



82nd Avenue transit improvements

Designing bus rapid transit, Clackamas Town Center to Northeast Portland

Planning is underway to improve safe access and transit travel time while connecting people to essential jobs, education facilities, shopping and community services from Clackamas Town Center to the Roseway/ Sumner area.

The bus serving 82nd Avenue – TriMet’s line 72 – has the highest ridership of any bus line in greater Portland. Though it carries more people than the Yellow or Orange MAX lines, it shares the road with commuters, freight and local deliveries – and is often stuck in traffic. One in four buses is late.

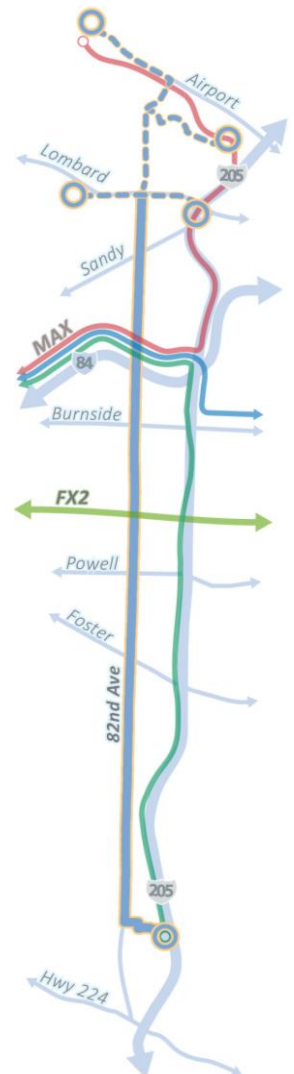
Partners from Clackamas County to Portland are working together to conduct a transit alternatives analysis for potential bus rapid transit service along 82nd Avenue from Clackamas Town Center to Portland’s Roseway and Sumner neighborhoods. Bus rapid transit service would significantly improve travel time, reliability, and comfort by allowing the bus to separate from or bypass other vehicle traffic in key areas along the route and improving stations.

This transit project will be highly coordinated with a community-led Equitable Development Strategy for the area to support business and community stabilization and enhancement. The transit analysis is being developed in coordination with the City of Portland’s Building a Better 82nd program, which is planning for \$80 million in near-term critical fixes in the Portland section of 82nd Avenue to be built over the next few years and another \$105 million to enact a vision to improve the corridor between Northeast Lombard and Southeast Clatsop streets.

Community connections

Bus service along 82nd Avenue connects workers, students and other travelers to other key transit service, the larger transit network and key destinations.

- Line 72 continues east on Lombard to Swan Island.
- The stop at Halsey/Interstate 84 connects to the Blue, Red and Green MAX lines.
- The stop at Division Street connects to the new FX-2, with its new articulated frequent express buses connecting downtown Portland and downtown Gresham – and to the Portland Community College Southeast campus.
- The Clackamas Town Center Transit Center connects to the MAX Green line and 12 other bus lines.
- Other key destinations are on or near 82nd Avenue:
 - Portland Community College, McDaniel High School, Clackamas Middle College and Clackamas Community College Harmony campus
 - Montavilla Community Center, Montavilla Park, Harrison Park, and multiple health centers and social services
 - Clackamas Town Center, Eastport Plaza, Fubonn, Hung Phat Food Center, Shun Fat Supermarket, Fred Meyer and many restaurants and small businesses.



Leveraging past work and public investments

The analysis is moving quickly as it builds on years of planning and outreach. It is building off the work of 2020 transportation funding measure analysis and engagement, the Enhanced Transit Concept from the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, and multiple safety studies.

The transit investment is also being timed to take advantage of the opportunity to make substantial improvements in tandem with the City of Portland's efforts in 7 miles of the corridor. The partners seek to leverage investments of \$185 million dollars from the City of Portland and the State of Oregon related to the jurisdictional transfer of 7 miles of 82nd Avenue.



Building a Better 82nd Avenue

Metro is leading the effort to examine an improved transit service from the Roseway and Sumner neighborhoods to Clackamas Town Center

Thanks to funding related to the transfer of 7 miles of 82nd Avenue from ODOT, the City of Portland is planning to invest \$150 million in safety, maintenance and transit improvements over the next eight years in the 82nd Avenue "civic corridor".

The City of Portland's civic corridor is focused on those 7 miles from Northeast Killingsworth Street to Southeast Clatsop Street, with \$80 million of critical safety and maintenance repairs over the next several years. These improvements will help transit riders safely and conveniently access the bus.

Near-term critical fixes on 82nd Avenue, Lombard to Clatsop (2022-2026)

Street lighting	\$2-5 million
Safe crossings	\$12-15 million
Corridor safety	\$12-15 million
Pavement, curb ramps	\$30 million
Traffic signals	\$15 million
Total	\$80 million

To find out more, visit portland.gov/82nd-Avenue.

The transfer from ODOT – from Northeast Lombard Street to Southeast Clatsop Street – allows for local maintenance of and improvements for the roadway. This road was originally conceived as a state thoroughfare connecting smaller towns and neighborhoods but has grown into its own hub of business and neighborhood activity – as well as an important option for commuters and the movement of goods and services.

Timeline

- Transit concept development and analysis: summer 2022 to summer 2023
- Project steering committee identifies locally preferred alternative (LPA): summer 2023
- Local and regional governments approve locally preferred alternative and adopt into transportation plans: summer/fall 2023
- Begin project development: fall 2023
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process: 2023 through 2024
- Pursue Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant: 2023
- Project design: 2023 into 2026 (projected)
- Construction: 2026 into 2029 (projected)
- Opening year: 2029 (projected)

Partners

Metro and TriMet are lead partners for the transit alternatives analysis, working with the City of Portland, Oregon Department of Transportation, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Port of Portland. This coordination helps leverage planning efforts related to improving the transit service and coordinate investments from local, regional, state and federal sources to get the most from multiple funding opportunities.

In addition, representatives from four community based organizations are serving on the 82nd Avenue Transit Steering Committee, which will select the locally preferred alternative for the bus project: Oregon Walks, Clackamas Resource Center, Unite Oregon and the 82nd Avenue Business Alliance.