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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2020
To: Portland Historic Landmarks Commission
From: Hillary Adam, Design / Historic Review
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Re: Briefing on SW Corridor – Conceptual Design Report
Historic Landmarks Commission – March 23, 2020

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project will extend light rail from Downtown Portland to Bridgeport Village in Tigard. Construction may begin as early as 2021.

Representatives from Trimet, PBOT, and Metro are currently reaching out to stakeholders to discuss the [SW Corridor Conceptual Design Report](#) which “presents the goals and preliminary designs of the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project based on community and partner input from the past several years. It describes and illustrates the overall urban design vision as well as the conceptual designs for stations, major structures, and other key corridor improvements.”

“An environmental review of the project is also underway. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published in June 2018, initiating a public comment period. Together the DEIS analysis and public comments informed the selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative in November 2018. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) – expected to be published in the summer of 2020 – will respond to feedback and define the project scope, impacts, and mitigations.”

On March 23rd, representatives from Trimet, PBOT, and Metro will brief the Historic Landmarks Commission with the current status of the project, including discussion of the Locally Preferred Alternative which includes the selected route along Barbur, as well as improvements to the SW Naito interchange with the Ross Island Bridge on/off ramps.

Please see pages 5-7 for the Executive Summary of the Conceptual Design Report. Stations within the city limits of Portland end at 53rd Avenue; the Project Scope noted on pages 6-7 describes other aspects of the project that would be of interest to the Commission. Other areas of particular interest to the commission are highlighted in the applicant’s memo, dated March 10, 2020.

The project team intends to visit the Historic Landmarks Commission again in May 2020 for a more in-depth discussion of the FEIS and potential impacts to listed and not-listed historic resources along the project’s alignment. The May Briefing will provide the Commission the opportunity to learn which resources have been identified as potentially eligible, which of these resources may be acquired in whole or in part, and to discuss potential mitigation measures with the project team.

Encl:

Project Partner memo, March 10, 2020

Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project – Conceptual Design Report

Summary from June 11, 2018 Briefing