

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: **September 7, 2010** Time: **2:45 p.m.** Length: **45 minutes**

Presentation Title: **Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Project Update**

Department: **Public and Government Affairs**

Presenters: **Cam Gilmour, DTD Director**  
**Barbara Cartmill, DTD Deputy Director**  
**Elissa Gertler, Public and Government Affairs**  
**Dan Blocher, TriMet Capital Projects**

#### **POLICY QUESTION**

None – Information only

#### **ISSUE & BACKGROUND**

On July 23, the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) informed TriMet that "New Starts" funding for the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project would be limited to 50% of the total project costs, up to \$735 million, with annual allocations of \$100 million. Until July 23 financial modeling had estimated federal funding at 60% of the total project costs with annual allocations of \$150 million. This decision by FTA has resulted in a deficit between estimated project costs and available funding, and the need for TriMet to adjust the project's financial plan.

Since July, TriMet has been assessing the impacts of this decision while reaffirming its commitment to the project alignment, including the extension to Park Avenue in unincorporated Clackamas County.

In response to FTA's decision, TriMet has prepared a revised funding strategy to address the deficit, known as the *50/50 Plan*. The plan consists of resizing the project to identify opportunities for deferring certain elements of the project, which will result in a cost savings equal to 50% of the deficit.

Elements under consideration include adjustments to the Willamette River crossing, various amenities along the length of the line and the structured parking facilities planned at Park Avenue and Tacoma stations.

The remaining project deficit is to be addressed through additional funding. No additional local funds have been requested from Clackamas County at this time.

**QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE:**

1. Request additional information.
2. Request different or additional action on the part of staff.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

N/A

**SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval *Paul Gilman*

County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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