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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2019
To: Portland Design Commission
From: Hillary Adam, Design/Historic Review
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Re: Briefing – Division Transit Project
September 19, 2019

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 project team was previously before the Design Commission on December 6, 2018. The summary of that briefing is attached.

Please also refresh your memory by reviewing the presentation from the 2018 briefing by viewing the applicant's presentation here: <https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/12505355/>.

It is staff's understanding that the project team will update the Design Commission on the latest design of the transit stops, but that little has changed from the previously presented designs.

Because these will become "standard improvements in the ROW" not subject to Design Review, Design Commission endorsement of the design is required.

In order for these improvements in the ROW to not be subject to Design Review, they must be approved and adopted as ROW standards before permits can be issued.

Links: Division Transit Project homepage
<https://trimet.org/division/>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or seek clarification. Thank you.