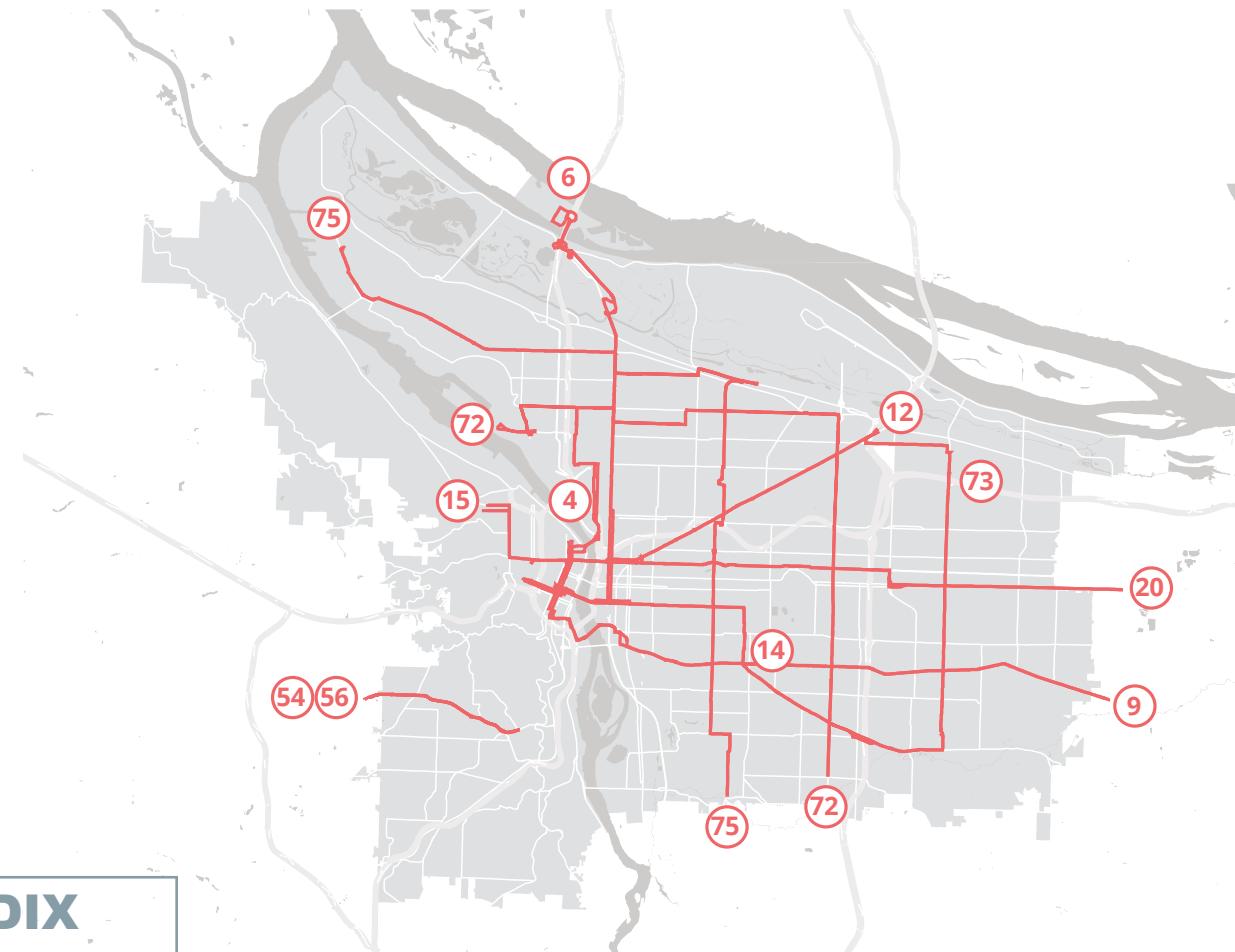




# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Existing Conditions and Methodology Memorandum



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## **Appendix A: Candidate Corridor Screening Memorandum**



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## Memorandum

Date: January 18, 2017  
From: April Bertelsen, ETC Plan Project Manager, Senior Transportation Planner  
To: Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan TAC  
RE: Staff recommendation on ten candidate corridors for Enhanced Transit and selection process

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The purpose of this memo is to present the project team recommendations on the ten candidate corridors to be further evaluated during the development of the Enhanced Transit Corridors (ETC) Plan. The memo also summarizes the screening and selection process that informed these recommendations. The ETC Plan Project Team is comprised of staff from the PBOT Policy, Plans and Projects (PPP) Division, TriMet, ODOT, CH2M and HDR. Metro staff also participated in the process. Task 2 in the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan TGM grant scope of work identified this work: Define Network of Candidate Corridors, Segments and Hot Spots. Per the TGM grant scope of work negotiations with the CH2M/HDR Consultant Team, the Project Team reached an agreement to limit the study scope to ten corridors to fit within the grant award amount.

### Task 2 Objectives:

- Identify existing or near-term planned TriMet Frequent Service transit lines to form the universe of Candidate Corridors and hot spots to be further evaluated
- Use a high-level screening process to define corridor segments of transit lines to be further evaluated as potential Enhanced Transit Corridors

### Candidate Corridors Recommendations

Based on the screening and selection process described below, the Project Team recommends the following list of nine candidate corridors for further evaluation. The Team recommends further study of the full bus line from the edge of the downtown core (where relevant) to Portland City limits, unless otherwise noted.

1. Line 6 – MLK Jr Blvd/Jantzen Beach
2. Line 9 – SE Powell Blvd
3. Line 12 – NE Sandy Blvd
4. Line 14 – SE Hawthorne/Foster Rd
5. Line 20 – E Burnside/SE Stark St
6. Line 54/56 – Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, both lines combine to provide Frequent Service
7. Line 72 – Killingsworth/82<sup>nd</sup> Ave
8. Line 73 – 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave
9. Line 75 – Cesar Chavez/Lombard

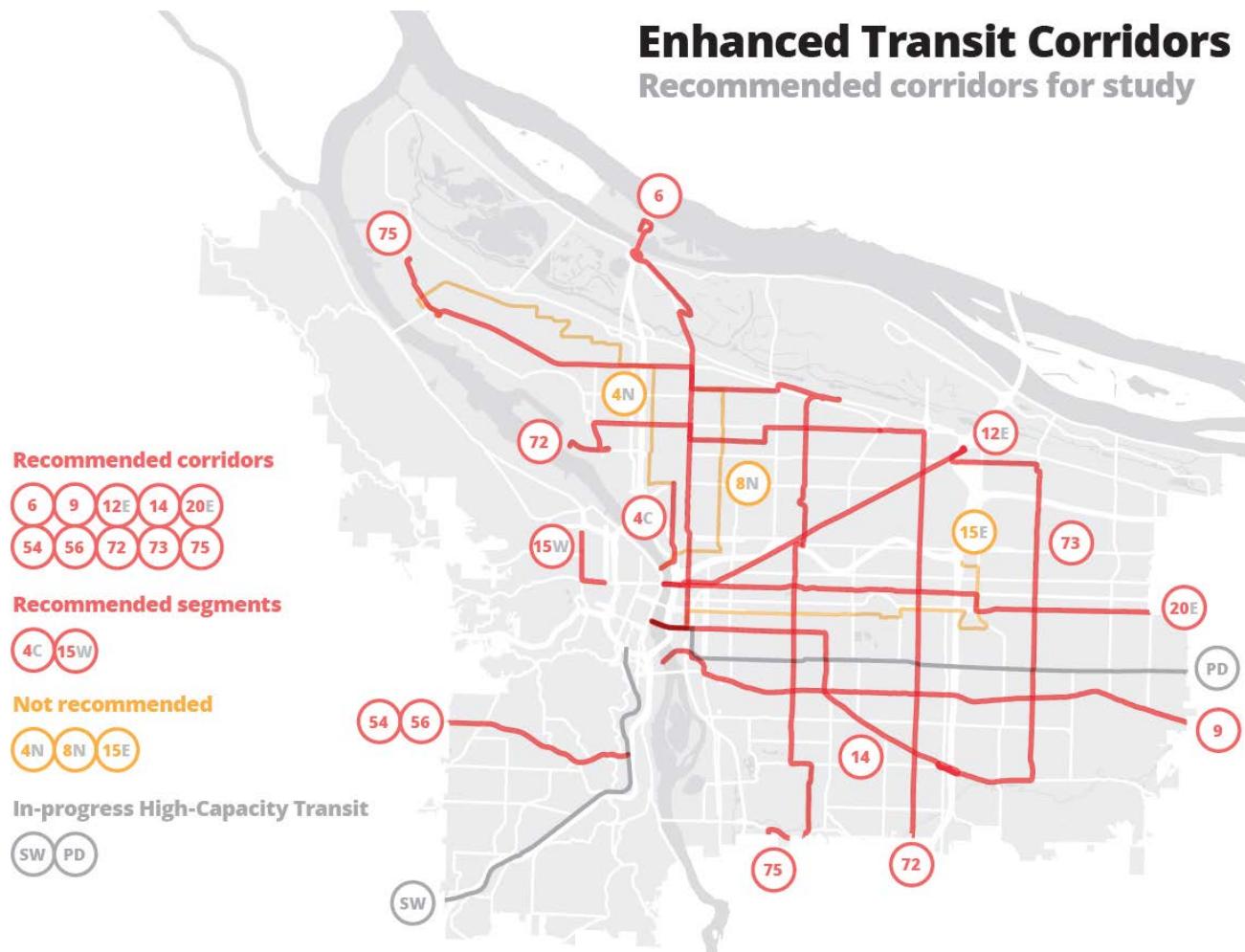


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In addition to the 9 lines identified above, the Project Team also found the following two candidate corridor segments as compelling candidates that performed similarly against the screening criteria. The Team would like TAC input to help determine which of these corridors should be included in the group of 10 Candidate Corridors - or a TAC recommendation that both be included for further evaluation.

1. Line 4 – N Vancouver/Williams from Rose Quarter to N Fremont
2. Line 15 – West of downtown – W Burnside and NW 23<sup>rd</sup> up to Vaughn

The map below displays the recommended corridors and segments listed above, as well as the full universe of candidates evaluated during this initial screening and selection process.



## Screening and Selection Process

During the fall 2016 and early winter, staff from PBOT and TriMet worked together to evaluate a universe of candidate bus lines and select ten corridors, segments or hot spots for further study and analysis. Following is a summary of the approach.

1. Start from the existing Frequent Service network map provided by TriMet and update it to reflect any recent changes so that the network includes all current existing or near-term planned Frequent Service transit lines based on the most current data.

The Project Team added the following two lines for consideration because TriMet is actively increasing service frequency towards Frequent Service:

- a. Line 20 – E Burnside/SE Stark St

- b. Line 73 – 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave

The Project Team **excluded** the following two lines from consideration because there are active transit projects in development:

- a. Line 4 – SE Division
  - b. Line 12 – SW Barbur Blvd
2. Break the transit lines into proposed corridor segments for further analysis where appropriate. For example, the Team broke transit lines that pass through downtown Portland into different segments.
  3. Develop an initial narrowed list of Candidate Corridors for additional study using high-level screening criteria based on historic transit operations and reliability, ridership and areas of forecasted future growth.

