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# Agenda

Meeting: Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project Steering Committee

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2024

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Washington County Public Services Building, Room 120D; 155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97214  
 Zoom option  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85447158636?pwd=HF8zQcAx8a9I9yy1ORxt8XzusFUwMQ.1>  
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Purpose: Present cost estimate and project information for two project options: one eligible for an FTA Capital Investment Grant (CIG), and one not CIG-eligible. Orient Committee members to potential funding timeline and strategies. Take Committee “temperature check” regarding choice of path forward, CIG or non-CIG project. Present refresher on proposed public engagement strategy.

Outcomes: Steering Committee members understand the costs and components of the two project options available. Staff understand initial Committee inclination to one project path or the other. Staff receive feedback guidance regarding the proposed public engagement strategy.

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4:00 p.m.	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Are there any updates related to TV Highway you’d like to share from your community?</i></li> </ul>	Metro Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez
4:10 p.m.	Approval of November and December meeting minutes	Councilor Gonzalez
4:15 p.m.	Round 2 CIG project elements and cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Do you have any clarifying questions about what is included in the CIG project design and cost?</i></li> </ul>	Jess Zdeb, Metro
4:40 p.m.	Non-CIG project elements and cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Do you have any clarifying questions about what is included in the non-CIG project design and cost?</i></li> </ul>	Jess Zdeb, Metro
4:50 p.m.	Comparing project options: elements, funding, timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are your initial reactions to the comparison of CIG and non-CIG costs and projects?</i></li> </ul>	Jess Zdeb, Metro

- *If asked to select a path today, would you support moving forward toward a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for a CIG project?*

5:35 p.m.	Engagement strategy refresher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Do you have any feedback on the proposed engagement strategy?</i></li> </ul>	Bernadette Le, TriMet
5:45 p.m.	Public comment	Councilor Gonzalez
5:50 p.m.	Next steps	Councilor Gonzalez

*Upcoming TV Highway meetings*

- *Technical Working Group (August 16)*
- *Policy Group (August 28)*
- *Steering Committee (September 12)*

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# Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee meeting**

Date/time: Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual meeting via Zoom webinar

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## **Members, Alternates Attending**

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Co-chair  
Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Co-chair  
Bryan Pohl  
Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg  
Commissioner Nafisa Fai  
Mayor Jeffrey Dalin  
Councilor Rick Van Beveren  
Rian Windsheimer  
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## **Members, Alternates Absent**

Nansi Lopez

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## **Panelists Attending**

Jess Zdeb  
Yuliya Lee  
Jesse Stemmler  
Bernadette Le

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## **Welcome and introductions** (Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro)

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro, called meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. The committee members provided updates pertaining to TV Highway project. Councilor Rosenthal gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

Councilor Rosenthal asked the committee for approval of the meeting summary from October 10, 2023. With all in favor, the meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

## **Presentation: Station locations public involvement approach** (Bernadette Le, TriMet, Jess Zdeb,

Metro)

Bernadette Le gave a brief overview of the presentation that included Phase 1 engagement summary, Phase 2 key engagement topics, developing Phase 2 approach and proposed engagement approach. She elaborated that Phase 1 engagement methods consisted of general project informational presentations to 14 standing committees and groups, station location questions at Equitable Development Strategy workshops and feedback from Leadership Cohort and Equity Coalition. She explained that Phase 1 findings included agreement with station location criteria, biggest community priority were destinations for daily needs (grocery stores, healthcare), and concerns were expressed regarding transit time reliability and stop consolidation's impact on people living with disabilities, older adults.

Bernadette Le continued with an overview of Phase 2 potential engagement topics, which included:

- Transit station placements – In areas needing refinement, which location is most important to retain
- Trade-offs of walking/rolling distance with amenities, speed and reliability
- Space for open-ended comment

She explained that goal for developing Phase 2 engagement approach is to develop an overarching approach that meets partner needs. She reminded the committee that draft approach was presented to Technical Working Group and Policy Group in September 2023. Later on, individual conversations with jurisdiction staff and CBO Steering Committee members were held and revised approach was presented to Technical Working Group and Policy Group in October 2023.

Jess Zdeb continued with an overview of proposed engagement approach, which included:

- All outreach at least bilingual – English and Spanish, potential opportunity for other languages
- Working to determine best window for engagement to appropriately dovetail with project decisions/process
- Online open house – Online and physical promotions
- Targeted email follow ups with EDS stakeholders
- Tabling at high-ridership stops and some community events with tablets for survey
- Roadshow presentations at standing committees/commissions and business groups to update and promote online engagement
- Small business outreach regarding project process
- Investigating opportunities to disaggregate data – Transit riders vs. non-riders, demographics, home zip code, drop a pin for most used stop(s)

### **Discussion** (Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Does the approach meet your community's needs and expectations? If not, what suggestions do you have?

