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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dan Johnson, Director, Department of Transportation and Development
RE: Letter of Support for 82nd Avenue Transit Project: Locally Preferred Alternative
DATE: June 10, 2025

REQUEST: Board approval of a support letter for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative.

BACKGROUND: The 82nd Avenue Transit Project intends to improve safe access and transit travel time while connecting people to jobs, education facilities, shopping and community services from Clackamas Town Center to Portland's Cully neighborhood.

Convened by TriMet and Metro in 2022, the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee guided the project for more than two years by providing input and support. On Jan. 16, 2025, the steering committee recommended the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project, concluding their work. **The locally preferred alternative defines the transit mode, the transit route (including turnaround locations) and the general station locations.**

Between July of 2022 and January 2025, Clackamas County participated in both the Steering Committee and the technical advisory committee for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. During this phase, the January 2025 approval of the LPA by the Steering Committee was unanimous from all committee members. Demonstration of local support for the Project LPA by collaborating local jurisdictions is required to advance the project. Partner jurisdictions have been asked to submit their support for the LPA before the May JPACT meeting where the group will take action..

Within Clackamas County, the planned route will follow the current TriMet bus line 72, which travels bi-directionally along SE 82nd Avenue, SE Monterrey, SE 85th Avenue, Clackamas Town Center Road, and into the Clackamas Town Center Parking Garage. The current and future bus services connect with the Clackamas Industrial Area Shuttle, Clackamas Community College Xpress, Sandy Area Metro (SAM) Clackamas Town Center Route, TriMet MAX Green Line, and TriMet bus lines 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 71, 72, 79, 152, 155, and 156.

Going forward, project leadership is shifting from Metro to TriMet for design, delivery, operation, and maintenance. TriMet plans to upgrade bus service on 82nd Avenue to TriMet FX®—Frequent Express. This is intended to bring more service reliability, faster travel times, plus safety and accessibility improvements

to the corridor. TriMet will also convene the 82nd Avenue Budget and Policy Committee to guide further development of the project. Commissioner Savas serves as the county representative on that committee.

The decision to issue a letter of support for an LPA does not commit any county funding or change any priorities within the county's plans or project.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve a letter of support for the 82nd Ave Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Johnson, Director, Department of Transportation and Development

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Potential Letter of Support for 82nd Ave Transit project, including Exhibit A: Map: 82nd Avenue Transit Project Map: Project extents and proposed stations.

Attachment 2: 82nd Avenue Transit Project LPA Formal Action Request Letter

DRAFT Board of County Commissioners Letter

June 3, 2025

Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Peterson and Metro Council,

In 2022, Metro began working closely with regional jurisdictional partners to develop a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) route for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project (Project). The LPA development included the evaluation of alignment and mode alternatives for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. The Project explored transit improvements on 82nd Avenue, improved bus stations and related pedestrian and vehicle safety improvements needed to support improved transit service along the corridor.

Clackamas County participated in the Project Steering Committee that consisted of staff and policy officials from Clackamas County, Portland, Multnomah County, ODOT, the Port of Portland, TriMet, Metro, and community representatives. The Project Steering Committee reviewed and provided input into the extensive planning and analysis used to better define the Project.

In January 2025, the Steering Committee recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) as described below:

“The recommended Locally Preferred Alternative for high-capacity transit in the 82nd Avenue corridor is Frequent Express (FX) bus rapid transit with general stations at the locations, operating between Clackamas Town Center Transit Center and the Cully Boulevard and Killingworth Street area.”

Clackamas County supports the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee’s LPA noted above and supports the transit alignment and approximate station locations identified in the Proposed Locally Preferred Alternative map in Exhibit A.

While we support the LPA, we believe it is important to highlight two concerns that we commit to working through as part of the Policy and Budget Committee conversations.

First we acknowledge that displacement often occurs in parallel with transportation investments and we are concerned that economic displacement will affect the businesses in the 82nd Ave corridor. We urge that remaining project decisions support economic prosperity and make meaningful efforts to support anti-displacement for businesses and housing.

Second, reflecting on ongoing discussions at the Policy and Budget Committee, we have concerns about reallocation of general purpose lanes to Business Access Transit (BAT) lanes.

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Specifically, we are concerned about the potential impact on safety in our communities due to diversion. We recognize that the technical teams are analyzing this information and we urge you to develop a plan that limits diversion and improves safety with this investment.

We appreciate the work of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee and community members and are pleased to submit this letter of support for the 82nd Ave LPA as described above.

