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Project: Division Transit Project (FX)

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To: The City of Portland Design Commission

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The Division Transit Project Team looks forward to the opportunity of presenting to the Design Review Commission on Thursday, September 1st, 2022. TriMet and PBOT staff are looking for feedback from the Design Commission ahead of the TriMet/PBOT collaborative effort to update the 2017 *Guide to Standard Light Rail Transit Improvements in Public Streets* document to include Division Transit Project transit infrastructure.

Background

The Division Transit Project is an enhanced bus project that will improve travel between Downtown Portland, East Portland, and Gresham with easier, faster, and more reliable bus service. Improvements associated with the project include newly constructed station platforms spaced approximately every 1/3 mile along station along the Division corridor. Additional improvements include traffic signal improvements, pedestrian safety and accessibility upgrades and other corridor wide enhancements that complement the City of Portland's Vision Zero safety efforts. The Division Transit Project (FX – Frequent Express) has reached final completion and is slated to open for revenue service on Sunday, September 18th.

Purpose of Design Commission Briefing

Project team members will be presenting to the Commission an overview of the as-built condition and design outcomes of the project. Additionally, the team will share the final station shelter and amenity package to be considered “standard transit elements in the right-of-way”. With future enhanced transit planned for the region, these elements are envisioned to become standard and replicated in other enhanced transit corridors.

To assist with your review, we are including the following project materials ahead of our meeting:

- **DRAFT PPT presentation**
- **Division Transit Project (FX) Brochure** - Project summary and background information
- **Corridor Map** – Illustrates the Division Transit corridor with station locations



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Updating the 2017 *Guide to Standard Light Rail Transit Improvements in Public Streets*

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) manages the design standards for transportation facilities in the public right-of-way (ROW). The Design Commission has purview over non-standard infrastructure in the public ROW.

The 2017 *Guide to Standard Light Rail Transit Improvements in Public Streets* document (Guidelines) was developed to help TriMet and PBOT implement LRT corridors in public ROW throughout the City. These Guidelines, endorsed by Design Commission, allowed a streamlined approach to managing design exceptions for high-capacity transit facilities and infrastructure that would occur in the City's public streets. The guidelines describe the different types of transit infrastructure that occur within a transit corridor and offers guidance for implementation. Without the adopted guidelines, each piece of LRT infrastructure would require a design exception – and over the extent of a multi-mile long transit corridor it would be hundreds of design exceptions to be reviewed and processed.

DTP introduces high-capacity transit infrastructure to Portland's public streets that are different from LRT and are not included in the 2017 guidelines, therefore the guidelines need to be updated to include BRT transit facilities and BRT infrastructure.

We look forward to meeting with you on September 1st for this important discussion.