



**Portland
Community
College**

SW Corridor Update

PCC Board of Directors

August 20, 2015

Timeline

- July 2015: Approved BRT direct access to remain in study and directed staff to further investigate:
 - Bored tunnel
 - Alternative connections via 53rd
- August 2015: Technical Memo released
- September 2015: Staff memo to be released
- October 2015: Decision on keeping light rail direct access to Sylvania in study (DEIS)

Timeline Continued...

- December 2015: Decision on BRT or LRT
- Spring 2016: Final preferred package adopted
- 2017: Comprehensive environmental review of preferred package
- 2021: Construction of HCT line could begin

PCC Committee Work

- Internal Staff Committee meeting (appointed by current president), meets every 2 weeks
 - Bond: Linda Degman, Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Grant Bennett, Rebecca Ocken
 - Auxiliary Services: Linda Eden, Kathleen McMullen, Mark Gorman
 - FMS: Keith Gregory
 - Sylvania Campus: Lisa Avery, Karen Kane
 - Advancement: Meghan Moyer
 - SERA Architects

Internal Work

- Mini-campus planning process if direct HCT
 - Design around transit hub
 - Academic program potentials
- Preparing memo for Steering Committee
- Attending neighborhood association meetings
- Providing information to Metro, Trimet, CoP staff & meeting regularly with them
 - Student zip code data
 - Travel information

Southwest Corridor Plan
Expanded transit service to PCC Sylvania Campus
Preliminary benefits assessment

	SUPPLY - Transit Service	
DEMAND Potential Sylvania Program Expansion	Direct High Capacity Transit (HCT)	Indirect transit service
General Academic Growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce training • Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) • Honors/Transfer Degree • Oregon Promise, etc. 	+ Reduces parking need freeing land for development; supports academic growth in high-demand regional corridor; connections to partner institutions	? Minor opportunities for campus development; less reduction of parking demand - Transfer required with indirect transit option will reduce attractiveness and ridership
Health Professions Center (HPC) (Possible locations currently under review)	+ Enhanced transit access to major headcount/program growth driver; connections to partner institutions/employers; regional hub for health patients	? Some HPC concentration opportunities remain; less attractive transit options and connectivity throughout region
Student/Community Recreation	+ Increased access leading to more facility use; Sylvania as PCC recreation hub	? Opportunities for better facility use; SYL unlikely to thrive as a new recreation node without better transit
Residential Opportunities	+ Transit makes residential development more viable via regional connections; transit village potential supports residential community	- Unsuitable, especially for possible international student target market; limited land availability for student village development
Student Resources and Services	+ Increased access to campus; campus as longer-stay academic node serving students/college community	? On-campus services remain viable; less demand for PCC-system-wide services at Sylvania, given removed proximity of the campus
Employment Growth - Faculty/Staff/Support	+ Expanded academic programs increases the need for additional faculty/staff; HCT provides enhanced accessibility to campus from throughout PCC system	- Employment unlikely to grow without expanded academic programs; lack of HCT limits capacity to increase employee headcount

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Community Partnerships	+ Vibrant place-making; enhanced community programs; transit makes campus a neighborhood node	? Less direct partnership ties without on-campus transit node serving as community hub
Community Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events/Programming • Shared Facilities 	+ Sylvania as community node, with over 600 annual events organized by the community and held on campus; more efficient sharing of facilities	? Opportunities remain for more community programs and improved campus gateways - Unlikely to develop as a significant regional destination
Neighborhood Impacts (Recent (August 14, 2015) alternative tunnel options suggest a bored tunnel option over a cut-and-cover option)	? Street improvements possibly accompany tunnel options; + Local access; neighborhood transit connections - Multi-year disruptions to a greater or lesser degree depending upon tunnel option	- Improvements to 53rd Ave streetscape unlikely ? Street improvements likely
Sustainability / Parking / TDM	+ Helps reduce SOV - frees land for development; reduced parking/auto impacts	- Difficult to meet targets ? Future growth at north end of campus to access Barbur Blvd station

College Outreach by Metro

- Sylvania Campus
 - General tabling – September 8, 14, 15
 - Presence at Welcome Week events
- All College Outreach
 - Meet with ASPCC leadership
 - Online survey to faculty and staff
 - Electronic communication (email)
 - ASPCC Newspaper article

Where Are We?

- Technical memo preliminary information:
 - Cut-and-cover tunnel
 - More costly
 - More significant impacts to adjacent properties
 - Bored Tunnel (2 options: long and short)
 - Less disruptive (less time to build and far less impact to neighborhood houses)
 - Less costly
 - Shorter travel time for riders
 - Direct LRT to Sylvania would bring an estimated 3,000 more daily trips than an LRT Barbur alignment (year 2035 projections)

Significance, Recommendations

- Why this is important to PCC
 - Helps the college meet Climate Action Plan goals
 - Facilitates better access for students to Sylvania and throughout the college
 - Allows further campus development
 - Creates hub, better activating the campus and integrating surrounding community
 - Reduces paved parking demand
 - Potentially allows for reallocation of shuttle bus funds and routes

Next Steps

- Board Role
 - Comments/thoughts/questions
 - Recommendation from staff to move forward
 - Sign off on memo
 - Present at the September and October SW Corridor Steering Committee meeting