The Project Team used the following **criteria and measures** (based on TriMet data collected for the Spring 2016 sign up) to evaluate the universe of candidates:

- a. **Reliability.** Measure: “Percentage difference between 90th and 10th percentile revenue speed.” It was used to identify segments along bus routes where the difference between the transit travel speed (inclusive of all activity, such as picking up passengers, while in revenue service) varied greatly throughout the course of a day between more free flow traffic conditions and more congested/delayed time of day.

This was the primary measure the Team used in the screening process. Lines with two or more segments with the highest speed variability (top two quintiles shaded red and orange) were recommended as Candidate Corridors. The following measures helped to tip the balance in deciding which of the candidates on the cusp to include.

- b. **Ridership Passenger Loads.** Measure: “90th percentile maximum load.” This measure was used to identify segments where the passenger loads were greater.
- c. **Transit Speeds.** Measure: “50th percentile revenue speed” divided by “posted speed limit.” This measure was used to identify segments where buses were on average relatively slower than the posted speed, even off-peak.
- d. **Forecasted Future Growth.** The following measures were used to help gauge corridors the City deems important in the Comprehensive Plan Update and forecasted for future higher densities.
  - a. Does the line serve a Center, Civic Corridor or Neighborhood Corridor?
  - b. Does it serve 2035 Forecasted Households Density or Employment Density?

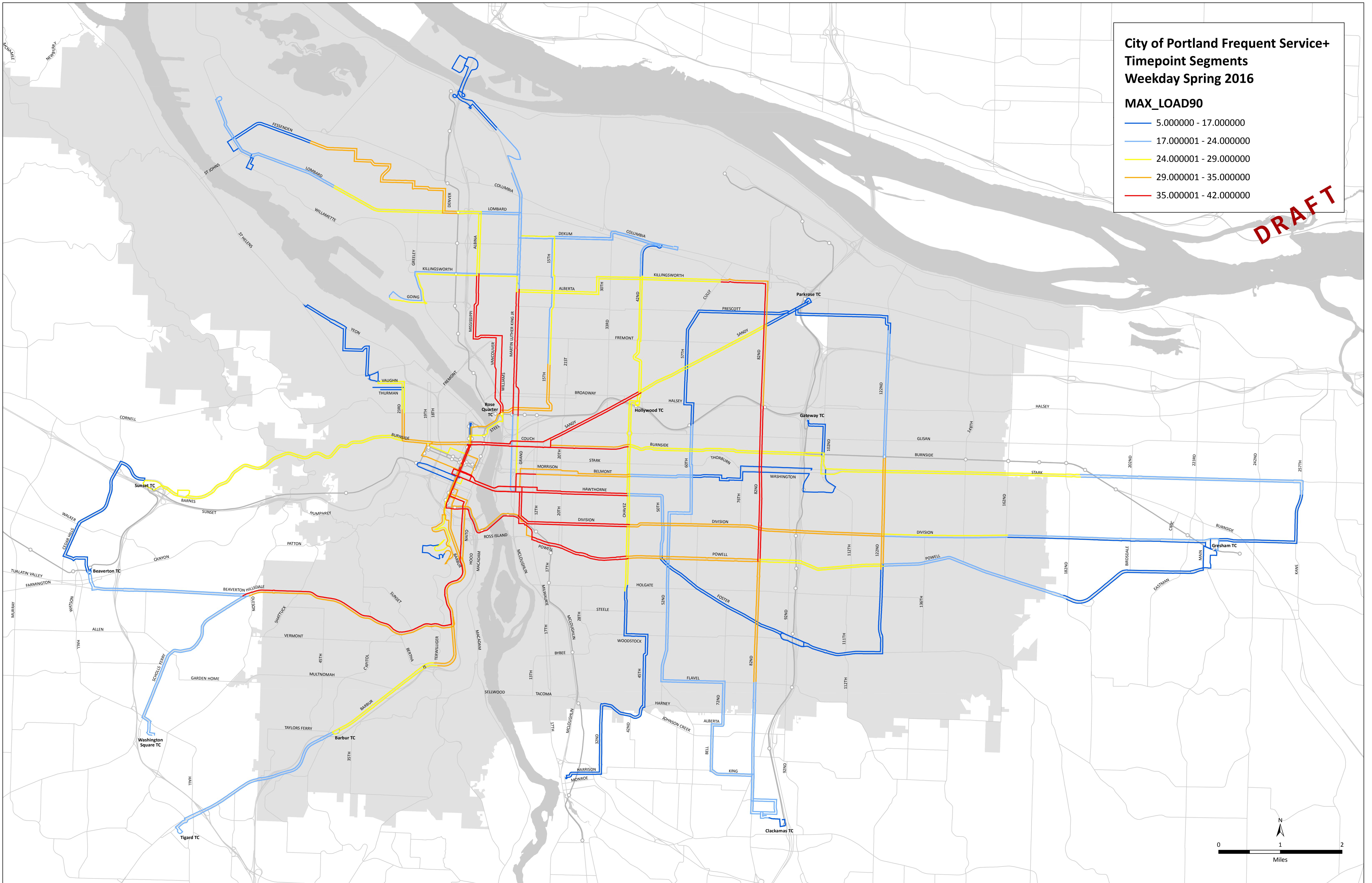
The attached maps display each of these measures. The Project Team aggregated all TriMet data to the segments between time points. The segments were then ranked and displayed in quintiles. Typically, the Team selected Candidate Corridors if they had multiple segments in the top/bottom (reflective of poor performance) two quintiles.

4. Identify the universe of Candidate Corridors to be further evaluated. See above recommendations.
5. If any parts of the selected corridors contain ODOT or County operated facilities, the PMT will coordinate with the affected facility provider throughout the process.
6. The consultant team reviewed and commented on Map and List of Candidate Corridors during a final work session in January 2017.



## Appendix B: Agency System Maps

(used by PBOT for initial Corridor Screening)

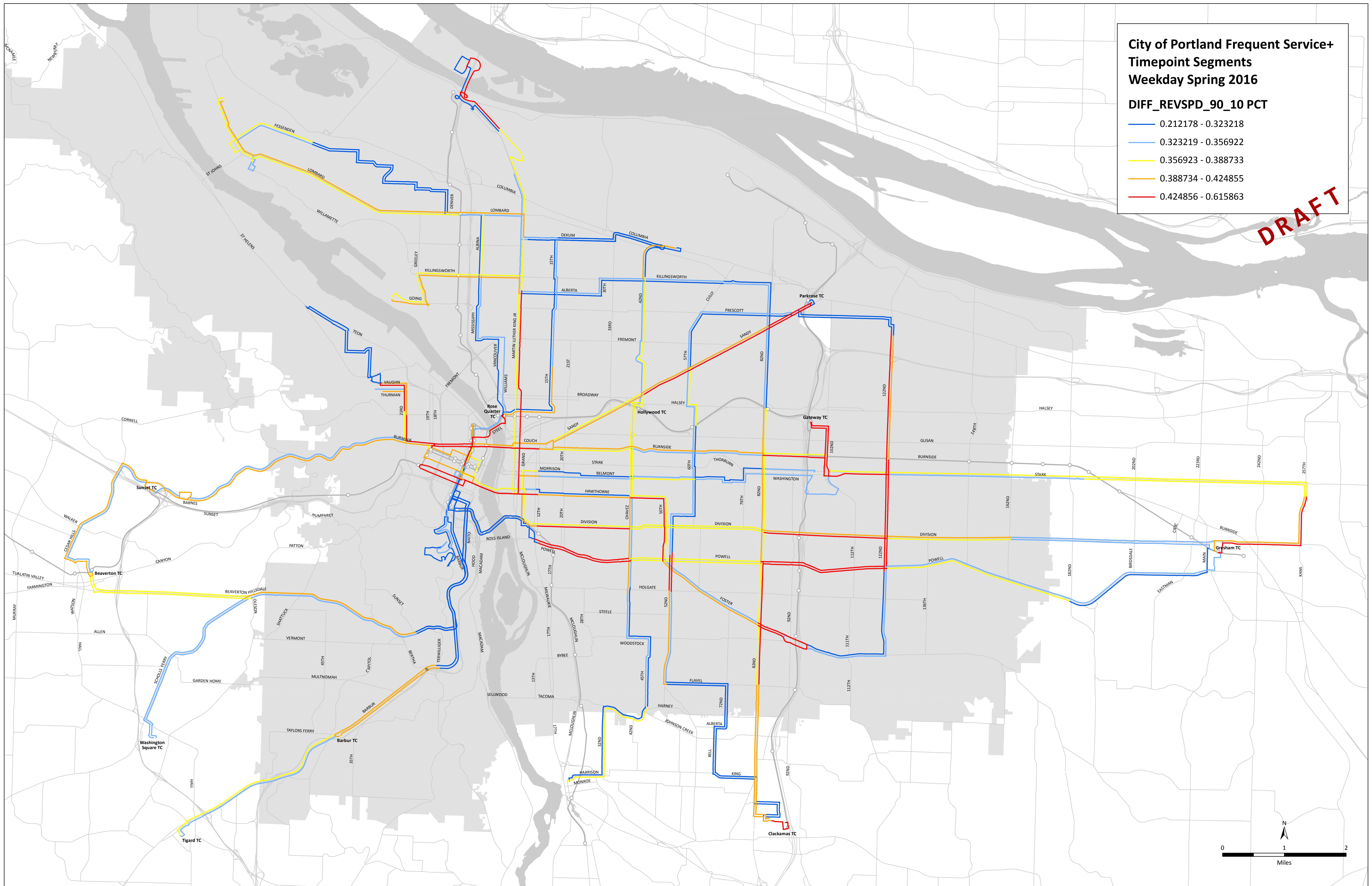


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Timepoint Segments  
Weekday Spring 2016**

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- 0.356923 - 0.388733
- 0.388734 - 0.424855
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**City of Portland Frequent Service+  
Timepoint Segments  
Weekday Spring 2016**

