

# Agenda



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project Steering Committee

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025

Time: 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Place: Washington County Public Services Building  
155 N 1st Ave, Hillsboro, OR; Room 120 D  
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Purpose: Project staff will share updates on anticipated next steps in the Project Development phase. Steering Committee members will discuss and vote on the locally preferred alternative (LPA) and funding strategy.

Outcomes: Steering Committee members vote to recommend LPA and funding strategy to the adopting bodies, completing their charge as described in the TV Highway Steering Committee Charter.

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4:00 p.m.	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Are there any updates related to TV Highway you'd like to share from your community?</i></li></ul>	Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González
4:10 p.m.	Approval of January meeting minutes	Councilor González
4:15 p.m.	Project next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Plans for design and engagement in next phase</i></li><li><i>NEPA process overview</i></li><li><i>Discussion and questions</i></li></ul>	Bernadette Le, TriMet Kate Hawkins, Metro
4:30 pm	Staff LPA recommendation & funding strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Recap staff recommendation of locally preferred alternative (LPA) and funding strategy</i></li><li><i>Discussion and questions</i></li></ul>	Jess Zdeb, Metro Dave Aulwes, TriMet
5:00 pm	Steering committee LPA & funding strategy vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Vote to approve the LPA recommendation and funding strategy</i></li><li><i>Discussion</i></li></ul>	Councilor González
5:05 p.m.	Public comment	Councilor González
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn	Councilor González

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# Meeting minutes



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
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Meeting: **Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee Meeting**

Date/Time: Thursday, January 23, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid meeting held at Hillsboro Civic Center, Conference room 414, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97213 and via Zoom webinar

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## **Members, Alternates Attending**

Councilor Juan Carlos González, Co-chair  
Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Co-chair  
Councilor Brian Schimmel  
Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg  
Mayor Jeffrey Dalin  
Councilor Cristian Salgado  
Commissioner Nafisa Fai  
Rian Windsheimer  
JC Vannatta  
Je Ameichi  
Karmen Chavez-Sam  
Nansi Lopez  
Verónica Nuñez

## **Affiliate**

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ODOT  
TriMet  
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APANO  
Centro Cultural  
Adelante Mujeres

## **Members, Alternates Absent**

## **Affiliate**

## **Panelists Attending**

Jess Zdeb  
Kate Hawkins  
David Aulwes  
Bernadette Le

## **Affiliate**

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TriMet  
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## **Welcome and introductions** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro)

Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro, called meeting to order at 4:24 p.m. The meeting start time was delayed due to technical difficulties. Councilor González thanked the City of Hillsboro for hosting the meeting and welcomed the attendees. He welcomed new members of the Steering Committee, which included Je Ameichi from Unite Oregon, Hillsboro City Councilor Cristian Salgado, and Forest Grove City Councilor Brian Schimmel. New members proceeded to introduce themselves.

Councilor González gave a brief overview of the agenda items and shared updates pertaining to the TV Highway corridor. He shared that there was one fatal crash on TV Highway that occurred at the end of 2024 and invited committee members to share their updates related to the project.

Cornelius Mayor Jeffrey Dalin noted that there were additional crashes that left two people in serious condition and noted the importance of using marked crosswalks. Commissioner Nafisa Fai commended Stephen Roberts and staff from Washington County for their hard work to support the County's funding contribution to the project.

**Approval of November 14, 2024 meeting minutes** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro) asked the committee for approval of the meeting summary from November 14, 2024.

**MOTION:** JC Vannatta, TriMet, moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Jeffrey Dalin, seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and included all the present members of the committee: Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro, Councilor Brian Schimmel, City of Forest Grove, Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, City of Beaverton, Mayor Jeffrey Dalin, City of Cornelius, Councilor Cristian Salgado, City of Hillsboro, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Washington County, Rian Windsheimer, ODOT, JC Vannatta, TriMet, Je Ameichi, Unite Oregon, Nansi Lopez, Centro Cultural, Verónica Nuñez, Adelante Mujeres, Karmen Chavez-Sam, APANO.

**Presentation: Staff LPA recommendation** (Jess Zdeb, Metro, David Aulwes, TriMet)

Jess Zdeb started the presentation with an overview of the project's previous milestones and Steering Committee decisions, which included:

- Past planning efforts on TV Highway
- Purpose and need and existing conditions reports
- Three phases of public outreach
- Design & cost refinement
- July 2024 Steering Committee decision to pursue CIG project

Jess highlighted the TV Highway Equity Coalition (TEC) and their past and current work to ensure priority efforts will come to fruition and assist the community with corridor investments.

David Aulwes introduced main components of the recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), that included mode, alignment/route, and general station locations. He stated that funding plan would include an agreement of project partners to come together for \$100M non-CIG local match and request \$50M from the state as part of 2025 legislative session. He continued with an overview of the recommended mode, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which would bring the following improvements:

- Improved speed and reliability: transit signal priority, bus priority treatments, consolidated stops
- Stations with consistent amenities: shelters, lighting, arrival information
- Accessible stations

David Aulwes presented the proposed LPA map and stated that the recommended route primarily follows TV Highway between Forest Grove to Beaverton Transit Center.

