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# IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:**   * Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro in the amount of $50,000 to provide funding to the Center for Intercultural Organizing to form the Southwest Corridor Equity Coalition to implement the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy (Ordinance)

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## Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Portland-Metro Region has prioritized a high-capacity transit system as a key component in providing a series of meaningful transportation options to its residents.  The SW Corridor MAX line represents the next major investment in that system.  Although new and expansive transit options offer all residents a choice in how they move around the region, previous projects have not always prioritized equitable outcomes for low-income households and communities of color. With rising costs of living and more development pressures being brought to bear on the Portland Region, many of the most vulnerable communities are at-risk of being pushed out of their existing neighborhoods.  A major public investment in a new MAX line will bring opportunities, but will also contribute to these issues that households are struggling with.  SW Corridor households and families are not currently equipped with the proper tools and/or opportunities to address these pressures.

In response to these challenges in the SW Corridor, Metro convened a diverse group of stakeholders to develop a SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy.  The strategy identifies a list of 18 priority actions that need to occur prior to the Light Rail being constructed, to ensure that the diverse communities that exist in SW Corridor today will be around to reap the benefit of this major public infrastructure investment.

A SW Corridor Equity Coalition (SWEC) is forming with a committed group of stakeholders that lead with racial equity and seek equitable outcomes for those that live and work in the SW Corridor.  The Coalition is focused on the implementation of the SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy through the identified 18 near-term actions

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is contributing $50,000 toward this effort to fund Intercultural Organizing to staff a full-time Equity Coalition Manager and provide targeted leadership training and engagement with low-income residents and communities of color. Other project partners including Community Alliance of Tenants and OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon will provide additional training and community engagement services. These partners will be compensated with resources provided by Metro.

Other funding partners include TriMet and the City of Tigard. Philanthropic resources are being sought by Metro and the community-based organizations listed above to leverage the resourced contributed by local jurisdictions.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**
The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2018-19 Budget includes funding for the Comprehensive and Strategic Planning Program.  Funds are available within this program in cost object PNCP000001.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**
The communities within the Southwest Corridor will benefit from the implementation of the SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy

Many members of the community in the corridor have participated in the public engagement process for the Southwest Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy and will continue to do so through Metro's SW Corridor Equitable Development Strategy. Metro's support of an Equity Coalition in tandem with continuing broader engagement in the corridor, will continue to involve members of the community as part of the on-going planning and implementation in the corridor.

**100% Renewable Goal:**
NA

## Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**
    ☐ **YES**: Please complete the information below.
    ☒ **NO**: Skip this section

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