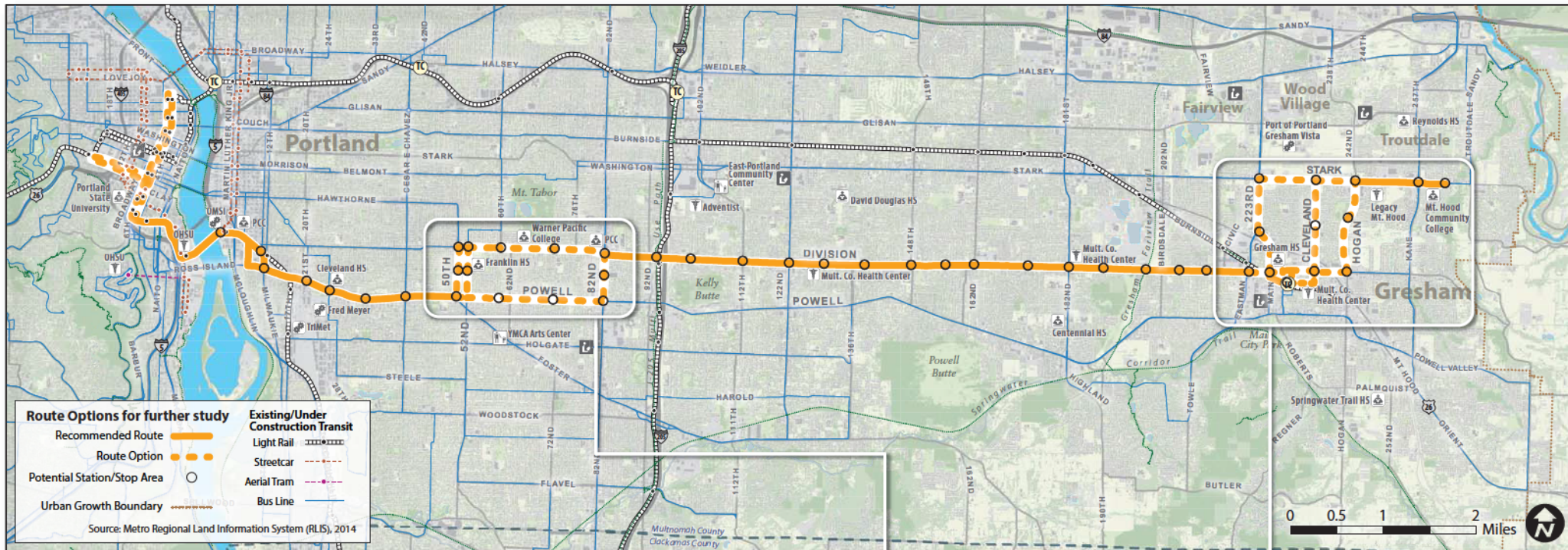




# Powell-Division Transit and Development Project: Route Options



The Powell-Division Transit and Development project will bring improvements that save riders time and provide a higher quality service beyond today's Frequent Service. We are studying a range of bus options, routes that connect Gresham and Portland, and ways to improve walking and biking access along the route.

- Key Features of Bus Rapid Transit**
- Larger buses that carry more passengers
  - Larger stations with amenities like real-time travel information, ticket machines, security features, ADA accessible platforms and art
  - Buses and stations designed for faster boarding
  - Service at least every 15 minutes, with more frequent service during the peak commute hours

**Portland North/South Crossover Options**

The new line could transition between Powell and Division in Southeast Portland using one of the following:

- 50th or 52nd avenues are similar to each other, connecting destinations along Division but missing the burgeoning Jade District along 82nd Ave.
- 82nd Ave. would connect the busy transit stops on both Powell and Division and connect to PCC and the Jade District.

**Gresham North/South Options**

The new line could connect Downtown Gresham, the Transit Center and Mt Hood Community College using one of the following:

- The 223rd option would travel north on Main and Fairview Drive then continue on 223rd to Stark.
- Cleveland Ave. is residential and would connect to destinations on Stark St.
- Hogan Rd. also connects to destinations on Stark St.



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May 13, 2015

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RE: Support for the project development phase of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project

Dear Ms. Bennett:

The Powell-Division Transit and Development project is an important investment for the City of Portland. This project will provide needed improvements to our transportation system and make public transit more convenient and reliable. Implementation of the Powell-Division Action Plan will support related transportation investments along Powell Boulevard and Division Street, and reinforces elements of the City's proposed 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update. Additionally, this project complements new east Portland safety improvements like the outer Powell conceptual design plan and frequent service on 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave, priority projects identified in the East Portland in Motion 5 year strategy and East Portland Action Plan.

Based on the shared vision developed in the planning phase of this project, the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project is beginning project development in FY 15/16 in anticipation of submitting a Small Starts grant in 2017 for full funding. The project development phase will include initiating preliminary engineering, completion of environmental approvals required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), identifying a final Locally Preferred Alternative, and developing a project finance plan. Project development expenses will be shared among partners.

The City of Portland supports moving forward into the project development phase. The City's commitment to high capacity transit in the Powell-Division Corridor includes staff resources to continue project development and anticipated contribution of an estimated \$2,000,000 in Transportation System Development Charges (SDCs) in FY 15/16 and 16/17. The City has collected the SDC funds, the transit project improvements are eligible, and the funds are available. The FY 15/16 annual budget process will culminate with Council action to adopt the proposed budget on June 18, 2015. This letter is sent as confirmation of the City's sincere commitment to budget these Transportation SDCs in FY 15/16 to support the work of the project development effort.

Sincerely,

Steve Novick, Commissioner  
City of Portland