

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro in the amount of \$20,000 to provide funding for Momentum Alliance to conduct community engagement as part of the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance will authorize an intergovernmental agreement with Metro to fund community based organizations to grow the influence and empowerment of low-income households and communities of color in the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy (SWEDS) process. Metro awarded Momentum Alliance funding through its SWEDS pilot project program to help create two cross-generational leadership and training cohorts for both youth and adults. The Metro grant is funding one adult cohort, with additional funding being sought to fund the youth cohort. Together, the two cohorts will provide intergenerational cross-training, leadership training, and other resources to uplift the local community vision for the light rail project, focusing on how to minimize displacement and advance associated policies dedicated to social equity and racial justice. The project will measure the influence and empowerment of community members through surveys on the number of participants engaging in the political process and in contact with decision-makers, the level at which they become equipped and empowered to participate in the planning process, and an evaluation of skills developed over the one year program.

Other project partners including Unite Oregon, Community Alliance of Tenants, and OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon will provide additional training and community engagement coordination services. Momentum Alliance will lead this effort and these partners will be compensated with resources provided by Metro. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is contributing \$20,000 toward this effort to assist in the formation of the youth cohort. This participation will take the form of education of the cohort on housing and transportation policy, building the cohort members' skills, knowledge on navigating large transportation project decision-making processes with their communities, and facilitating cohort work sessions on prioritizing solutions to housing, workforce development, and transit challenges.

The organizing and outreach work conducted by Momentum Alliance will be used to help understand how Metro and the City of Portland can better respond to housing needs and prevent displacement in the corridor. The results of this work will be used to help develop solutions to address rising housing prices as the corridor changes with new transit investments. These solutions will build on the recommendations included in the SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2017-18 Budget includes ongoing funding for the Planning and Urban Design program. Funds are available within this program in cost object 9PN000000071.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The communities within the Southwest corridor will benefit from the organizing and outreach conducted by Momentum Alliance and the two cohorts. People recruited to participate in the cohorts—including youth, renters, and people of color—will learn more about the impact of a potential high-capacity light rail transit investment on affordability and displacement pressures. Information from the research will help to develop solutions to mitigate rising housing costs on low-income households in the corridor.

Many members of the community in the corridor have participated in the public engagement process for the Southwest Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy and will continue to do so through Metro’s SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy process. Metro’s support of Momentum Alliance’s cross-generational learning cohorts, in tandem with continuing broader engagement in the corridor, will continue to involve members of the community as part of the on-going planning in the corridor.

100% Renewable Goal:

If applicable, discuss how this action contributes to the City’s goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

- Does this action increase or decrease the City’s total energy use?
- Does this action increase or decrease the City’s renewable energy use?

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount