



WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT

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The Washington County Commuter Rail line will offer a new transportation route within the heavily traveled Interstate 5 and Highway 217 corridor. The proposed 14.7-mile project will share freight train tracks with the Portland & Western Railroad in eastern Washington County. Commuter Rail will serve four cities: Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville along the I-5/Hwy 217 corridor. It also will connect to TriMet MAX light rail in Beaverton.

This innovative project is one of the few suburb-to-suburb commuter rail projects in the country. The project has received strong support from the public and business community.

Stations

The five stations will include a total of more than 600 Park & Ride spaces at three stations:

Beaverton Transit Center will connect with 11 TriMet bus lines and MAX Blue and Red lines serving the Beaverton to Hillsboro corridor, downtown Portland and Portland International Airport.

Washington Square Station is adjacent to the Cascade Business Center and will connect to local TriMet bus lines that serve the Mall.

Tigard Transit Center Station, located in downtown Tigard, will provide about 120 Park & Ride spaces and connect with five TriMet bus lines.

Tualatin Station will have about 111 Park & Ride spaces and connect to local TriMet bus service.

Wilsonville Station will have about 400 Park & Ride spaces and connect with SMART buses serving residential and employment areas.

Public art program

The Commuter Rail Art Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from every station area, guides the public art program. The committee selected artists Frank Boyden and Brad Rude to develop artwork for the stations. They plan to create an interactive sculpture at each of the five stations using imagery distinct to each locale.



Construction and street improvements

Using existing freight tracks in a dedicated corridor will mean minimal construction impacts for most of the new line. A short section of new track will be constructed on Lombard Avenue between Farmington Road and Beaverton Transit Center at the same time planned street improvements will be made.

Service statistics

Average daily ridership

- An estimated 3,000 to 4,000 trips by 2020, with half of the riders new to transit

Frequency

- Weekdays every 30 minutes during morning and afternoon rush hours

Travel time

- 27 minutes between Beaverton Transit Center and Wilsonville

Train speeds

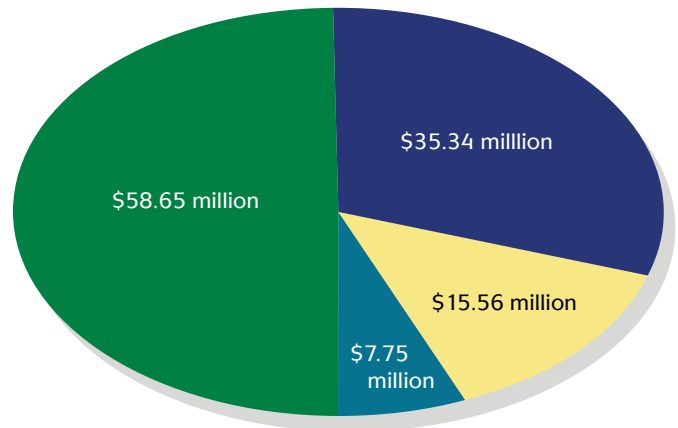
- 37 mph on average, with a top speed of over 60 mph

Vehicles

TriMet is working with Colorado Railcar, a U.S. manufacturer, to design and build a self-propelled diesel vehicle similar to the prototype pictured below.



Funding sources for Washington County Commuter Rail *



■	Federal Funding	-----	\$58.65 million
■	State of Oregon Lottery Bond Proceeds	--	\$35.34 million
■	TriMet and GARVEE Bonds	-----	\$15.56 million
■	Local Cities and Washington County	-----	\$7.75 million
	TOTAL	-----	\$117.3 million

* 50 percent of the funds coming from federal sources. Federal funding commitments were secured in February 2006. TriMet and Washington County also will contribute a total of \$4.1 million to annual operating costs.

Timeline

- Full Funding Grant Agreement, Oct. 2006
- Construction began, Oct. 2006.
- Commuter Rail opens Sept. 2008.

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A project of TriMet, Washington County, Metro, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the communities of Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.

