

Proposed Schedule

September 1, 2016

Scoping (30 days)

September 2 – October 3, 2016

Opportunity for public and agency comment on the range of alternatives and issues to study, and methodologies to use, in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Milestone dates anticipated:

- September 20: Agency / tribal scoping meeting
- September 22: Public scoping meeting
- October 3: Scoping period ends

Draft Environment Impact Statement (EIS) setup and planning

October – December 2016

Project partner actions during this period to include:

- Review of scoping comments
- Work with agencies to develop coordination plan and methodologies for NEPA analysis
- Advancement of designs to “10% complete” on project components to be assessed in Draft EIS
- Adoption of final project Purpose & Need and Definition of Alternatives

Releases during this period to include:

- **Scoping Summary Report** – summary of comments, issues, and concerns identified during public scoping
- **Definition of Alternatives** – alternatives to be studied in Draft EIS, including light rail alignments and associated transportation projects; technical appendices (known as the Detailed Definition of Alternatives, or DDA) to contain plan and profile drawings for all alternatives that identify:
 - Locations and sizes of stations, park and rides, maintenance facilities and other structures such as walls, cuts and bridges
 - Light rail infrastructure such as tracks, crossings, etc.

- Associated roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects including connections to PCC Sylvania and Marquam Hill
- Right-of-way needs and roadway adjustments
- Construction staging and access, if known
- **Detailed Draft EIS outline**
- **Alternatives No Longer Considered** – explanation of alternatives previously considered and rejected and alternatives suggested during scoping but removed from further consideration
- **Final Agency Coordination Plan*** – outlines the roles and objectives of reviewing agencies and the approach to solicit and integrate agency input on the DEIS analysis, including specific agency coordination activities
- **Final Methodologies*** – methodologies to be used and the level of detail required in the analysis of the proposed alternatives and preparation of the EIS

**Requires agreement process with agencies*

Milestone dates anticipated:

- November 10: Release of proposed Definition of Alternatives and staff's recommendation on P&N updates
- November 28: Release of Final Agency Coordination Plan
- December 12: Anticipated Southwest Corridor Steering Committee adoption of final project Purpose & Need and Definition of Alternatives

Draft EIS preparation

January – December 2017

Impact assessments for each alternative

Proposals to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts

Federal, state and local agency internal review

Release of Draft EIS anticipated in December 2017

Public comment

January – February 2018

45 day period for public review and submission of comments on Draft EIS

Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

Spring – Summer 2018

Southwest Corridor Steering Committee selects LPA

Local jurisdictions approve LPA

LPA adopted into Regional Transportation Plan

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Documents all components, impacts and mitigations of LPA

Respond to comments received on the Draft EIS

Record of Decision (ROD)

Summer 2019

Determination by FTA that NEPA requirements have been satisfied for the LPA

Summarizes the purpose and needs of the project, the alternatives considered, the comments received during the review period and responses to those comments, the factors that support the selection of the proposed alternative, and the commitments to be carried into further engineering and construction of the project