The committee members noted community's limited ability and access to technology and Internet, emphasized best times and locations to capture audience for surveys, inquired if translation to other

languages would be possible, and offered collaboration to reduce engagement fatigue. Project staff and committee members agreed to use public engagement feedback to primarily support and serve transit riders, low income and communities of color, and also ensure use of anti-displacement strategies along the corridor.

**Presentation: Draft proposed station locations** (Jesse Stemmler, TriMet)

Jesse Stemmler gave a brief overview of his presentation to orient Steering Committee members to the coming content.

He continued with information a forthcoming summary package of materials to be provided to staff and Steering Committee members after this meeting to address questions raised about the stop consolidation process. He noted that this summary would include information on run time savings by transit project element, such as BRT station design and transit signal priority (TSP), and physical priority lanes.

Jesse Stemmler explained that another important theme in station summary packet is Equity and Accessibility, and summarized materials to address questions which include:

- Example of using ramp deployment (lift) data to inform station location
- Example of using community input regarding important destination to inform station location (Market Centre)
- Example of using destinations serving specific populations to inform station location
- Highlighting draft locations of pedestrian infrastructure improvements

The last theme presented addressed Future Development and Land Use, and elaborated on the materials, which included:

- Provide examples of places where future land use is influencing station location
- Station locations updated based on partner conversations – Aloha (174<sup>th</sup>), Eastern Cornelius (N 31<sup>st</sup> Ave, NW 338<sup>th</sup> Ave), Forest Grove (Oak & Quince), Forest Grove (Cedar/Elm), Hillsboro (214<sup>th</sup>)
- Follow-up conversations for Downtown Cornelius to be planned

The committee members noted the importance of further investigation into stop location crossings, accessibility and safety features, who uses current stop locations and why.

Jesse concluded his presentation with an overview of station locations updates and revisions, that included stop consolidations, station spacing and station access.

**Discussion** (Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Does the summary accurately reflect comments provided in the last meeting?
- Does the proposed approach for addressing Committee member questions meet your needs for getting to a decision on this map?
- If asked today, would you approve this draft station locations map to be released for public comment?

The committee members inquired about public engagement specifics to better understand how and where feedback would be collected and influence locations, how stop consolidation benefits would be presented, and if express service possible in the corridor. Committee members also reiterated one of the main goals of the project to save lives and expressed support for the idea of Metro engaging with the city's council and commissions directly to assist with better understanding of the project's progress and being able to provide informed responses to the questions.

**Public comment**

No public comment was submitted.

**Next steps** (Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro)

There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yuliya Lee, TV Highway Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TV Highway Steering Committee meeting, November 9, 2023

Item	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Agenda	11/9/2023	11/9/2023 TV Highway Steering Committee meeting agenda	110923TVHSC-01
2	Document	10/10/2023	10/10/23 TV Highway Steering Committee meeting minutes	110923TVHSC-02
3	Map	11/02/2023	11/02/23 Draft Proposed Station Locations for TV Highway Steering Committee consideration	110923TVHSC-03



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# Meeting minutes

Meeting: **Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee meeting**

Date/time: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual meeting via Zoom webinar

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## **Members, Alternates Attending**

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Co-chair  
Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Co-chair  
Councilor Timothy Rippe  
Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg  
Commissioner Nafisa Fai  
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Verónica Nuñez

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Adelante Mujeres

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## **Welcome and introductions** (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro, called meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomed the attendees to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda. The committee members proceeded to introduce themselves and provided updates pertaining to TV Highway project.

## **Presentation: Project process and decisions: to date and ahead** (Jess Zdeb, Metro, David Aulwes, TriMet)

Jess Zdeb started presentation with a reminder of the project's purpose, which is to improve speed, reliability, accessibility and safety for transit riders on TV Highway, in particular for communities of



color and low-income communities. She gave a brief overview of transit study goals, which included:

- Improves the travel experience (safety, time, reliability)
- Advances local goals related to land use, transportation, equity, and climate
- Supported by the community
- Feasible to fund
- Able to move into the next phase, Project Development

Jess elaborated on key project sideboards, such as existing physical conditions, ODOT design standards and guidelines, reduction review route designation, and identifying a feasible funding strategy and timeline.

