

Southwest Corridor: *TriMet*

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Q4 Update

After a year of hard work and negotiation, the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee voted to send the project to Bridgeport Transit Center at their meeting on December 16.

This is an important milestone, as it directs TriMet to design a project that goes to Bridgeport/Tualatin in their federal application and Metro for what to include in the 2020 regional transportation investment measure.

There is still a \$93 million funding gap that the Steering Committee and project partners will have to solve through additional revenue or cuts to the project.

In 2020, there will be a spring discussion on the Conceptual Design Report (CDR), which will explain the look, feel, and design of the project. Following will be the publication of construction drawings describing the project's impact, called the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Description: An effort to establish a new 12-mile [TriMet MAX line](#) (light rail) between southwest Portland and Bridgeport Village in Tualatin. In addition to light rail, the plan includes roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects, a strategy to promote equitable development in the corridor ([SWEDS](#)), and a shared investment strategy for transportation improvements that connect the corridor's communities to the proposed light rail line.

Impact to Tualatin: Major opportunities and challenges that come with new light rail. Bridgeport Transit Center is planned to serve not only locals, but as a regional hub for transportation connections.

Website (project): <https://trimet.org/swcorridor/>

Contact (project): Jennifer Koozer, Senior Community Affairs Manager at TriMet, at (503) 962-2116 or koozerj@trimet.org.

Website (Tualatin): <https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/communitydevelopment/southwest-corridor-plan>

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Highway 99W Corridor Study: *ODOT, Tualatin, Tigard, King City, Sherwood, and Washington County*

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Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) allocated \$50,000 to direct staff and a consultant (Nelson/Nygaard) to conduct public input to better determine the cost and scale of a full corridor study (estimated completion early 2020).

In addition to ODOT’s outreach, City of Tualatin staff met with local residents and businesses along the corridor. Those comments are attached to this report.

To fund a full study, Washington County submitted an application (\$5 million) for consideration in the Metro-led 2020 transportation investment measure. Metro’s Transportation Investment Task Force will review this request at upcoming meetings in early 2020.

Description: A corridor study could help prioritize and direct larger efforts to achieve transformational change to meet future equity, safety, congestion, and climate smart strategy needs. For example, Tualatin’s Transportation System Plan envisioned a park-and-ride facility along 99W that would collect commuters and shift them on to public transit, thus reducing congestion on internal roads.

Impact to Tualatin: Highway 99W dissects Tualatin’s northwest corner and serves as a gateway into our major employment areas. Safety and congestion are major needs for the corridor and Tualatin residents. Tualatin Moving Forward has begun to address these needs by filling in sidewalk gaps, but larger investment is necessary to meet community needs.

Website (project): <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=99WP>

Contact (project): Talia Jacobson, ODOT, at (503) 731-8228 or talia.jacobson@odot.state.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, at (503) 691-3018 or ahurd-ravich@tualatin.gov.

Shuttle expansion in Tualatin: *Ride Connection*

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Ride Connection will begin community engagement in early 2020 about how to best use additional funding for the Tualatin Shuttle. Examples of improvements could include longer hours, a wider range of service, or more on-demand trips. On February 10 at 3pm, Ride Connection will be at the Aging Task Force meeting (Pohl Center). Additional details on engagement are forthcoming and contact Ride Connection's John Whitman if you are interested.

Description: Through HB 2017/Keep Oregon Moving Regional Coordination funding, Washington County in coordination with Ride Connection will be evaluating and funding expansion of the Tualatin Shuttle.

Impact to Tualatin: Identify specific investments or expansion areas for the Tualatin Shuttle.

Contact (project): John Whitman, Lead Service Planner, at (503) 290-3684 or jwhitman@rideconnection.com

Contact (Tualatin): Gareth Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Shuttle study connecting Tualatin to West Linn and Oregon City: *Clackamas County*

Q4 Update

Clackamas County will hire a consultant to lead a planning study about a future shuttle between Oregon City, West Linn, and Tualatin. Staff has already met with the Boreland Free Clinic and Tualatin School House Pantry about their interest. Additional details on engagement are forthcoming and contact Tualatin's Gareth Prior if you are interested.

