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## MEMO

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**TO:** Portland Planning Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative

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On February 25, 2025, the Portland Planning Commission will have a briefing and take public comment on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA):

Design Proposal: [Route and Station Locations](#)

### 1. Commission Role

The Planning Commission's role in this matter is **advisory**. This is not a legislative item. The Commission may advise on project consistency with the adopted goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission may elect to provide comments pertaining to the LPA's consistency with the Portland Comprehensive Plan to the City Council.

### 2. Staff Recommendation

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff confirm that the Proposed 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Transit Project is identified in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Transportation System Plan (TSP) (TSP ID 40013) and determine that Proposed LPA overall is consistent with the Portland Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the following Transportation goals would be advanced by the LPA:

#### **GOAL 9.A: Safety**

*The City achieves the standard of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.*



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*Transportation safety impacts the livability of a city and the comfort and security of those using City streets. Comprehensive efforts to improve transportation safety through equity, engineering, education, enforcement and evaluation will be used to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries from Portland's transportation system.*

**GOAL 9.C: Great places**

*Portland's transportation system enhances quality of life for all Portlanders, reinforces existing neighborhoods and great places, and helps make new great places in town centers, neighborhood centers and corridors, and civic corridors.*

**GOAL 9.E: Equitable transportation**

*The transportation system provides all Portlanders options to move about the city and meet their daily needs by using a variety of safe, efficient, convenient, and affordable modes of transportation. Transportation investments are responsive to the distinct needs of each community.*

**GOAL 9.G: Opportunities for prosperity**

*The transportation system supports a strong and diverse economy, enhances the competitiveness of the city and region, and maintains Portland's role as a West Coast trade gateway and freight hub by providing efficient and reliable goods movement, multimodal access to employment areas and educational institutions, as well as enhanced freight access to industrial areas and intermodal freight facilities. The transportation system helps people and businesses reduce spending and keep money in the local economy by providing affordable alternatives to driving.*

**GOAL 9.H: Cost effectiveness**

*The City analyzes and prioritizes capital and operating investments to cost effectively achieve the above goals while responsibly managing and protecting our past investments in existing assets.*

**3. Project Background, Vision, Objectives**

In coordination with local partners, Metro and TriMet plan to upgrade transit service along the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue corridor with bus rapid transit (BRT) to improve speed, reliability, safety, and accessibility. The project will improve travel options for transit riders by providing a safer, faster, more reliable trip on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and help the region by providing climate-friendly transportation options. The LPA for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project describes the project's transit mode, alignment (route), and general station locations. The LPA was developed to address a Purpose and Need adopted by the [82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee](#) convened by TriMet and Metro. The LPA was based on a comprehensive analysis of transit and other travel patterns; major destinations; current stop conditions, ridership, and potential station areas; bus travel times and reliability; community preferences; and safety. Community groups and stakeholders were engaged in the process and provided input through focus groups, surveys, open houses, and workshops. The Steering Committee provided input into the analysis and used the technical information and public feedback to define and recommend the LPA.



Formed in September 2022, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee served as the key decision-making body for the LPA. Its role was to ensure that the transit project effectively addresses the needs of people who live, work and study along 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The Metro-led committee is comprised of representatives from TriMet, Clackamas County, the City of Portland, House District 46 of the State of Oregon, Multnomah County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Port of Portland, Unite Oregon, Oregon Walks, a local business, and Clackamas Service Center.

#### **4. For More Information**

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