# Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project

- Process to Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
- Reasons to Support LPA
- Capital Financing
- Benefits to Portland and Region

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• Draft Environmental Impact **Statement** (DEIS) issued in November 2010 60-day Public Comment ended Jan. 31



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#### **Support and Endorsements**

- North Macadam URAC January 13th
- South Portland Neighborhood Association January 17th
- Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee January 24th
- Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee January 24th
- LOPT Community Advisory Committee February 7<sup>th</sup>
- LOPT Project Management Group February 16<sup>th</sup>
- LOPT Steering Committee Feb 28th
- LO Chamber of Commerce March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Planning and Sustainability Commission March 8th
- Lake Oswego City Council April 19<sup>th</sup>

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 LPA recommends the streetcar mode and the Macadam-in-street option in Johns Landing



- City Council and project partners endorsement of the LPA advances project to next steps
- PBOT recommends additional tasks to inform FTA New Starts application (summer/fall 2011)
  - Additional engineering studies and narrowing of design options
  - Higher confidence level cost estimate, schedule and funding plan
  - Report back to City Council
  - Prepare New Starts application (early 2012)
    - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will evaluate New Starts application and prepare a New Starts rating for the project
- City Council decision needed to enter PE in spring
  2013

# **Process: Project Timeline**

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- Completion of the DEIS is the first step in a long process
- LPA Process will decide which option to advance to PE/FEIS Does not represent final approval of the project
- Multiple future opportunities to approve the project

#### Reasons to Support LPA Uses publicly owned WSL ROW

- In 1988 local leaders had the foresight to purchase Willamette Shore Line right of way between downtown Portland and Lake Oswego
- That \$2 million investment was part of a long-term vision to bring high capacity transit choices to all parts of our region
- Willamette Shore Line is worth about \$80 million today, a 39 to one return on investment (ROI)
- The region has seriously evaluated the most effective use of this asset with the DEIS



#### Reasons to Support LPA Focused Higher Density Development in Centers

- Consistent with local and regional land use and development goals and objectives
  - John's Landing Main Street
  - Lake Oswego Town Center and Foothills
- Orients density to existing services within the urban growth boundary



#### Reasons to Support LPA Building system connectivity

- Supports Metro's High Capacity Transit network
  - Adopted by JPACT and Metro Council June 2010
- Next regional priority HCT project

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First rapid streetcar project



### Reasons to Support LPA Hwy 43 capacity is limited

- Historic and projected traffic congestion
- Increasing transit travel times and deteriorating reliability
- Increasing transit operating expenses
- Topographic, geographic and built environment constraints
- WSL is unique opportunity in constrained Southwest quadrant







\* No-build does not meet future demand of 8,590

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#### Reasons to Support LPA Faster Service

- The streetcar would offer the fastest travel times
- In the 2035 peak hour between Lake Oswego and PSU, the streetcar would:
  - ✓ Provide a 33 minute walk and streetcar travel time
  - ✓ Save 9-13 minutes of total travel time over the No Build
  - ✓ Be 6-10 minutes faster than the Enhanced Bus

#### Reasons to Support LPA Lowest operating costs

The regional streetcar service would be operated by TriMet at lower cost than the enhanced bus

(in 2010 dollars)	Corridor streetcar	Corridor bus	Total corridor transit	Change from no-build
No-build	n/a	\$26,710,000	\$26,710,000	n/a
Enhanced bus	n/a	\$29,500,000	\$29,500,000	\$2,790,000
Streetcar	\$3,780,000	\$24,180,000	\$27,960,000	\$1,250,000

#### Difference between streetcar and enhanced bus \$1,540,000 annually

•Streetcar costs reflect service between Lowell Street in Portland (the current streetcar terminus) and Lake Oswego as well as increased service on the existing alignment to support greater passenger loads resulting from the extension to Lake Oswego.

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#### Reasons to Support LPA Regional Bus Service Unaffected

"TriMet is committed to restoring productive bus service as the economy recovers."

