MAX Red Line Extension and Reliability Improvements Project

Project Briefing to JPACT

September 19, 2019



Outline of Presentation

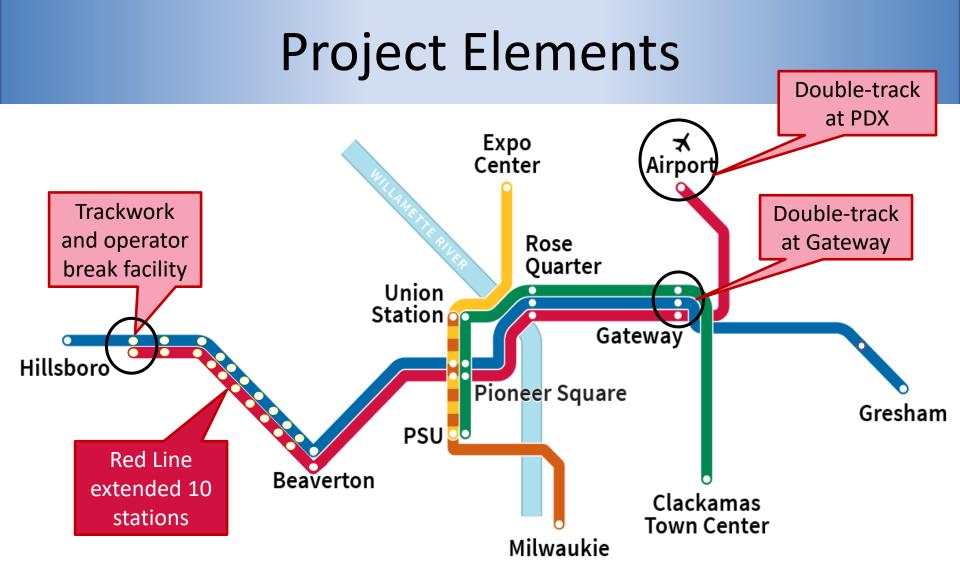
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Why This Project?

- Addresses largest systemwide bottleneck that we have on MAX
- Adds substantial new service on West side
- Improves service reliability systemwide
- Leverages up to \$100M in federal funds
- Allows MAX service to grow in the future





6 additional light rail vehicles



Project Goals

- Extend Red Line west of Beaverton Transit
 Center
 - Provide more service to Hillsboro (Fairplex) and Beaverton
 - Fulfill community desires for direct connection to Airport
- 2. Allows MAX system to operate reliably
 - Removes system wide scheduling constraint resulting from single track segments
 - Allow TriMet to increase service in the future