Revenue Speed divided by Posted Speed Limit

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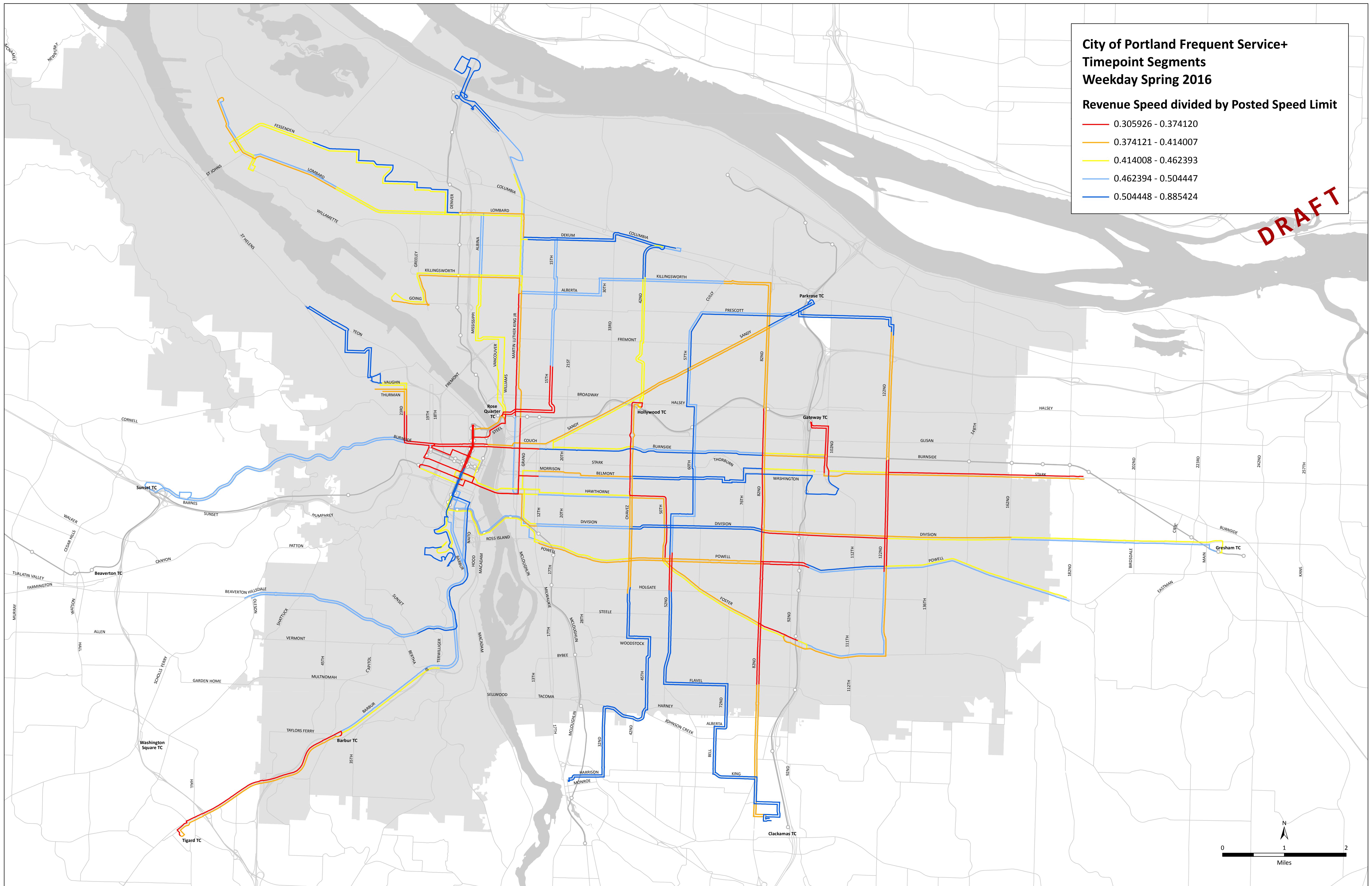
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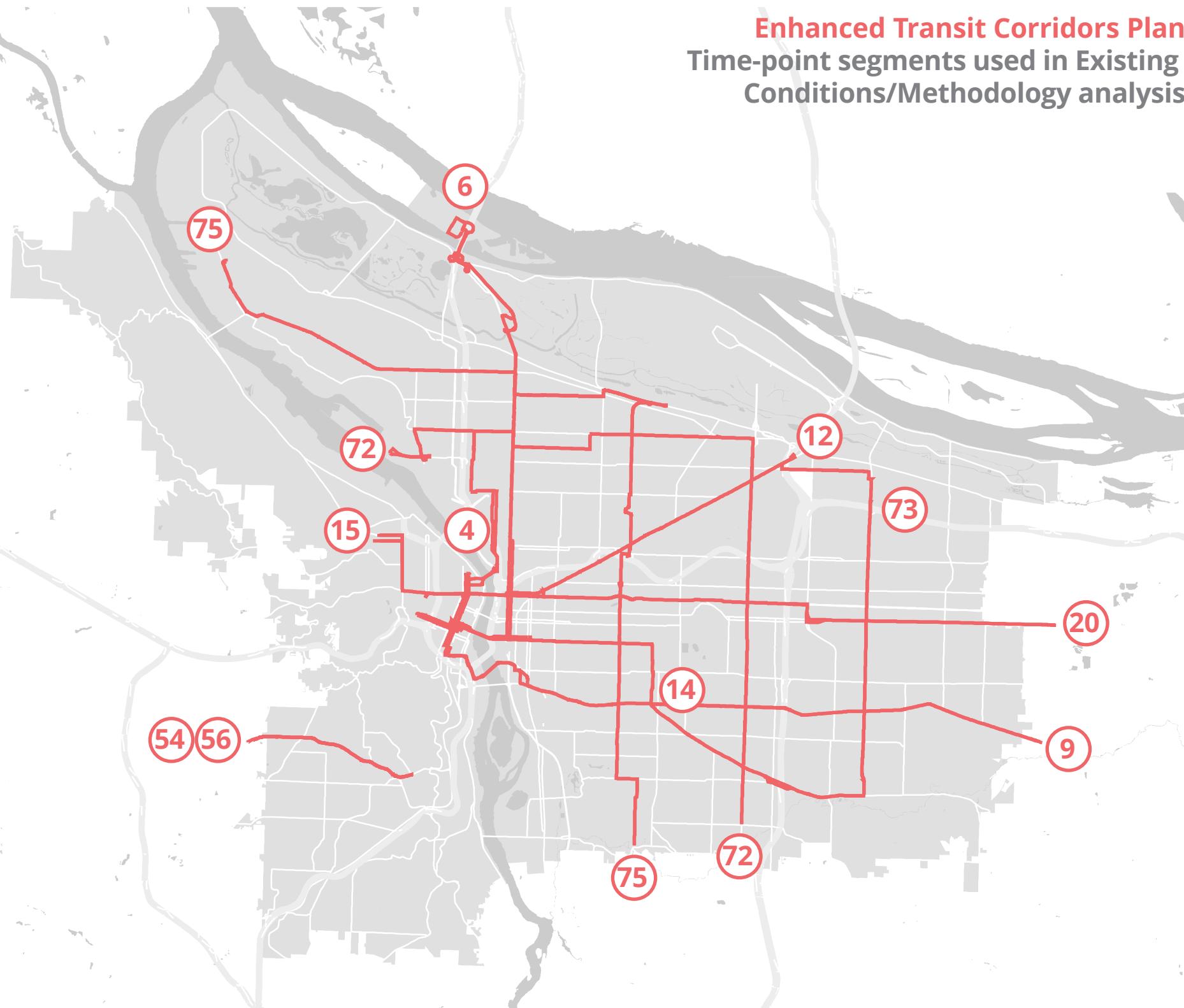


## Appendix C: Existing Conditions/Methodology Maps



## Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

### Time-point segments used in Existing Conditions/Methodology analysis



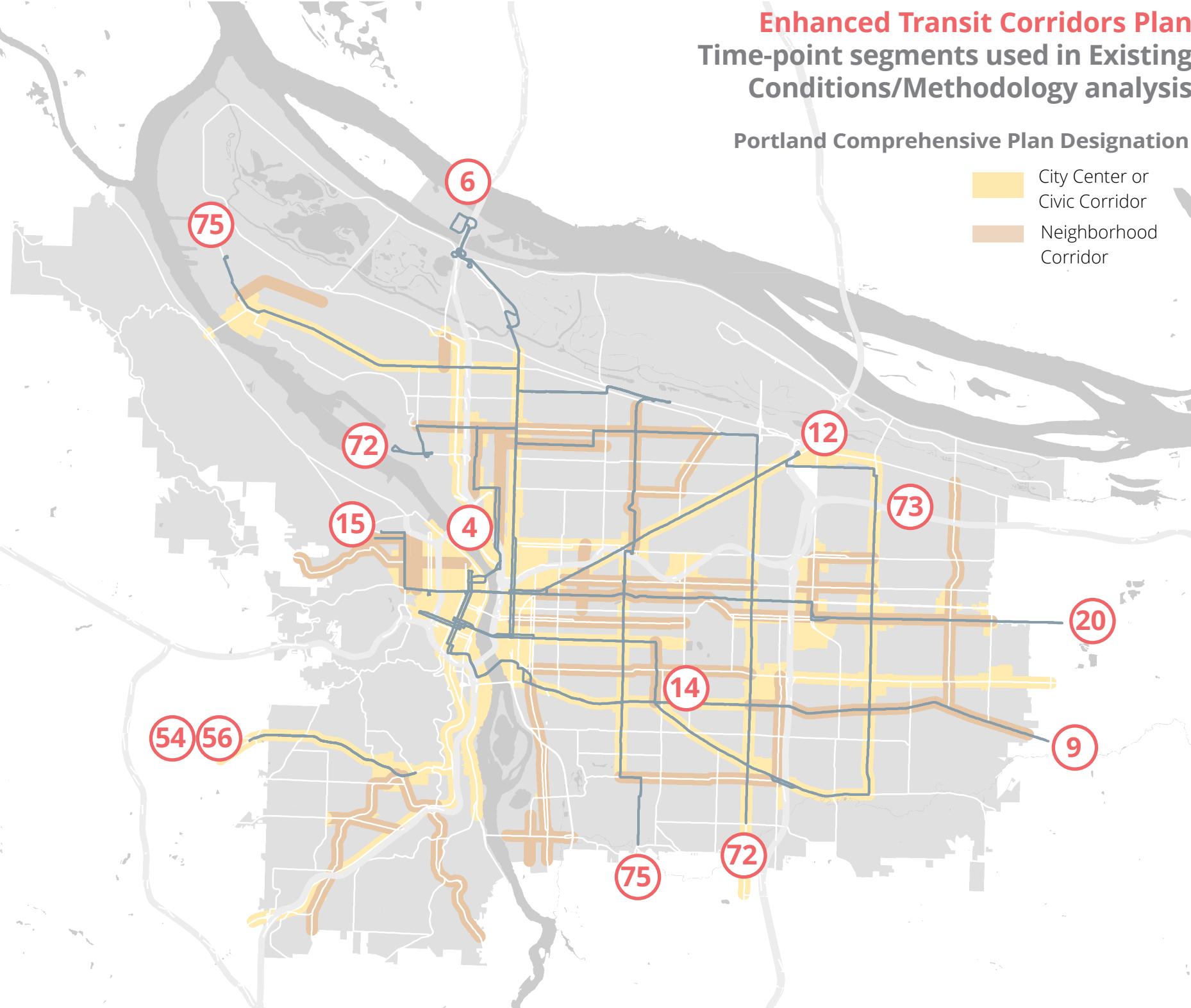


# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Time-point segments used in Existing Conditions/Methodology analysis