Jess Zdeb continued with a brief overview of recommended general station locations, which included:

- General station locations identified based on technical analysis, community engagement, and stakeholder input
- Consolidation of close proximity & low ridership stops
- Average station spacing of ~1/3 mile
- 85 station locations (downtown Cornelius stations TBD)

She elaborated on the central Cornelius station locations, noting that the project team is continuing conversations with City of Cornelius staff and community organizations, and explained next steps for further engagement, analysis, and decision-making. Commissioner Fai inquired if the TV Highway Equity Coalition was assisting with informing the decision about central Cornelius station locations. Jess Zdeb responded that project staff had joint and individual meetings with Centro Cultural and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic, two major organizations that serve the Cornelius community. Mayor Dalin shared details and future development plans near three central Cornelius station locations (N 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Nansi Lopez applauded project staff for their work with local organizations, including Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic, and noted that additional information is being gathered about serving central Cornelius station locations.

**Discussion** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Do you have any questions or feedback for staff before voting on this recommendation in February?

Members of the committee didn't have any questions or feedback prior to voting on LPA recommendation in February meeting.

**Presentation: Cost, scope, and funding plan** (Jess Zdeb, Metro, David Aulwes, TriMet)

David Aulwes started presentation with a brief overview of project benefits, which included:

- Crossings to all stations
- Intersection safety
- Shelters, lighting, boarding platforms
- Increased speed and reliability
- More frequent service

He continued with an overview of cost, scope and funding plan, that consisted of the following elements:

- Estimate is approximately \$300M
- Key project elements:
  - Eliminates partial pullout stop design and creates safer bus/bike interactions at stations
  - Station amenities and platforms at 41 station pairs
  - Accommodating UPRR requirements for station location
  - Four rebuilt intersections
  - 15 new vehicles, bus chargers, bus facility upgrade

- 59 signal upgrades to accommodate transit signal priority
- TV Highway would be upgraded to 12-minute bus service

Jess Zdeb introduced funding strategy breakdown, which consisted of the following parts:

- Federal Small Starts grant - \$150M
- State - \$50M
- Corridor partners - \$65M
- RFFA - \$30M
- Carbon Reduction Program - \$5M

She noted that funding sources are contingent upon jurisdiction/agency approval processes. She continued with an overview of the CIG Small Starts project timeline, including the anticipated next steps through Project Development and construction. Jess introduced the proposed funding agreement and asked the committee to review it and provide feedback prior to the February Steering Committee meeting. Next, she shared proposed LPA language and informed the committee about upcoming office hours, at which time project staff will be available to answer questions.

**Presentation: Engagement and decision-making next steps** (Kate Hawkins, Metro, Bernadette Le, TriMet)

Bernadette Le began with an overview of the post-LPA public process, which included:

- Expanded community engagement
  - Web page, mailings, open houses, event tabling, etc.
- Advisory committees
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Policy & Budget Committee
- Two geographically-based outreach staff
- Continuing multi-jurisdictional collaboration

She shared details pertaining to each advisory committee, which included the following:

**Community Advisory Committee**

- Diverse perspectives from residents, community organizations, businesses and property owners
- Sounding board for design questions, outreach activities
- Two-way communication; shared agenda setting
- Advise staff and Policy & Budget Committee

**Policy & Budget Committee**

- One elected/executive from each partner jurisdiction, plus one CAC member
- Advise project leadership

Bernadette noted that advisory committees would help inform project details, progress, safety and access improvements. They would also provide local context and knowledge and share input on station

and crossing configurations.

Kate Hawkins introduced next steps for the project, which included:

**January/February**

- City Council/County Board presentations as requested

**February Steering Committee meeting**

- LPA & funding strategy approval

**Spring 2025**

- LPA adoption by local jurisdictions, approval by the TriMet Board, and endorsement by JPACT and Metro Council
- IGA approvals to commit Project Development funds

**Summer 2025**

- Legislative session determines state contribution
- Apply for admission to Project Development

The committee inquired about what would happen if the project does not receive \$150M in federal funding under the current administration. JC Vannatta, TriMet, responded that at this time it is unknown whether the grant money would be awarded or not. Kelly Betteridge, Metro, commented that prior to request for funds, a great portion of the project work would be completed and, at that point, partners will have more information to make decisions on pausing the project, moving forward, etc.

**Discussion** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro)

The committee members were asked the following discussion question:

- Do you have any clarifying questions about the next steps after LPA adoption?

The committee members deliberated and discussed how funding committed between Summer 2025 and Summer 2027 will be used to advance this project, and how design work can assist with moving the project forward if federal funding is not awarded.

**LPA temperature check** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro)

Councilor González asked the committee to show their level of support for the staff LPA recommendation using red (I do not support this), yellow (I have concerns that will need to be addressed or am skeptical, but will not block this), or green (I support this) cards.

All committee members displayed green cards, and included: Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro, Councilor Brian Schimmel, City of Forest Grove, Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, City of Beaverton, Mayor Jeffrey Dalin, City of Cornelius, Councilor Cristian Salgado, City of Hillsboro, Commissioner Nafisa Fai, Washington County, Rian Windsheimer, ODOT, JC Vannatta, TriMet, Je Ameichi, Unite Oregon, Nansi Lopez, Centro Cultural, Verónica Nuñez, Adelante Mujeres, Karmen Chavez-Sam, APANO.

**Public comment**

No public comment was submitted.

**Next steps** (Councilor Juan Carlos González, Metro)

Co-chair Gonzalez gave a brief summary of upcoming meetings. There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yuliya Lee, TV Highway Steering Committee Recorder



Attachments to the Public Record, TV Highway Steering Committee meeting, January 23, 2025

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