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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 28, 2018

To: Portland Design Commission

From: Hillary Adam, Design/Historic Review
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Re: Briefing – Division Transit Project
December 6, 2018

The Division Transit Project is intended to improve service between Gresham and downtown Portland along the Division Street bus route, which is one of the most heavily used transit lines in the city, with a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line. The 15-mile project will provide:

- Longer buses with room for 60% more riders;
- Multiple-door boarding for briefer stops;
- Expanded bus stations with amenities such as weather protection;
- Stations located where rider demand is greatest – minimizing travel times while providing important transit connections; and
- Transit signal priority – traffic signals prioritize bus travel, getting riders to their destinations faster.

Trimet and PBOT are working together to create a new set of Right-of-Way standards for these high-capacity transit lines. The presentation on December 6th will provide a big picture overview of the project and will also seek feedback on at least one element of the future standards – a bus shelter. Trimet will return in the Spring for additional feedback on their proposed ROW standards for this BRT line prior to their approval by the City Engineer.

Also, of note, Trimet and PBOT visited the Historic Landmarks Commission on November 19th and presented the findings of their Section 106 analysis which highlights potential adverse effects on historic and cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effects. No adverse effects on historic and cultural resources were identified within the project area, to which the State Historic Preservation Office concurred. The Historic Landmarks Commission is currently drafting a letter of support to submit within the 30-day comment period for the Section 106 review.

Links: [Division Transit Project homepage](https://trimet.org/division/)
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Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or seek clarification. Thank you.