### Portland Comprehensive Plan Designation

- City Center or Civic Corridor
- Neighborhood Corridor

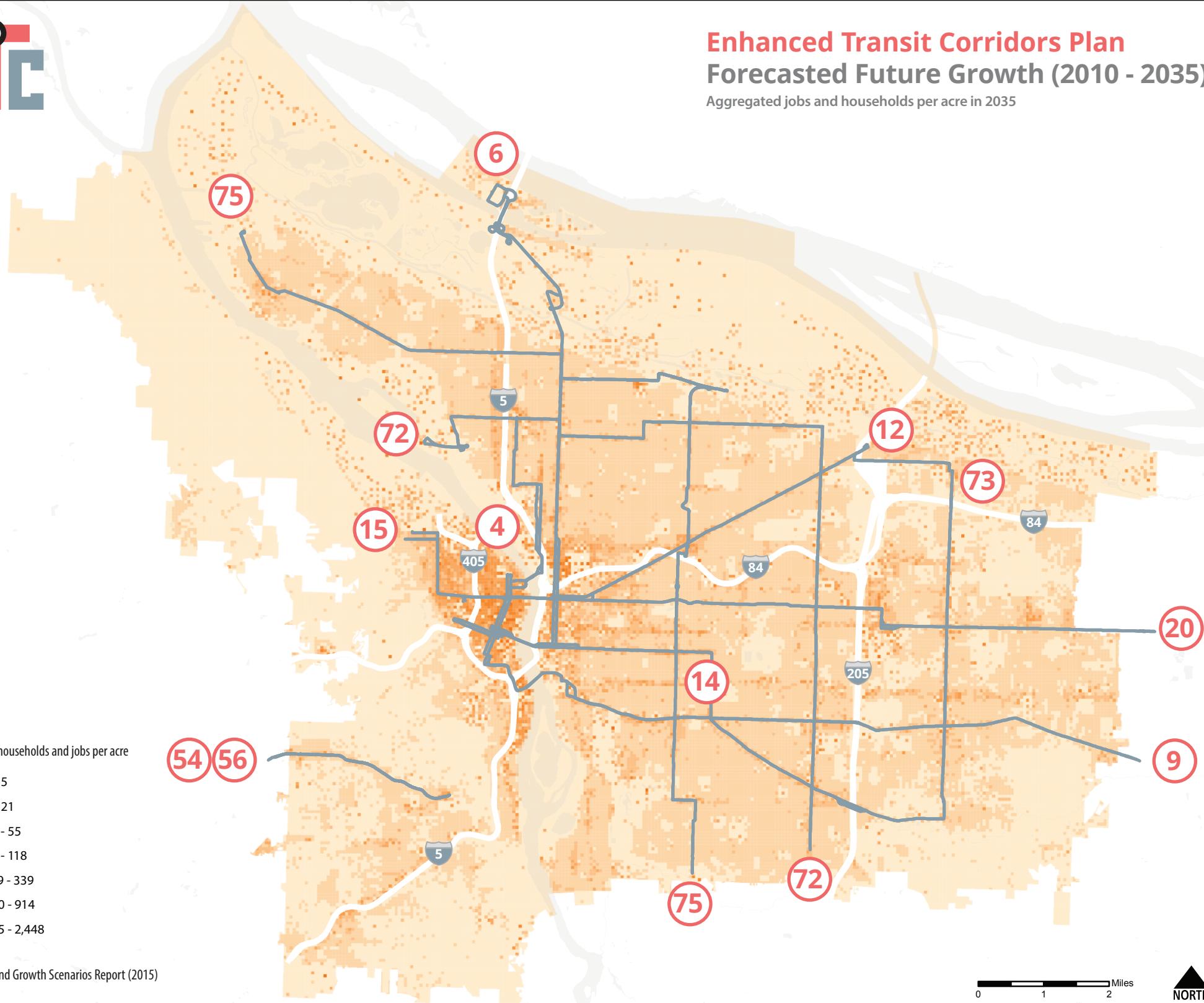




# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Forecasted Future Growth (2010 - 2035)

Aggregated jobs and households per acre in 2035

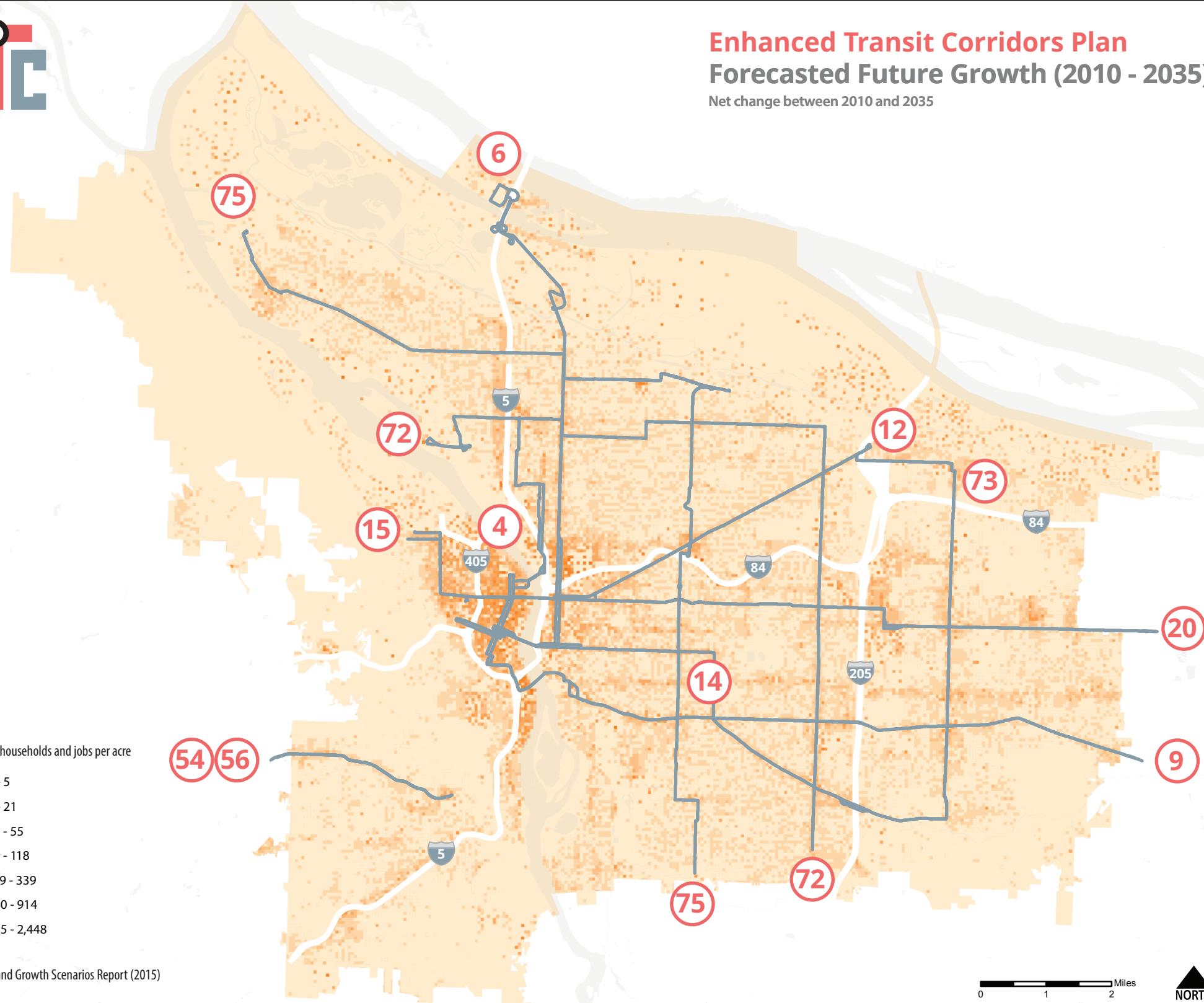




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## Forecasted Future Growth (2010 - 2035)

Net change between 2010 and 2035





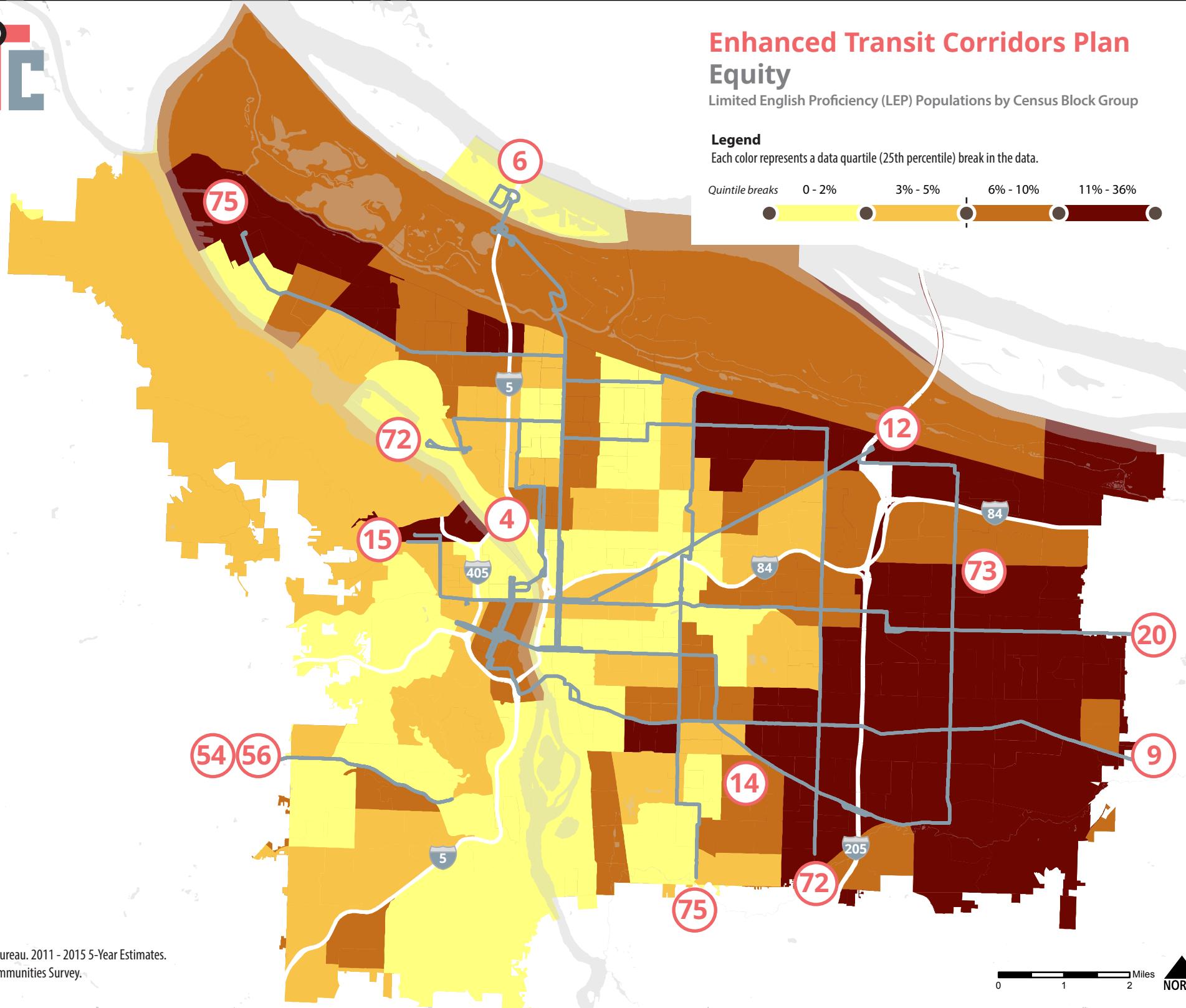
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## Equity

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Populations by Census Block Group

### Legend

Each color represents a data quartile (25th percentile) break in the data.





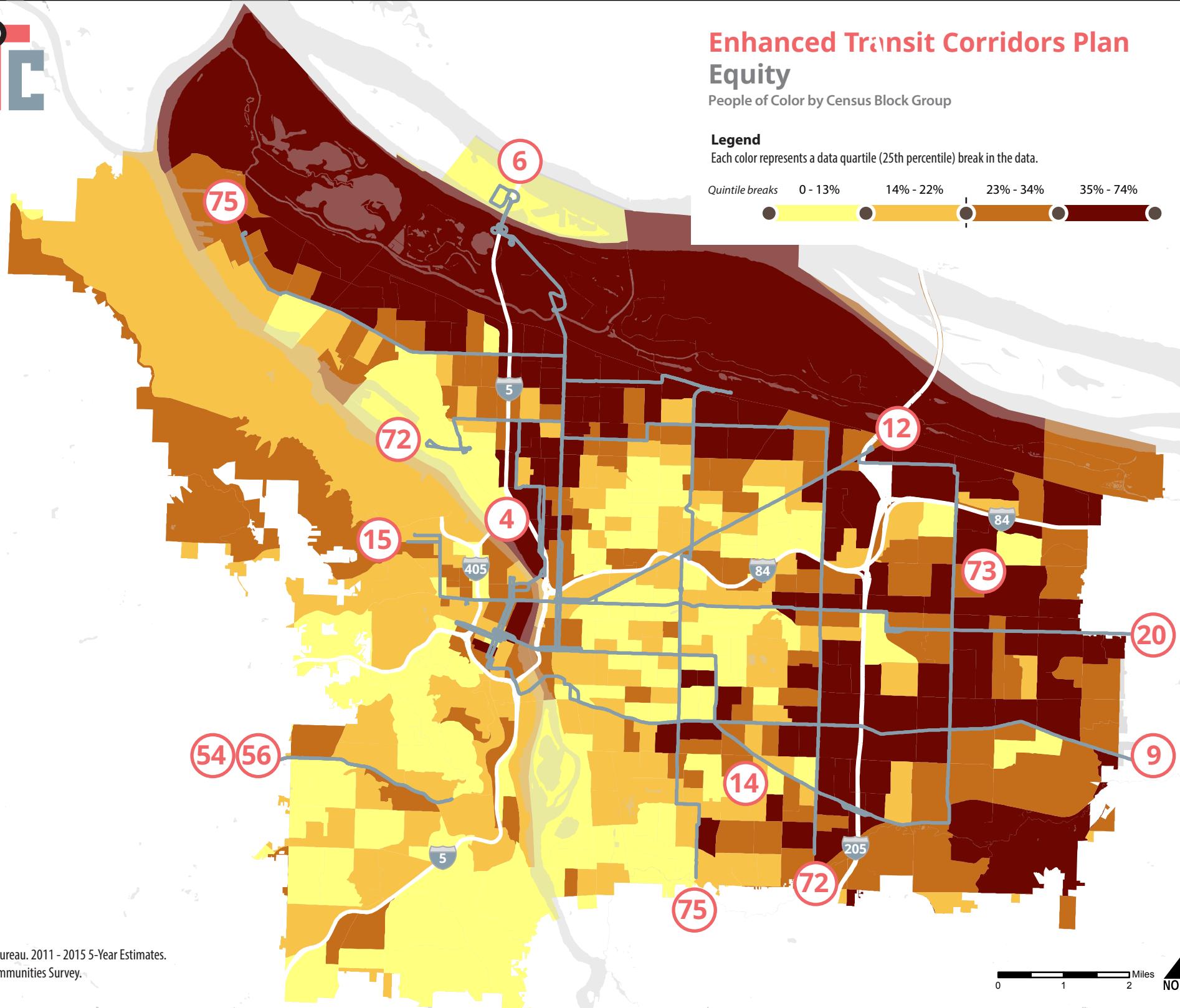
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## Equity

People of Color by Census Block Group

### Legend

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# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

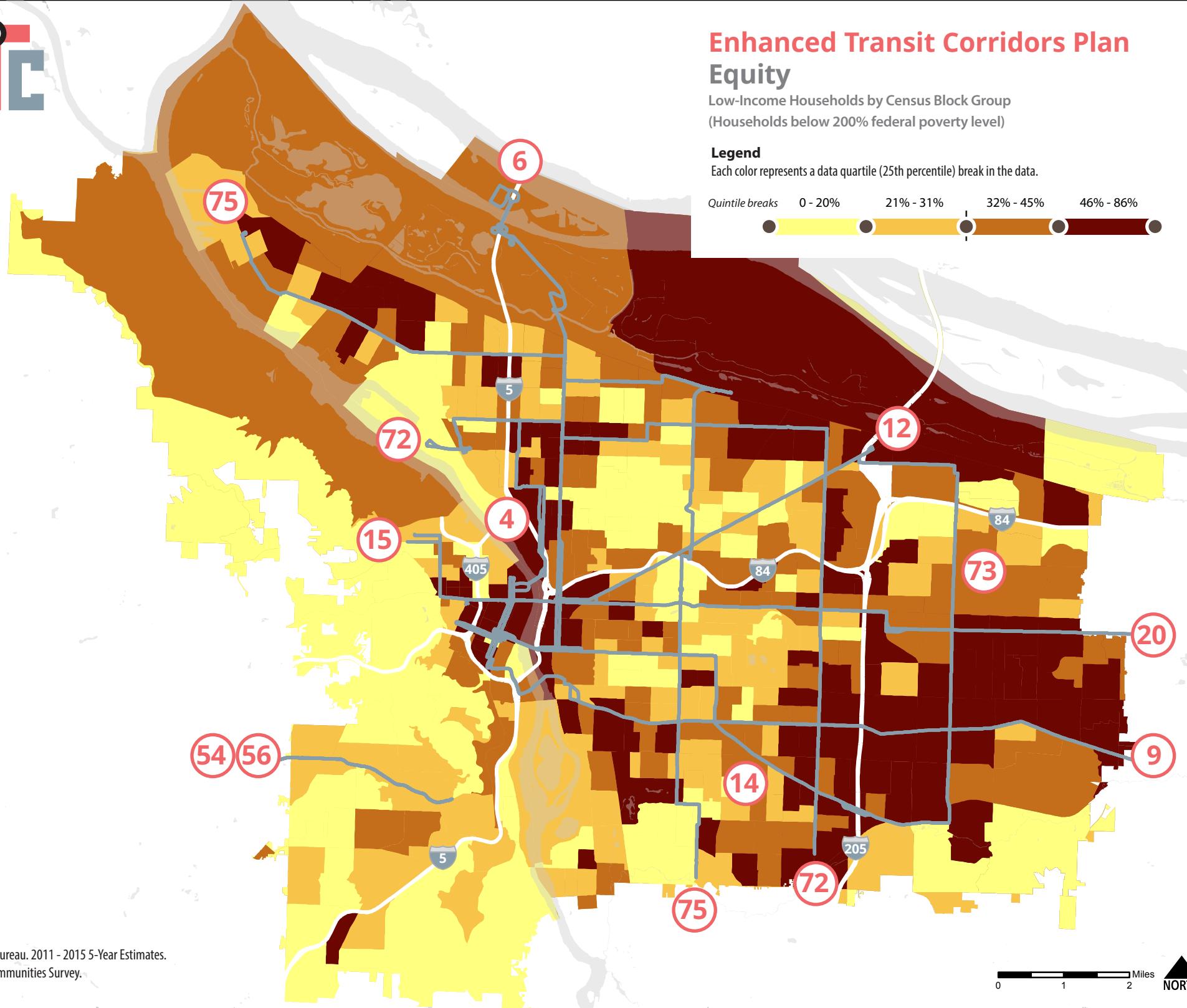
## Equity

Low-Income Households by Census Block Group

(Households below 200% federal poverty level)

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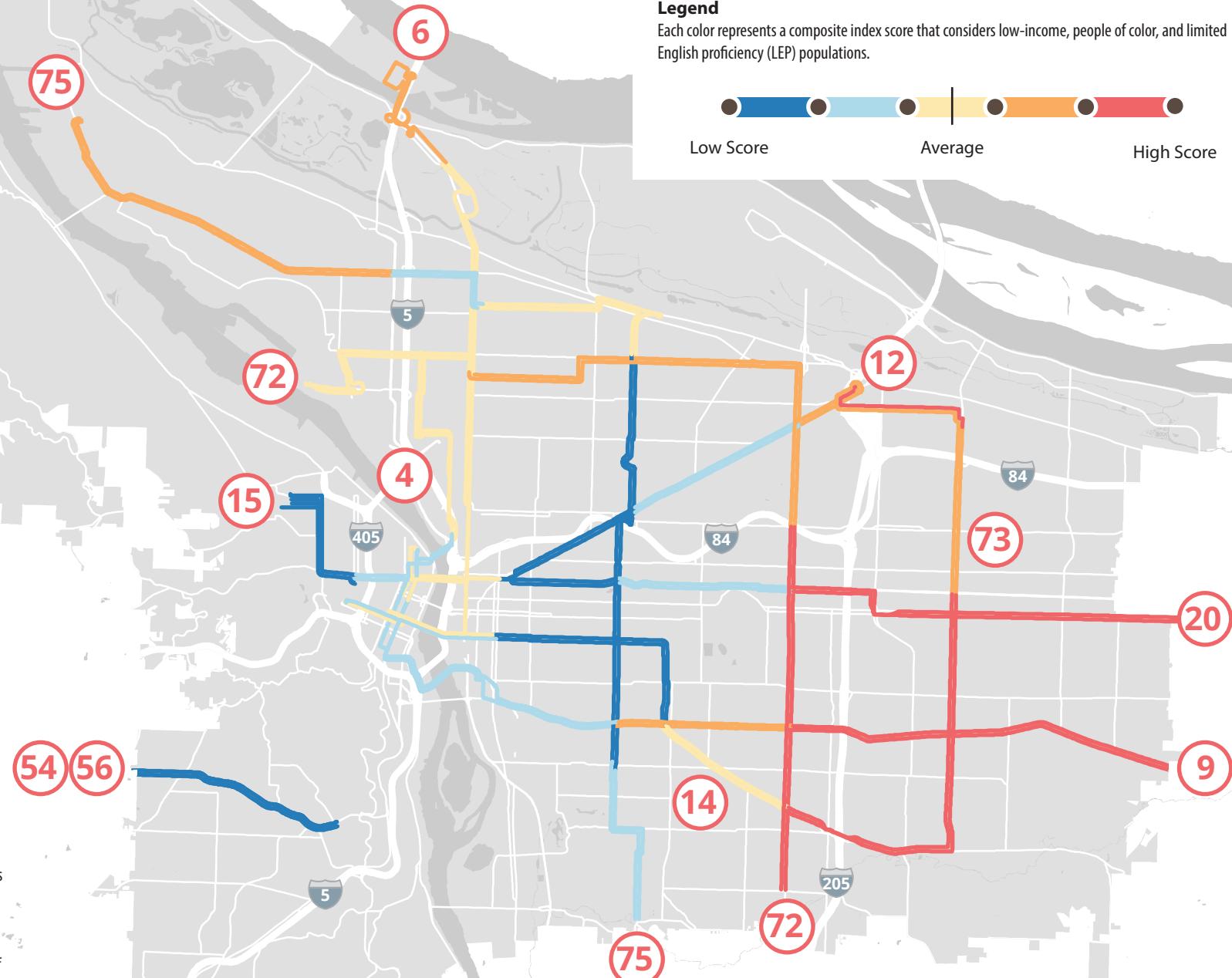
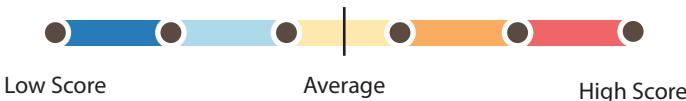
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## Equity