Sincerely,

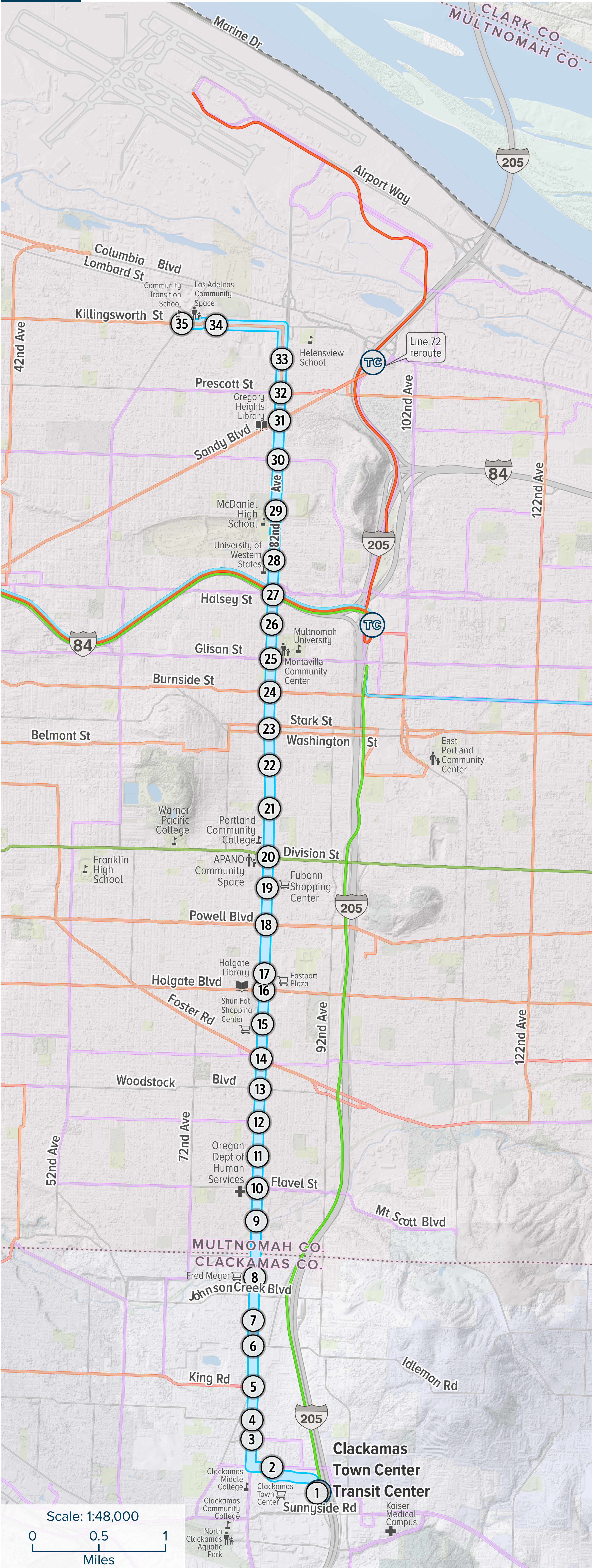
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Craig Roberts, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners



82nd Avenue Transit Project

Locally Preferred Alternative



Elements of Locally Preferred Alternative

Frequent express bus rapid transit route

General station location

Transit Network

Green MAX line

Red MAX line

Blue MAX line

Blue, green, red MAX lines

FX-frequent express service bus line

Frequent service bus line

Other bus line

Transit lines for LPA

Transit center

Community space

Medical facility

School

Major shopping hub

Library

Map Key	Proposed General Station Locations
1	Clackamas Town Center Transit Center
2	Clackamas Town Center
3	SE Causey Ave & SE 82nd Ave
4	South of SE Boyer Dr (Winco) & SE 82nd Ave
5	SE King Rd & SE 82nd Ave
6	SE Ottly Rd & SE 82nd Ave
7	SE Overland St & SE 82nd Ave
8	SE Lindy St & SE 82nd Ave
9	SE Crystal Springs Blvd & SE 82nd Ave
10	SE Flavel St & SE 82nd Ave
11	SE Bybee Blvd & SE 82nd Ave
12	SE Duke St & SE 82nd Ave
13	SE Woodstock St & SE 82nd Ave
14	SE Foster Rd & SE 82nd Ave
15	SE Raymond St & SE 82nd Ave
16	SE Holgate Blvd & SE 82nd Ave
17	SE Boise St & SE 82nd Ave
18	SE Powell Blvd & SE 82nd Ave
19	SE Woodward St & SE 82nd Ave
20	SE Division St & SE 82nd Ave
21	SE Mill St & SE 82nd Ave
22	SE Taylor Ct & SE 82nd Ave
23	SE Stark St / SE Washington St & SE 82nd Ave
24	E Burnside St & NE/SE 82nd Ave
25	NE Glisan St & NE 82nd Ave
26	NE Holladay St & NE 82nd Ave
27	I-84 & NE 82nd Ave
28	NE Tillamook St & NE 82nd Ave
29	McDaniel High School & NE 82nd Ave
30	NE Fremont St & NE 82nd Ave
31	NE Sandy Blvd & NE 82nd Ave
32	NE Prescott St & NE 82nd Ave
33	NE Alberta St & NE 82nd Ave
34	NE Lombard St & NE 72nd Ave
35	NE Cully Blvd & NE Killingsworth St



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May 30, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Clackamas County
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Dear Chair Roberts and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Metro Council, we are writing to request that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners take formal action by June 10, 2025, to endorse the 82nd Avenue Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) through a signed letter before JPACT's scheduled action on June 12, 2025. Your action is critical to advancing this important project and is a key step in the region's broader decision-making process for all Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) projects. As you know, JPACT has identified five projects that are eligible for bonding our scarce RFFA dollars to move forward regionally significant projects sooner than would otherwise be possible. The five projects include the 82nd Avenue Transit Project, TV Highway Transit Project, Montgomery Park Streetcar Project, Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge, and the Sunrise Corridor Project. The region's ability to keep this bond process moving forward depends on demonstrated regional support for all these projects.

The 82nd Avenue corridor is a major route for the region—connecting key destinations and communities in both Clackamas County and Portland. The 82nd Avenue Transit Project will improve transit speed, reliability, capacity, safety, comfort and access along the corridor. Clackamas County has been an important partner during development of the project, helping identify upgrades that will benefit county residents, including enhanced transit service for the nearly 16,000 people who live within a half mile of the corridor and providing access to approximately 17,500 jobs in Clackamas County.

We appreciate Clackamas County's ongoing collaboration and leadership in shaping the vision for this project, including through participation in the 82nd Avenue Steering Committee, which unanimously recommended the LPA on January 16, 2025. As the project moves into the next phase, Metro remains committed to continued partnership and coordination with the County and regional partners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts to move the region closer to a safe, reliable, healthy and affordable transportation system for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Peterson'.

Lynn Peterson
Council President
Metro

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan Carlos González'.

Juan Carlos González
JPACT Chair
Metro