Description: Through HB 2017/Keep Oregon Moving Regional Coordination funding, Clackamas County will be hiring a consultant to lead a transit evaluation between Tualatin and Oregon City.

Impact to Tualatin: Identify specific investments and costs for a transit connection with West Linn and Oregon City.

Contact (project): Kristina Babcock, Clackamas County Transit Coordinator, at (971) 349-0481 or KBabcock@clackamas.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Gareth Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Tolling/Congestion Pricing: *Metro and ODOT*

Active

Q4 Update: In December, the Oregon Transportation Commission met to finalize the proposed community engagement and schedule for ODOT's tolling process. Tualatin submitted three names of representatives to be on ODOT's community oversight committee. More information on the process, whether Tualatin people were selected, and details of the project will be known at the 1st Quarter update.

According to the Metro work plan ([page 107](#)), they plan to develop a work plan, identify partner interests in outcomes, and begin modeling work of various pricing programs in the first quarter 2020.

Description: ODOT will continue their process of studying tolling segments ([map](#)) on Interstate 5 and 205. Metro will begin a process to evaluate congestion pricing on other roads such as 99W and 217.

Impact to Tualatin: Direct impact to Tualatin residents and businesses traveling along the interstate or state highway system. Possible impact to roads with vehicles diverting from highways to avoid tolls.

Website (ODOT's project): <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/VP-join-conversation.aspx>

Website (Metro's project): https://www.oregonmetro.gov/sites/default/files/2019/07/10/UPWP-2019-20-Final-Adopted-May-16-2019-mm4-%28Repaired%29_0.pdf ([page 107](#))

Contact (ODOT project): Mandy Putney, ODOT's Policy and Development Manager Region 1, at (503) 731-8356 or mandy.putney@odot.state.or.us.

Contact (Metro project): Margi Bradway, Metro's Deputy Director of Planning and Development, at margi.bradway@oregonmetro.gov.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

2020 transportation investment measure: *Metro*

Q4 Update: After months of review and consideration, on December 18 the Metro appointed Task Force voted to [recommend an investment package](#) on Tier I corridors to Metro Council for them to consider in the 2020 ballot measure. On December 11, Metro staff began the discussion with the Task Force on possible sources of revenue (see [meeting attachments](#) for information).

In early 2020, the Task Force and Metro Council will discuss Tier II corridors, programs, and revenue sources. The 99W Corridor Study will request funding from the Tier II corridor discussion.

Description: By early 2020, Metro Council will decide on whether or not to refer a multi-billion dollar transportation investment measure to voters on the November 2020 ballot.

Impact to Tualatin: If issued by Metro Council, Tualatin residents will have an opportunity to vote on a regional transportation funding measure. This funding would be necessary to build the Southwest Corridor light rail to Tualatin. It would come with additional taxes, but would establish a new source for transportation funding.

Website (project): <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2020-transportation-investment-measure>

Contact (project): Tyler Frisbee, Transportation Policy and Federal Affairs Manager at Metro, at (503) 797-1935 or Tyler.Frisbee@oregonmetro.gov.



Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Bus on Shoulder Study: *ODOT and TriMet*

Description: In early 2020, TriMet and ODOT will study “freeway express service” using bus on shoulder. The primary goal of the project is to determine where the market is for express and limited stop service. Once the study is conducted, six (6) corridors will be selected for freeway express and six (6) corridors for limited stop bus service (2 in each corridor).

Impact to Tualatin: This could be a huge benefit to Tualatin to increase TriMet or SMART bus speed and reliability along existing routes, as well as open a path for new connections (e.g. Oregon City).

Website (project): None at this time.