Low-income, people of color, and LEP Populations

### Legend

Each color represents a composite index score that considers low-income, people of color, and limited English proficiency (LEP) populations.



### Notes

1. Equity reports a composite score that measures the percentage of people of color, low-income (households below 200% federal poverty level), and limited English proficiency (LEP) populations. Scores are weighted towards areas with equity populations above the city-wide average.

2. A higher score indicates a greater concentration of equity priority communities and a greater need for transit improvements.





# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Future Growth (2010 - 2035)

Aggregated household and job growth

### Legend

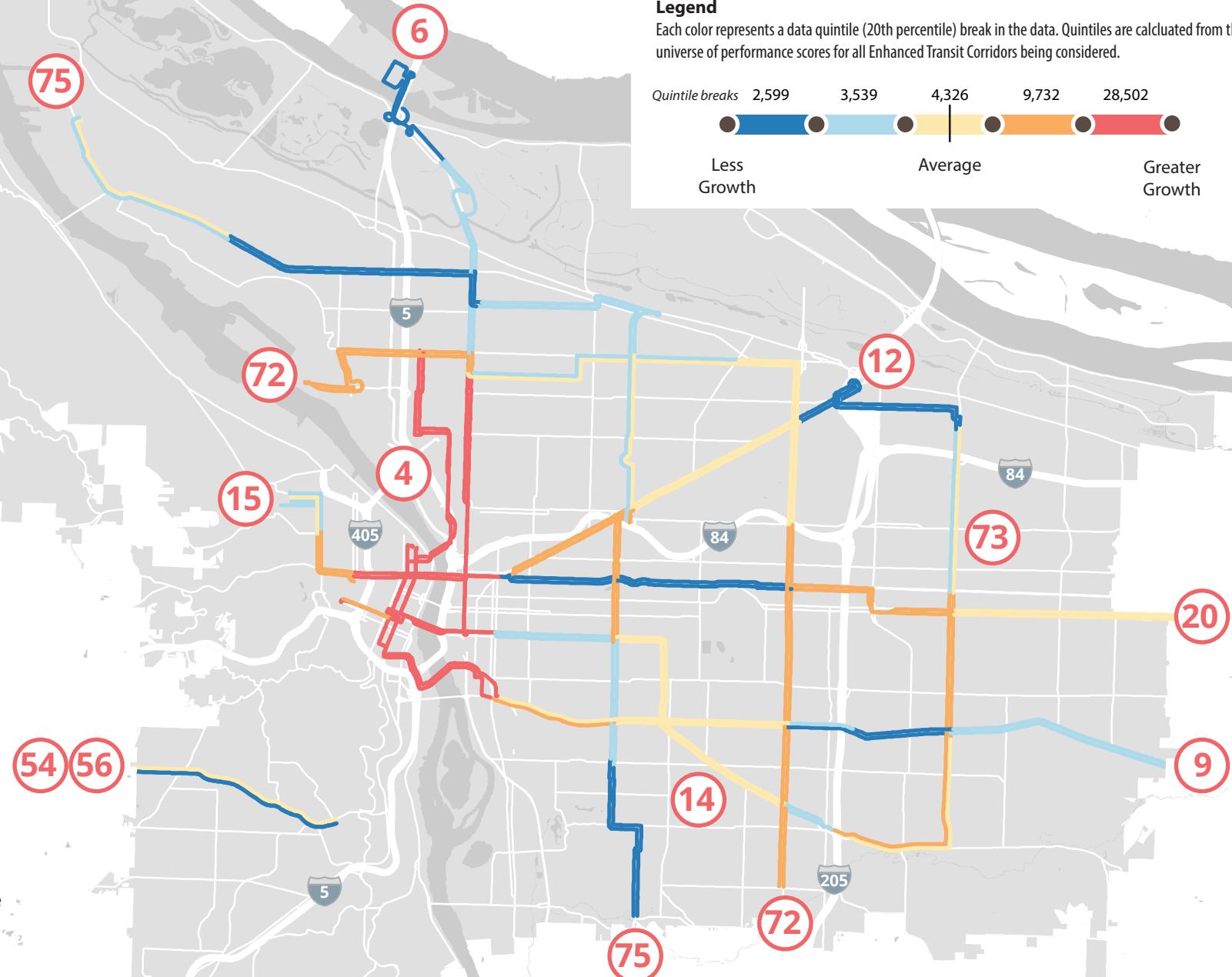
Each color represents a data quintile (20th percentile) break in the data. Quintiles are calculated from the universe of performance scores for all Enhanced Transit Corridors being considered.

Quintile breaks 2,599 3,539 4,326 9,732 28,502

Less  
Growth

Average

Greater  
Growth



### Notes

1. Future Growth measures aggregated household and job growth between base year (2010) and future year (2035) within a quarter mile of each ETC segment. The growth forecast is based on the Portland Comprehensive Plan 2035 Growth Scenario.

2. Greater growth indicates greater priority/need; Less Growth indicates lower priority/need





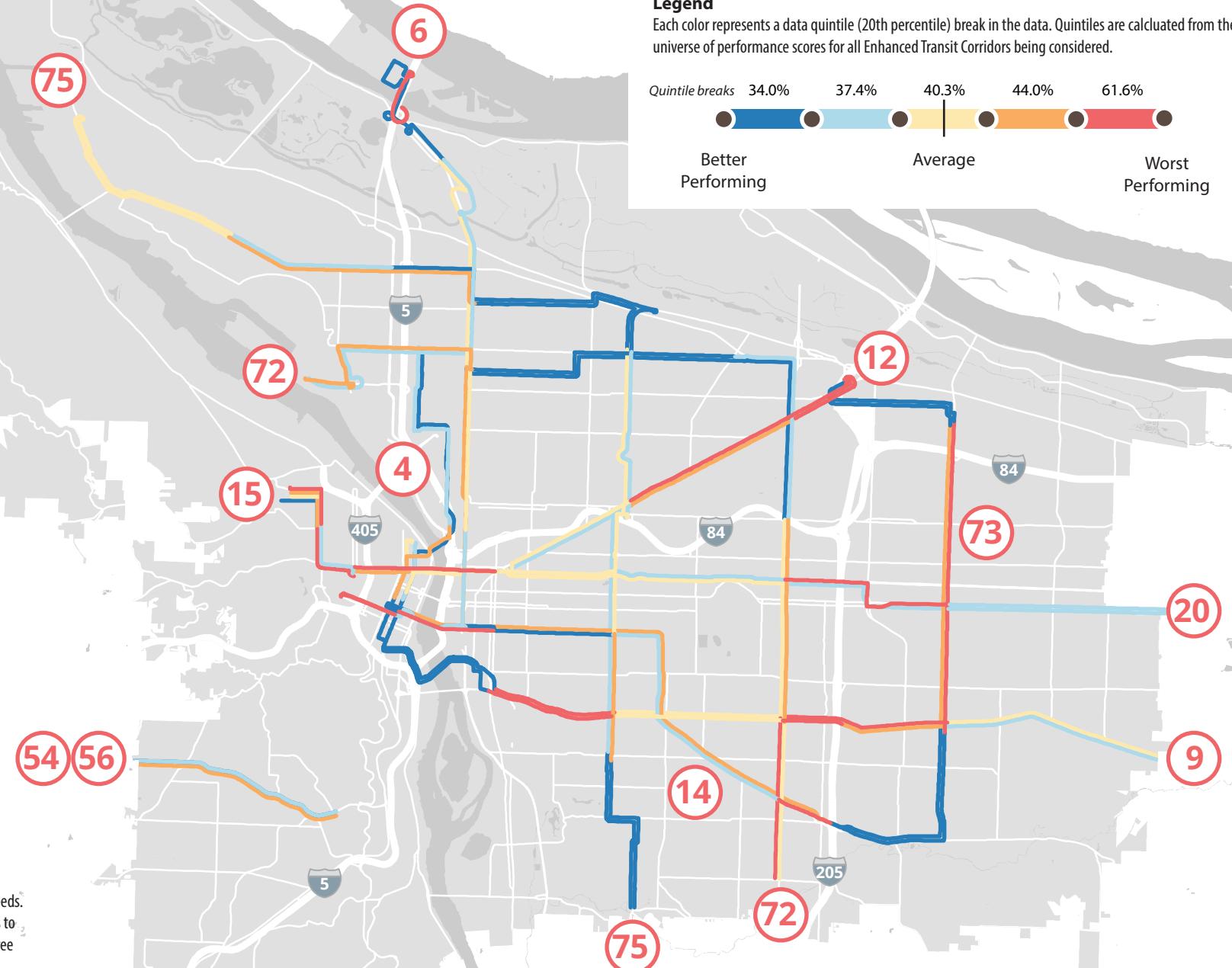
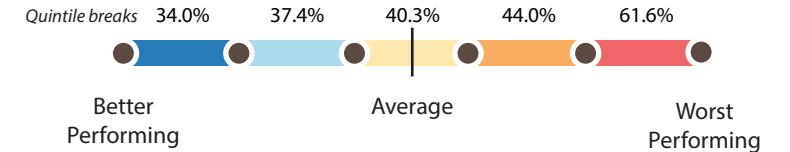
# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Reliability

Difference between 90th and 10th percentile revenue speeds

### Legend

Each color represents a data quintile (20th percentile) break in the data. Quintiles are calculated from the universe of performance scores for all Enhanced Transit Corridors being considered.