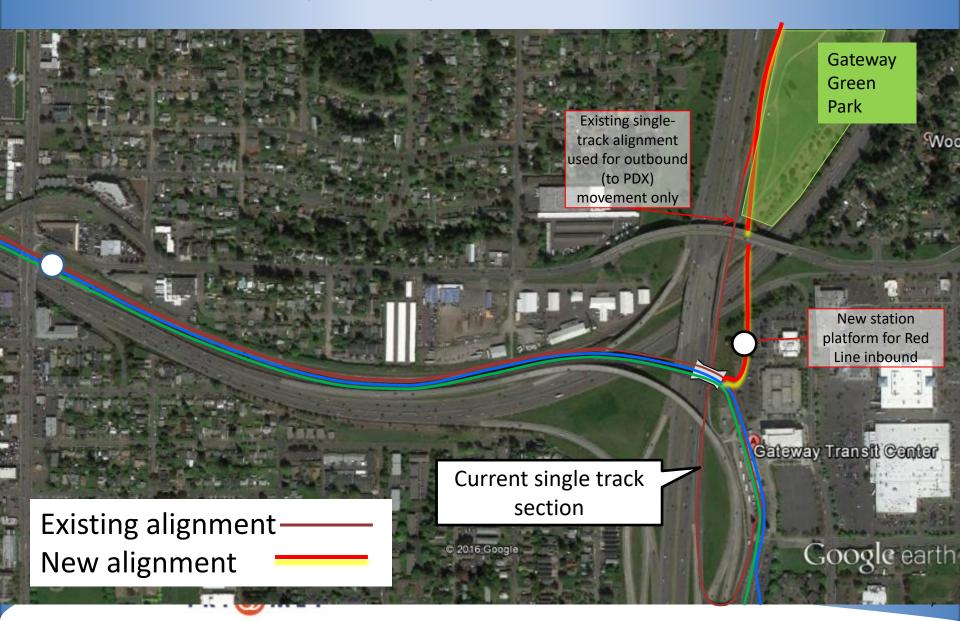


FairPlex- Proposed Improvements





Gateway - Proposed Double Track

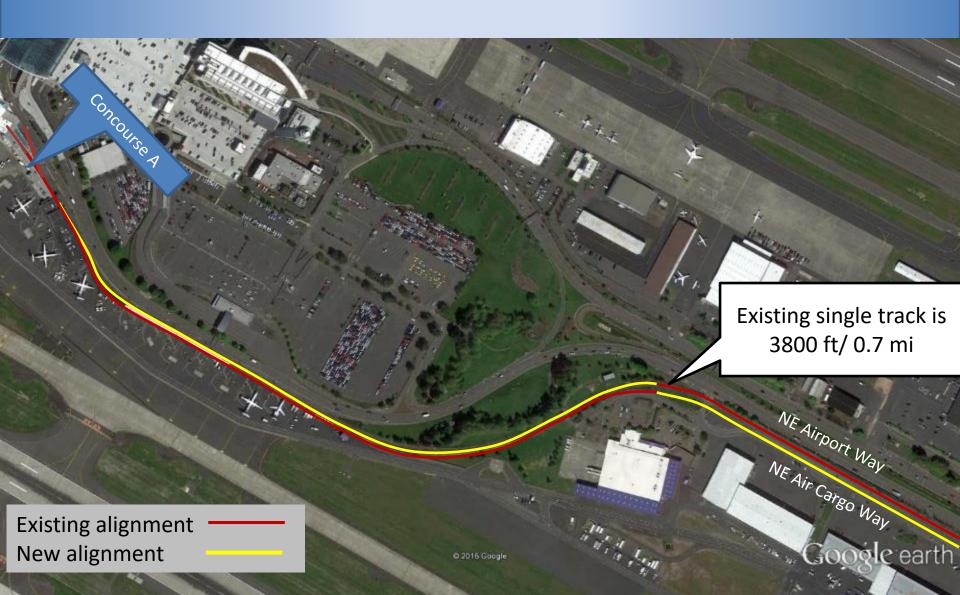


Gateway Transit Center – Another View



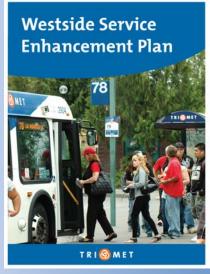


PDX – Proposed Double Track



Project Planning History

- Red Line Extension was included in Westside
 Service Enhancement Plan (2013)
- Gateway and Airport double-tracks were identified as part of systemwide modeling of capital improvements (2017)





TriMet MAX Light Rail Simulation
Tech Memo Part II:

Concepts for Operational Improvement



Prepared for: TRIMET



Agency and Public Involvement

- The Project Advisory Group has advised the selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative.
- Broad public outreach process 2017-2019
- Focused outreach with Gateway stakeholders
- IGA with Port of Portland
- MOU with Portland Parks



General Themes of Public Comment

- Support for project and extension to Hillsboro
- Interest in the project's ability to improve Gateway Transit Center; safe, accessible, comfortable transfers
- Support for improved access to Gateway
 Green Park
- Also explored AORTA's suggestion for alternative design



Project Cost

- Total project cost currently estimated at approximately \$206M
- \$100M request from FTA Small Starts
- \$105M local funding from TriMet bonds (contingent upon milestone activities)
- \$1M from Port of Portland



Project Timeline

- July 2019 activities
 - Enter FTA Project Development for Small Starts
 - 30% design
 - Risk assessment July 2019
- Final Design contract September 2019
- CMCG proposal anticipated Oct 2019
- Environmental (NEPA) complete by Fall 2019
- Federal Grant agreement anticipated 2021
- Begin construction 2021/2022
- Opening in 2023/24