Contact (project): Rory Renfro, ODOT’s Transit and Major Projects Principal Planner, at (503) 731-8245 or rory.j.renfor@odot.state.or.us and Tom Mills, TriMet’s Manager of Service Planning and Development, at millst@trimet.org.

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First-last mile transportation study: *Washington County*

Q4 Update: Tualatin’s downtown WES station was selected as one of 10 finalist locations that will receive the full analysis. Public engagement through interviews and an open house was conducted by the consultant and Washington County staff in late 2019. The final report will be completed in early 2020.

Description: The First and Last Mile study will provide information on how to improve connections between transit and commuter destinations. The project will result in recommendations for infrastructure investments and ideas on how to integrate mobility or new technology options.

Impact to Tualatin: Possible source for identifying transportation improvements to secure funding.

Website (project):

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/PlanningPrograms/TransportationPlanning/first-and-last-mile.cfm>

Contact (project): Dyami Valentine, Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation Senior Planner, at (503) 846-3821 or dyami_valentine@co.washington.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Regional mobility policy update: *Metro*



Q4 Update: Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) approved the work plan to director Metro staff on the next stage of the project.

Description: Metro and ODOT have been working to begin updating the Regional Mobility Policy, which sets standards for which transportation and land use development is measured or receives investment.

Impact to Tualatin: The existing mobility standards require Tualatin to have targets for reducing emissions and single-occupancy vehicles, along with levels of service are requirements. The mobility policy and new standards will have a major impact on Tualatin’s ability to develop or secure transportation funding.

Website (project): <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/mobility-corridors-atlas>

Contact (project): Kim Ellis, Metro Principal Transportation Planner, at (503) 797-1617 or kim.ellis@oregonmetro.gov.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) Step 2: *Metro*

Q4 Update: After a competitive process, the application closest to Tualatin, Sherwood’s Blake Street design, was not selected to be funded by JPACT. This project was the top freight priority supported by the Washington County Coordinating Committee.

Description: RFFA funds come from three federal programs and fund improvements to active transportation (sidewalks, trails, bicycle lanes, etc.) and freight.

Impact to Tualatin: This is a potential source for transportation funding for freight and active transportation.

Website (project): <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/regional-flexible-funding>

Contact (project): Dan Kaempff, Principal Transportation Planner, at (503) 813-7559 or daniel.kaempff@oregonmetro.gov.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF): *Clackamas County*

Less Active

Description: The VRF established a new fund to increase safety, relieve congestion, and maintain local roads in Clackamas County.

Impact to Tualatin: Estimated \$58,741 in new revenue for road maintenance and transportation investment in Clackamas County.

Website (project): <https://www.clackamas.us/transportation/vrf>

Contact (project): Trent Wilson, Clackamas County Public & Government Affairs, at (503) 655-8206 or TWilson2@co.clackamas.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project list: *ODOT*

Description: ODOT's capital improvement plan for all state and federally funded projects.

Impact to Tualatin: This is a possible funding source for transportation investment.

Website (project): <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/STIP/Pages/About.aspx>

Contact (project): Mandy Putney, ODOT Policy and Development Manager Region 1, at (503) 731-8356 or mandy.putney@odot.state.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF): *TriMet and ODOT*

Description: Established by the HB2017/Keep Oregon Moving legislation, this is a new state fund for public transportation.

Impact to Tualatin: This is a possible funding source for transit investment. Although it is a state program, much of the allocation control is given to TriMet and then through the counties (Washington and Clackamas). Examples of investment are TriMet's Line 76 service increase and Ride Connection's shuttle expansion.

Website (ODOT project): <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx>

Website (TriMet project): <https://trimet.org/meetings/hb2017/index.htm>

Contact (project): Tom Mills, TriMet's Manager of Service Planning and Development, at millst@trimet.org.

Contact (Tualatin): Garet Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

I-205 widening and Abernathy Bridge replacement: *ODOT and Clackamas County*

Less Active

Description: ODOT's I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements Project will add a third lane in each direction and upgrade the Abernathy Bridge and the eight other I-205 bridges in the project area to withstand a major earthquake. As of December 2019, funding has not been secured for construction.

Impact to Tualatin: In addition to the transportation benefits for Tualatin, elements of the Stafford area planning agreement are coordinated with I-205 widening completion.

Website (project): <http://www.i205corridor.org/>

Contact (project): Ellen Sweeney, ODOT Community Affairs Coordinator, at (503) 731-8230 or ellen.sweeney@odot.state.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Gareth Prior, Policy Analyst, at (503) 691-3020 or gprior@tualatin.gov

UGB reserves infrastructure study: *Washington County*

Description: Washington County is planning for the urban reserve areas by getting a better idea of existing and future transportation system needs. The project is expected to create an infrastructure finance plan template to use in concept and comprehensive planning.

Impact to Tualatin: Projections for transportation infrastructure costs for the following urban reserve areas ([see map](#)): Tonquin, I-5 East-Washington County, and Ellingsen Road North. These numbers could inform or guide future urban growth boundary expansion requests to Metro.

Website (project):

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/PlanningPrograms/TransportationPlanning/urban-reserves-transportation-study.cfm>

Contact (project): Jessica Pelz, Senior Planner Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation, (503) 846-3960 or jessica_pelz@co.washington.or.us.

Contact (Tualatin): Steve Koper, AICP, Planning Manager, at (503) 691-3028 or skoper@tualatin.gov.

Data tracking and forecasting (land use and economic): *Metro*

Description: Metro's Land Use Analytics Team (LUAT) conducts land use data and forecasts.

Impact to Tualatin: LUAT's data impacts underlying assumptions for regional land use and transportation planning projects and urban growth boundary expansion applications.

Website (project): <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/2040-distributed-forecast>

Contact (project): Jeff Frkonja, Metro, at jeff.frkonja@oregonmetro.gov.

Contact (Tualatin): Steve Koper, AICP, Planning Manager, at (503) 691-3028 or skoper@tualatin.gov.

Designing Livable Streets update: *Metro*

Less Active

Description: Metro’s Designing Livable Streets and Trails project is updating and developing new design guidelines for our regional transportation system.

Impact to Tualatin: Design guidelines set by Metro could be used as requirements for regionally funded projects or through the regional functional transportation plan, which we are required to follow in our Transportation Systems Plan.

Website (project): <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/updating-street-design-guidance>

Contact (project): Lake Strongheart McTighe, Senior Regional Planner at Metro, at (503) 797-1660 or lake.mctighe@oregonmetro.gov.

Contact (Tualatin): Mike McCarthy, Transportation Engineer, at (503) 691-3674 or mmccarthy@tualatin.gov.

Transportation futures study: *Clackamas County*

Description: Similar to the [Washington County Transportation Futures Study](#), Clackamas County is pursuing, a 50-year transportation futures study (Clackamas County Transportation 2070). As of December 2019, funding has not been secured.

Impact to Tualatin: Planning and investment of Clackamas County transportation infrastructure and service could be directed by this study, which would impact Tualatin’s connection with the county.

Website (project): <https://www.clackamas.us/engineering/planningprojects.html>

Contact (project): Trent Wilson, Clackamas County Public & Government Affairs, at (503) 655-8206 or TWilson2@co.clackamas.or.us.

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Road Standards Update: *Washington County*

Description: Washington County is updating their road design standards to better achieve community priorities and aspirations. The expected completion is summer of 2021.

Impact to Tualatin: Key roads within Tualatin are owned and maintained by Washington County (Grahams Ferry, 124th, Tualatin-Sherwood, Lower Boones, and 65th). Standards for roads plays a key role in future planning and through development permitting.

Website (project):

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/PlanningPrograms/TransportationPlanning/road-design-standards.cfm>

Contact (project): Erin Wardell, Principal Planner, Washington County, at (503) 846-3876 or Erin_Wardell@co.washington.or.us.

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