### Notes

1. Reliability is defined as the percent difference between the 90th and 10th percentile operating speeds. The greater the percentage, the longer the bus takes to travel during peak congested periods compared to free flow traffic conditions.

2. A higher percentage value indicates lower reliability -- and therefore a greater need for improvement.



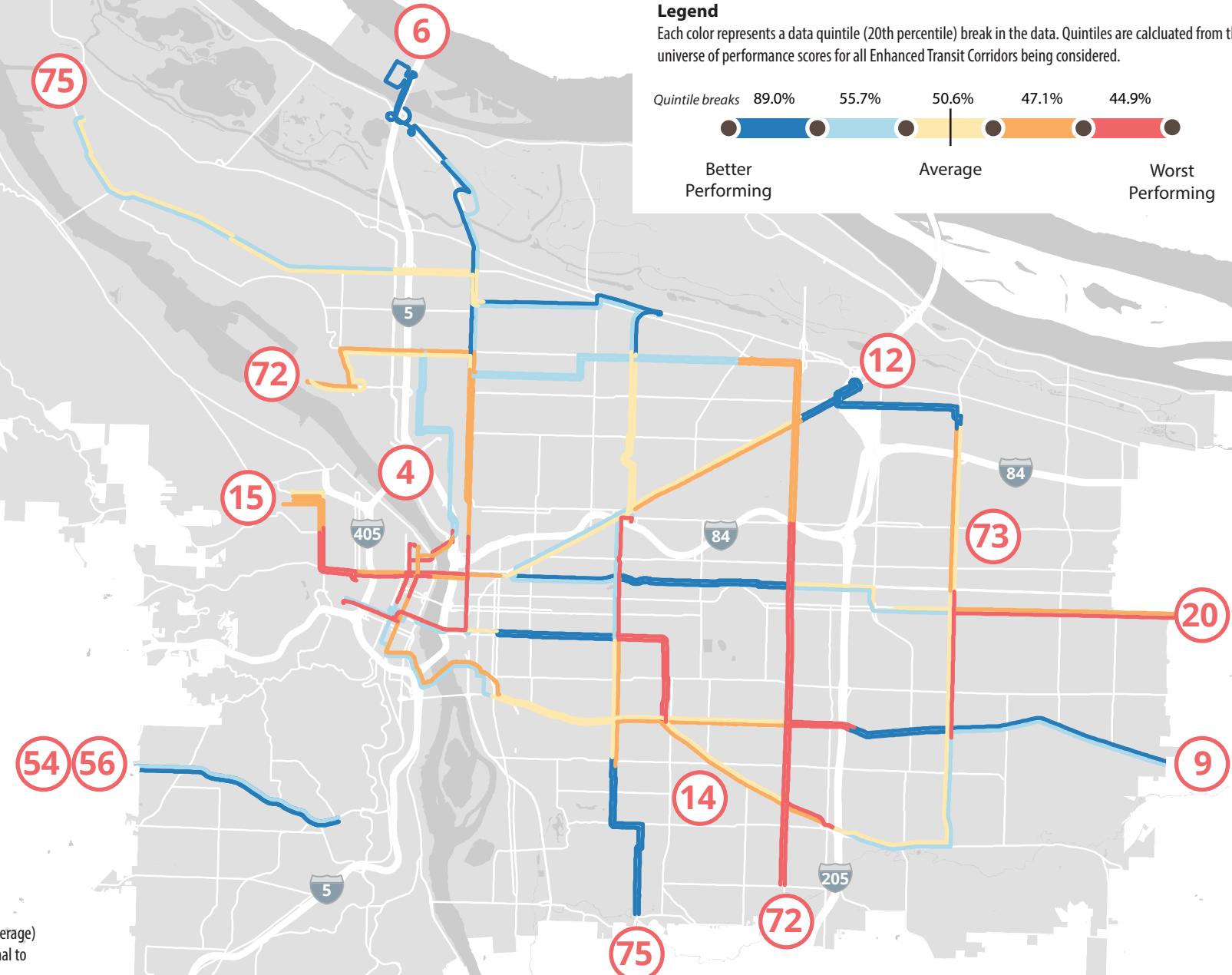
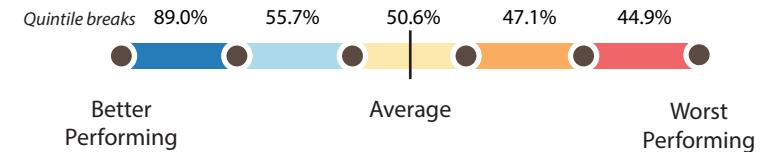
# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Transit Speed

Average speed as percentage of posted speed limit

### Legend

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### Notes

1. Transit speed is defined as the 50th percentile (average) operating speed (exclusive of dwell time) proportional to the posted speed limit along each ETC segment.
2. Lower percentage values indicate slower transit speeds -- and therefore a greater need for improvement.





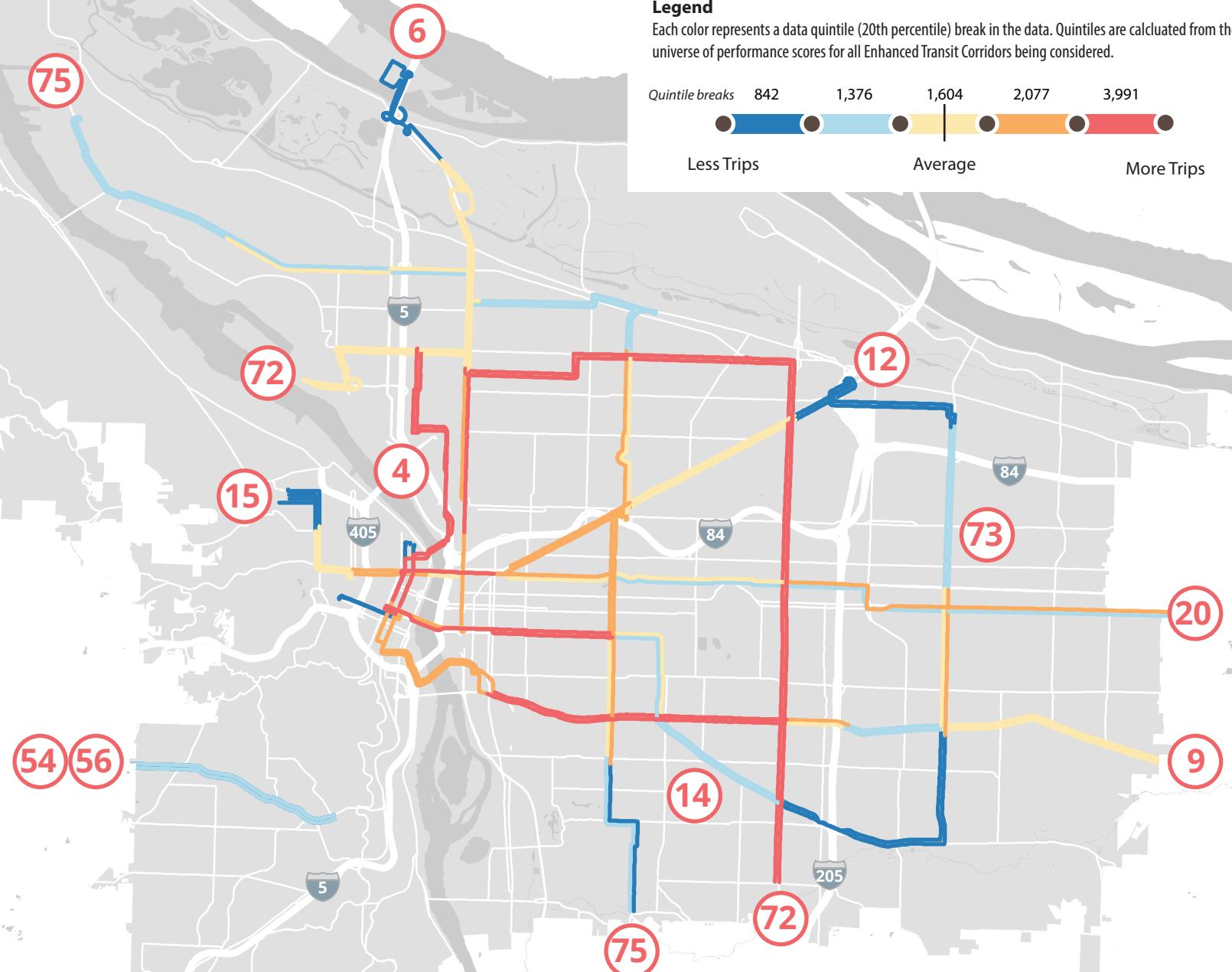
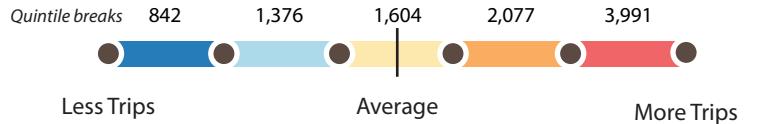
# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Average Existing Weekday Transit Trips

Entering load plus stop-level boardings in each direction

### Legend

Each color represents a data quintile (20th percentile) break in the data. Quintiles are calculated from the universe of performance scores for all Enhanced Transit Corridors being considered.



### Notes

1. Average Existing Weekday Transit Trips are calculated using the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Warrants ridership methodology. Trips are calculated by summing the average weekday passenger load entering the corridor and stop-level boardings along the line.