Because it is cheaper to operate the streetcar than meet the projected demand with bus service, "TriMet would have more resources to operate service elsewhere in the region *with* the streetcar alternative than without it."

Letter from TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane to LOPT Steering Committee, March 16, 2011

# **Capital Financing**

DEIS Estimated Project Cost Range (2010\$): \$290M-\$350M

- Includes ROW, streetcar vehicles needed in 2035
- LPA Estimated Project Costs (2010\$): \$205M to \$242M
- Based on narrowed alignment options
- Streetcar vehicles needed for first 10 years
- Excludes ROW value





- local, regional and state
- Right of way donations
- Federal funds



# **Capital Financing**

- Financed by Federal, State and Local Revenues
- \$14M estimated capital cost to City
  - John's Landing Local Improvement District
  - Potential SDC and General Transportation Revenue contribution
  - Includes South Portal transit improvements
- No Urban Renewal Area funds will be used

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# **Capital Financing**

 Value of WSL will be used as local match to FTA New Starts Grant

\$80M estimated current ROW value

\$30M other local match

\$110M Total local match

# **Benefit: Streetcar in John's Landing**

- First streetcar extension beyond Central City
- Links South Waterfront to John's Landing neighborhood services including a major grocery
  - Will energize Macadam businesses



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# Benefit: Development Potential



Within 3 blocks of streetcar alignment:

- 142 acres
  - 476 parcels
  - 27% vacant land
- 1.8 M SF Bldg (2025)
  - 1.2M Commercial
  - 740 Housing Units
  - 2,170 Permanent Jobs



# Benefit: Development Potential

- 1.2M Commercial
  - \$360M construction value\$300/S.F.
- 740 Housing Units

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\$185M construction value
 \$250K/Unit

City contribution of \$14M helps catalyze \$545M Private Investment w/in 3 blocks

 Coordinate with BPS and PHB for affordable housing



# Benefit: Development Potential

- Estimated property tax revenue from potential development = \$7M annually
- Estimated SDC revenue from potential development= \$5.2M

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#### **Benefit: Addresses Climate Change**

- 2035 Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Emissions
  Streetcar
  - -40.51 to 42.12 tons/day reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Enhanced Bus (25.40 tons/day reduction)
- 2035 Fuel Consumption in the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Corridor
  - Streetcar
    - 58,000 to 66,400 gallons/year reduction
    - Enhanced Bus (13,500 gallons/year reduction)

### **Benefit: Local Streetcars, Local Jobs**

- Purchase streetcars from Oregon Iron Works
  - 6 new streetcars initially needed for transit service creates 90 jobs
- Transit Capital Construction
  - Est. 1480 construction jobs associated with the transit project (DEIS)
- Development Project
   Construction
  - Est. 6 jobs per million of construction
  - \$545M = 3,000
    construction jobs

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# **Benefit: Competing to Compatible Interests**

- WSL connects urban growth centers along constrained transportation corridor
- WSL runs parallel/through 2.5 mile Portland Parks corridor, BES properties
- Will coordinate Sellwood Bridge, transit and trail projects with Parks Bureau and BES objectives
- Project will be designed in consultation with Parks and BES
   staff



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# Benefit: Neighborhood Agreement

 Removes transit from Condo area

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- Converts WSL ROW in Condo area to pedestrian and bicycle use
- Enhances Willamette Greenway
- Provides traffic calming on Macadam
- Agreement after 23 years of disagreement





### Summary

- Adoption of the LPA expresses City Council preference to the transit mode and the alignment in Johns Landing
- LPA est. project costs: \$205 \$242M (2010 \$)
  - The Willamette Shoreline Right of Way represents about 75 percent of the local match to state and federal funds
  - City and project staff to conduct additional work to inform FTA New Starts application and provide a report to Council by January 2012

# Streetcar phasing options-South Waterfront A: South Waterfront - Willamette Shore Line phasing option 27



- Moody/Bond couplet extension

Streetcar alignment common for all options

Streetcar options