David Aulwes, TriMet, continued presentation with an overview of Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) constraints, which included:

- UPRR has been actively seeking resolution of TriMet bus stop ROW incursions since 2018
- TriMet has approximately 25 stops which currently abut UPRR ROW – of those, 16 are within UPRR ROW
- Stop consolidation could remove 2 problematic stop locations, but 14 stops remain impacted and must move farther from tracks

He explained Phase 1 design approach, which consisted of:

- Integrated transit and safety elements
- Assumed roadway reconstruction in station areas based on current ODOT standards
- Attempted to address safety by reducing posted speed with revised roadway geometry (chicanes)
- Addressed crossing and roadway safety with pedestrian medians and extensive access control medians

This approach resulted in a full corridor cost estimate of \$550M.

Jess Zdeb reminded the committee of the six potential Phase 1 implementation scenarios and decisions to not pursue a phased investment and identify a project that serves the entire corridor, Beaverton Transit Center to Forest Grove terminus (19<sup>th</sup> and B) with safety and transit investments at the same time. She continued with Phase 2 design approach, which included:

- Develop lower cost design that is more likely to have a feasible funding strategy
- Maintain core purposes: access and safety improvements, transit rider amenities
- Find opportunities to lower project costs through flexibility in current standards

She noted that the committee will provide its input for Phase 2 paths forward, which consist of selecting the type of project to pursue (Small Starts or fully locally funded) and identifying high-level funding strategy. Jess explained that for Small Starts project, the committee would need to identify general station locations, alignment, and mode.

David Aulwes gave a brief overview of project development phase decisions, which included:

- Refined station locations
- Vehicle type
- Detailed design, e.g., station amenity package

Jess Zdeb concluded presentation with an overview of Steering Committee timeline, which included:

- **December 2023**
  - Approve draft station locations for public engagement
- **February/March 2024**
  - High-level preview of Phase 2 design and cost
  - Review draft Phase 2 designs and costs with staff prior to workshops (work outside of meeting)
- **April/May 2024**
  - Revised Phase 2 designs and costs, plus high-level funding plan presented
- **Late spring/summer 2024**
  - Project steps to be determined by outcomes of design/cost exercise and funding plan discussions

The committee members commented on the importance of exploring all the viable options for bringing improvements to the corridor and inquired if voting on draft general station locations was appropriate at this time due to possibility of other project decisions still to come. They noted the need to identify jurisdictions' and agencies' abilities to contribute funding to the project so there is an understanding of project funding feasibility. In addition, comments were made about figuring out the community's project priorities, and finding a way for this project to be affordable, feasible, and quick to build.

**Presentation: Approval of draft general station locations** (Jess Zdeb, Metro)

Jess Zdeb gave a brief overview of the Station Location Engagement timeline and emphasized that general station locations map is intended for the meeting use only and not for any public engagement activities yet.

Jesse Stemmler, TriMet, started presentation with an overview of Station Location Criteria, which included:

- Important Places & Destinations – Transfers, Existing and future Frequent Service, Nearby Public Service
- Ridership
- Environmental & Land use
- Bike & Pedestrian connections
- Population & Employment density
- Accessibility & Lift data
- Safety & Operations
- Transit performance
- Equity considerations

He shared draft Corridor Station Map for Community Engagement and asked for committee's input and approval in order to use it in future public engagement efforts.

**Discussion** (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

The committee members expressed concerns about lack of station on SW 174<sup>th</sup>, need for feedback from the local communities to ensure their support for the proposed station locations map, and inquired about the process of adding stops if they are advocated for by the communities. Jesse Stemmler responded that during the Project Development phase, staff will be working closely with local communities to ensure any areas that were missed or needed a second look would be explored and considered.

**Motion**

Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, City of Beaverton, moved to approve recommended Draft Station Locations map for use in future community engagement. Councilor Rick Van Beveren, City of Hillsboro, seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Washington County, expressed support for the proposed map and noted previously raised concern about lack of station on SW 174<sup>th</sup>.

**Public comment**

No public comment was submitted.

**Next steps** (Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro)

Co-chair Gonzalez gave a brief summary of the upcoming meetings. There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yuliya Lee, TV Highway Steering Committee Recorder

Attachments to the Public Record, TV Highway Steering Committee meeting, December 12, 2023

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1	Agenda	12/12/2023	12/12/2023 TV Highway Steering Committee meeting agenda	121223TVHSC-01
2	Map	12/12/23	12/12/23 Draft-Map of Proposed Station Locations	121223TVHSC-02