2. More trips indicates a greater priority/need; Less trips indicates lower priority/need





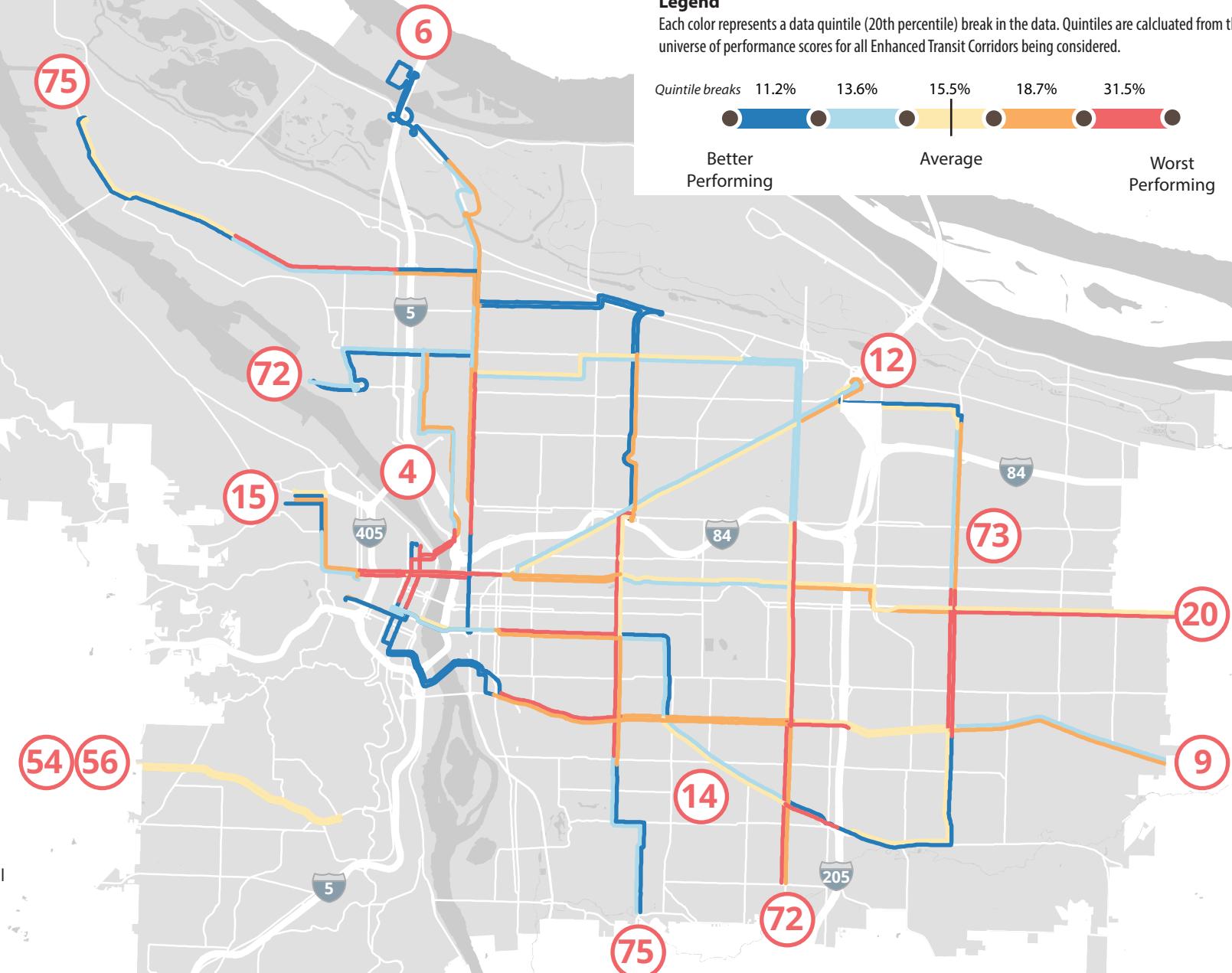
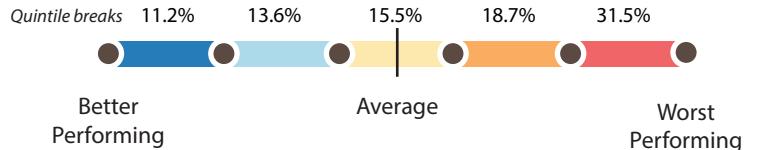
# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Dwell Time

Time spent stopped at bus stops

### Legend

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### Notes

1. Dwell time is defined as the 50th percentile dwell time proportional to the 50th percentile overall running time. This indicator describes open door time spent at bus stops.
2. A higher percentage value indicates greater time spent stopped at bus stops -- and therefore a greater need for improvement.



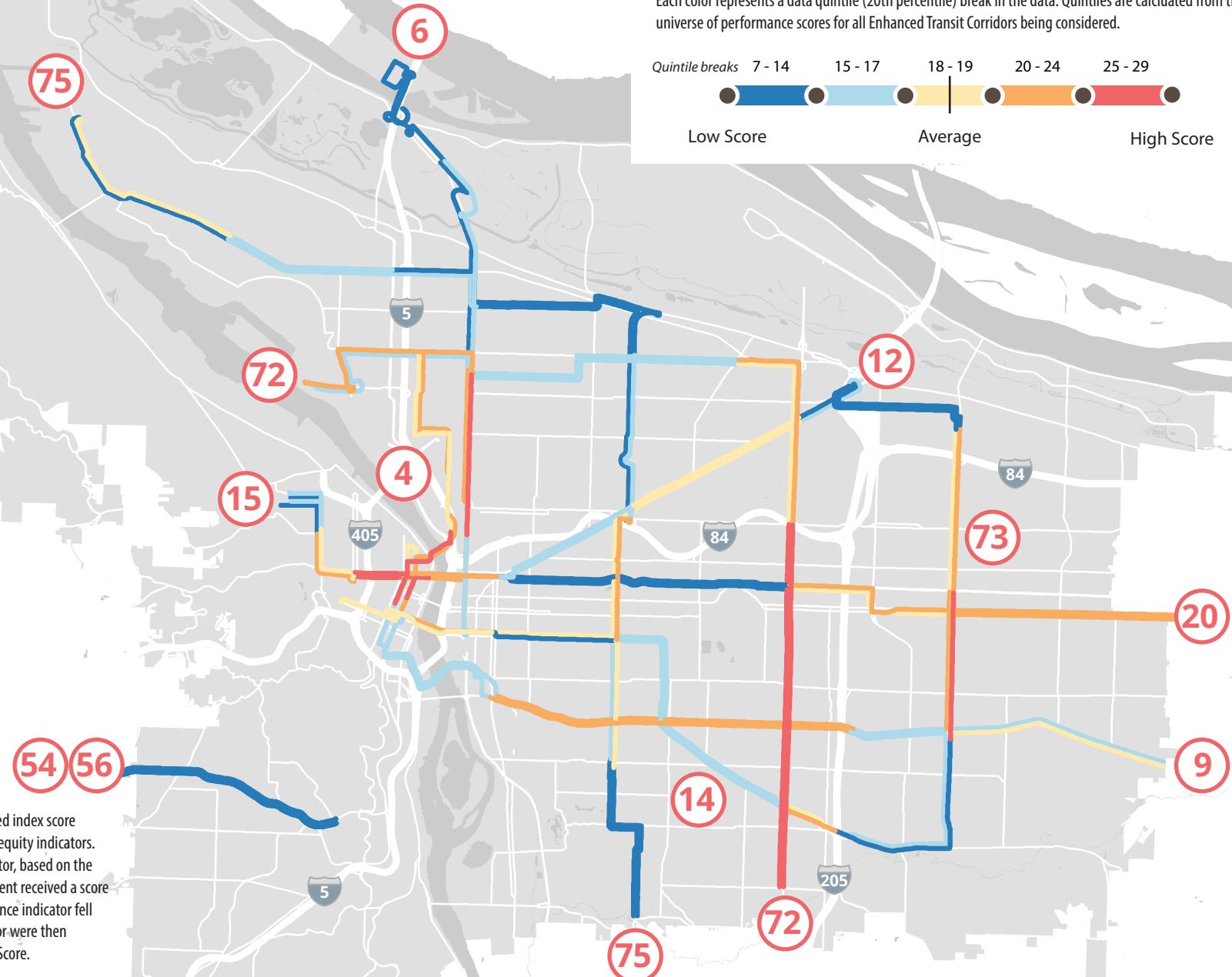
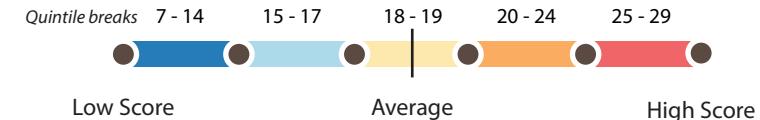


# Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan

## Methodology Total Score

### Legend

Each color represents a data quintile (20th percentile) break in the data. Quintiles are calculated from the universe of performance scores for all Enhanced Transit Corridors being considered.



### Notes

1. The Methodology Total Score reports an aggregated index score comprising transit performance, future growth, and equity indicators. Five percentile breaks were identified for each indicator, based on the indicator values for all ETC segments. Each ETC segment received a score between 1 and 5, depending on where the performance indicator fell within the percentile breaks. Scores for each indicator were then aggregated for each ETC segment to produce a Total Score.

2. A higher score indicates greater transit performance deficiency and a greater need for improvement based on future growth and equity considerations.



## Appendix D: Evaluation Results



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Line-Level  
Candidate Corridor Ranking

Candidate	Sum Score	Rank
4	41.94	1
72	41.80	2
9	37.90	3
20	37.71	4
12	36.46	5
14	34.85	6
73	34.40	7
6	34.16	8
15	31.36	9
75	27.95	10
54-56	21.99	11

Corridor-Level  
Portions of Candidate Corridor Ranking

### Top 5 Candidate Corridors

- Line 72 – 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave
- Line 4 – Vancouver/  
Williams/Mississippi
- Line 9 – Inner Powell
- Line 20 –  
Burnside/Stark
- Line 12 - Sandy

Segment-Level  
Individual Segment Ranking

### Top 5 Segments

- Line 72 – 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
(Flavel to Powell)
- Line 72 – 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
(Powell to MAX  
Station)
- Line 73 – 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
(Burnside to Powell)
- Line 20 – Burnside  
(NW 5<sup>th</sup> to NW 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Line 6 – MLK  
(Holladay to Alberta)

## Enhanced Transit Corridors

### Appendix D: Performance Breakdown by Segment – Quintile Classification

The specific quintile breaks used to color-code the “thermometer” graphics in the ETC Profile Sheets are provided below. The quintile breaks are rounded to the tenths place.

#### Reliability Quintiles

	Class (as indicated by colors)	Percentile	Break (rounded to the tenths place)
Better Performing	5	20%	34.0%
	4	40%	37.4%
Average	3	60%	40.3%
	2	80%	44.0%
Worst Performing	1	100%	61.6%

#### Transit Speed Quintiles

	Class (as indicated by colors)	Percentile	Break (rounded to the tenths place)
Worst Performing	1	20%	44.9%
	2	40%	47.1%
Average	3	60%	50.6%
	4	80%	55.7%
Better Performing	5	100%	89.0%

Due to rounding, there are certain corridor segments that are classified in different percentiles despite appearing to have the same whole percentage value on the ETC Profile Sheets. The specific instances where this occurs are detailed below:

#### Line 20 - Reliability

- E Burnside & SE 82nd - SE Stark & 122nd (44% on graphics, actually 44.3%) – Class 1
- W Burnside & NW 5th - W Burnside & NW 19<sup>th</sup> (44% on graphics, actually 43.6%) – Class 2

#### Line 12 – Transit Speed

- NE Sandy & 82nd - NE Sandy & 42nd (45% on graphics, actually 45.3%) – Class 2
- W Burnside & Burnside Bridge - SW 5th & Morrison (45% on graphics, actually 44.7%) – Class 1

#### Line 73 – Transit Speed

- NE 122nd & Shaver - SE 122nd & Burnside (47% on graphics, actually 47.5%) – Class 3
- SE 122nd & E Burnside - NE 122nd & Shaver (47% on graphics, actually 46.7%) – Class 2

#### Line 75 – Transit Speed

- SE Cesar Chavez Blvd & Hawthorne - Hollywood Transit Center – (51% on graphics, actually 50.61%) – Class 4
  - SE Cesar Chavez Blvd & Mall - SE Cesar Chavez Blvd & Hawthorne – (51% on graphics, actually 50.59%) – Class 3





