1881

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**Background**

What groups, organizations or communities would you represent and report back to during this process? How will you communicate with them?

How can we help to strengthen your ability to participate in this Community Advisory Committee?

What else would you like us to know about you? Include knowledge, experiences, or training do you bring.

The committee will include individuals with experience and expertise in the following geographies and topics. Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property owner in the SW Corridor                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of an educational institution                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of another community in the SW Corridor, name: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renter in the SW Corridor  | <input type="checkbox"/> A person of color or representing an organization focused on communities of color | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle rider in the SW Corridor                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business with 1-50 employees                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of an organization focused on low-income communities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a bicycle organization                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business with 50+ employees  | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a neighborhood association                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian in the SW Corridor                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full or part-time)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Downtown Portland   | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a pedestrian organization                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with disabilities or representing a disability organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of SW Portland   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit-rider in the SW Corridor                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee in the SW Corridor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Tigard  | <input type="checkbox"/> Freight driver or a representative of a freight organization  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing interest/expertise                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Tualatin  | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of an environmental organization               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation interest/expertise                                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental interest/ expertise                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car driver   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health-related interest/ expertise                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of another organization, name: _____           |

**SIGNATURE**

The information I shared here is true and accurate.

I have read and agree to the "Community Advisory Committee Description".

I can commit 4 to 6 hours a month preparing for and participating in scheduled meetings.

I can commit for the 16-month duration of the project or until the committee is formally disbanded.

Name

Date