

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Cities of Lake Oswego and Portland
- Clackamas and Multnomah counties
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Portland Streetcar Inc.
- TriMet
- Metro



Choosing an alternative

Project partners have been working to develop a transit project that meets future travel demand between Lake Oswego and Portland, supports local and regional land use plans, and garners public acceptance and community support.

The process began with a wide range of alternatives that included bus, rail and river transit as well as widening or using reversible auto lanes on Highway 43. After discussion with the community-based project advisory committee and the public, in addition to technical analysis, the list of alternatives was narrowed to three alternatives: no-build, enhanced bus and rapid streetcar.

For the past few months, project partners have been completing a detailed analysis of the benefits and trade-offs of the three alternatives as well as different design options for the streetcar alternative. This analysis will soon be published for review and comment as the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The publication occurs ahead of the determination of the Locally Preferred Alternative.

What do you think?

Which mix of benefits and trade-offs from the no-build, enhanced bus and streetcar alternatives offers the best transit option to meet the transportation needs for the corridor?

With the publication of the DEIS expected in fall 2010, project partners will ask the public to review and comment on the analysis results during the 45-day comment period to help decision-makers choose a Locally Preferred Alternative.

You'll have a chance to visit open houses and the project website for details about the project and the DEIS analysis, and comment online or at public hearing.

Decision-making timeline*

November	November-January	January-February
DEIS published	Open houses and public hearing	Partner agency action on
Comment period begins	Community advisory committee recommendation	Locally Preferred Alternative recommendation
	Comment period ends	
	Comment report published	

*Updated Sept. 28, 2010

Locally Preferred Alternative

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analysis allows the public and decision-makers to thoroughly evaluate the alternatives (no-build, enhanced bus or rapid streetcar) and design (route) options that provide the best solutions to transportation needs in the corridor. The DEIS analyzes benefits and trade-offs of the physical characteristics, operating plans, ridership, revenues and social and environmental impacts.

The favored solution is identified as the Locally Preferred Alternative, which will advance to preliminary engineering and is further analyzed in a Final Environmental Impact Statement. The FEIS will respond to the substantive comments received from the public and other government agencies during the DEIS comment period. The FEIS will also define and commit the project to mitigation of impacts as identified in preliminary engineering.

Determining the Locally Preferred Alternative

The project steering committee will consider public comments, the DEIS analysis and recommendations from the community advisory committee and project management group to develop a Locally Preferred Alternative recommendation. The steering committee recommendation will be considered by the Lake Oswego and Portland planning commissions and city councils as well as elected or appointed officials at Clackamas and Multnomah counties, Portland Streetcar Inc., TriMet and Oregon Department of Transportation.

Once confirmed by partner agencies, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, a 17-member committee of elected officials and agency representatives that make recommendations to the Metro Council on transportation needs in the region. The JPACT recommendation will advance to the Metro Council for final adoption.

Find out more

Learn more about the project, process and previous analyses at www.oregonmetro.gov/lakeoswego. To sign up for e-mail updates and notifications, send e-mail to trans@oregonmetro.gov or call 503-797-1756.

Community advisory committee

The committee has been meeting monthly since fall 2009 to learn about the topics covered in the DEIS, provide feedback on the analysis, discuss the emerging themes from the data and, ultimately, provide a recommendation to the project steering committee on a Locally Preferred Alternative.

The community advisory committee includes members from the Johns Landing area, the unincorporated areas of Multnomah and Clackamas counties, Lake Oswego and interest groups such as the bicycle, pedestrian and transit-dependant communities.

Community advisory committee meetings are open to the public, and meeting information is available on the project website.

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