



# Portland-Milwaukie: A Vital Transportation Link

An exciting future lies ahead for the Portland-Milwaukie corridor. Metro forecasts 1 million new residents in the region by 2030, and this corridor is expected to experience significant growth. With this influx of new residents, Metro also forecasts:

- Nearly 100,000 new jobs along the corridor by 2030, driven by growth at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), Portland State University (PSU) and in SE Portland and north Clackamas County
- Nearly 40,000 new jobs in downtown Portland within the next 25 years
- More than 9,900 residents and 13,600 jobs in South Waterfront by 2030
- The project itself will create up to 14,000 jobs and generate up to \$573 million in personal earnings

A new 7.3-mile light rail line is critical to building transit capacity to support this population and job growth.

## Efficient light rail

The new Portland-Milwaukie light rail line will have 10 stations, between 675 and 1400 Park & Ride spaces, and 418 to 460 bike parking spaces. The line is projected to carry an average of 22,765 to 25,500 weekday rides by 2030. Light rail uses its own right of way and offers an efficient and reliable mode of transportation. The new line will:

- Increase work trips from this corridor to downtown Portland by 20 percent
- Reduce vehicle trips each weekday by more than 9,100 (or 60,000 vehicle miles)
- Require 110 fewer bus trips each weekday on 5th and 6th avenues
- Improve travel time between Milwaukie and the South Waterfront by 58 percent, and Milwaukie and PSU by 29 percent



## Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge

This light rail project also is viewed as an essential part of the infrastructure for development in the South Waterfront District and redevelopment along the Central Eastside.

The project will include a new bridge across the Willamette River, between OHSU's future South Waterfront campus on the west bank and OMSI on the east bank. The bridge will provide convenient access to downtown Portland and OHSU jobs and services from SE Portland and Milwaukie, carrying Portland-Milwaukie light rail and providing a new route for buses, bikes and pedestrians.

- Bus Lines 9, 17 and 19, which now use the Ross Island Bridge, will relieve congestion by using the new bridge.
- The bridge will be designed to accommodate Portland Streetcar in the future.
- The bridge will be designed to accommodate connections to future Willamette River greenways as development occurs.

## Anchor for Innovation

Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project will serve as an anchor for the Innovation Quadrant, connecting PSU, OHSU, OMSI and Portland Community College's Workforce Training Center.

- Visitors to OMSI are expected to grow from 900,000 to 1.4 million annually.
- OHSU will have 19,800 jobs on Marquam Hill and 4,500 at the South Waterfront by 2030.
- PSU is the region's No. 1 transit destination with 27,000 students and 4,000 employees today. Forty percent of people traveling to PSU go by transit. Within 10 years, PSU expects 35,000 students and nearly 4,800 employees.

## Project funding

Project costs are approximately \$1.49 billion, with the federal share set at 50 percent. State, regional and local contributions will constitute the remaining 50 percent. Non-federal contributions will be finalized prior to the Federal Transit Administration



*The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge south of the Marquam Bridge (above) will carry transit, cyclists and pedestrians.*

authorizing a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the project in 2012.

## Timeline

Preliminary Engineering and Final Environmental Impact Statement.....	2009-10
Final Design .....	2011-12
Full Funding Grant Agreement .....	2012
Construction.....	2011-15
Service Begins .....	2015

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