



Frequent Express (FX) System Plan

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Outline

1. Why Frequent Express matters
2. Current FX implementation
3. Proposed FX System Plan goals
4. Other capital projects efforts to improve bus service
5. Timeline
6. Next steps



Why FX Matters

Frequent Express for the Region

A rapid transit network to transform our communities

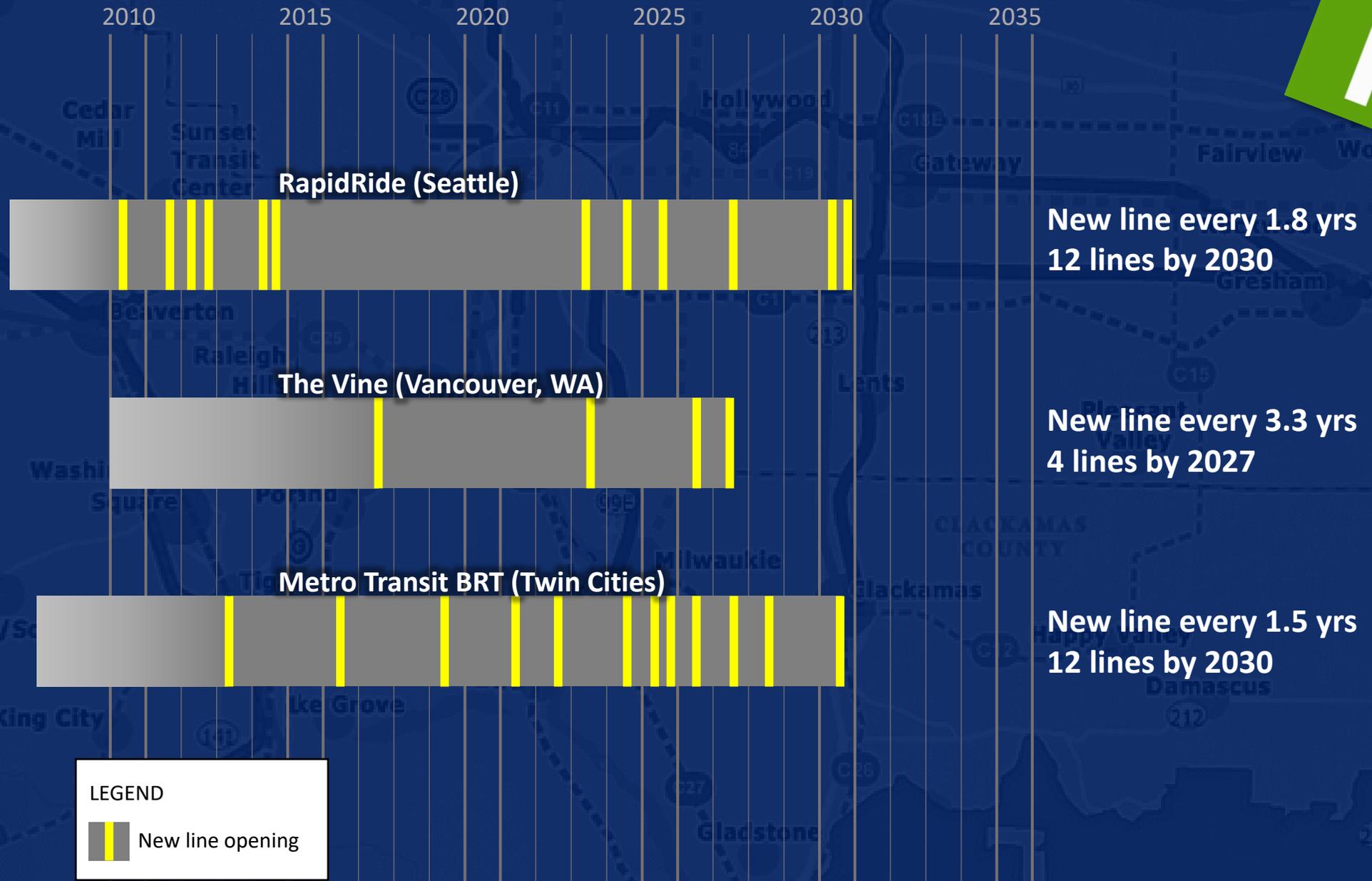
- Attract riders (Vision 2030)
- Improve people's lives
- Grow our economy
- Fight climate change



Challenges that slow FX project delivery and raise costs

- Feasible FX project costs are constrained by Federal grant funding
- Long transit corridors and many communities deserving of service
- Below-standard infrastructure and needs for bike, pedestrian, stormwater and other improvements
- Major right of way issues
- Requests to modify service
 - Vehicle type
 - Stop spacing
 - “Open BRT” lines (combining FX & regular bus)

Pace of BRT projects in peer cities





High Capacity Transit Strategy

- Long term vision
- Connecting regional centers
- High-investment projects like light rail

The FX Plan will complement and refine the HCT Strategy



**HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT
Strategy**



How the FX Plan will help FX Plan Goal

- Increase ridership and connections for future riders by accelerating delivery of cost effective and feasible FX projects



How the FX Plan will help Strategies

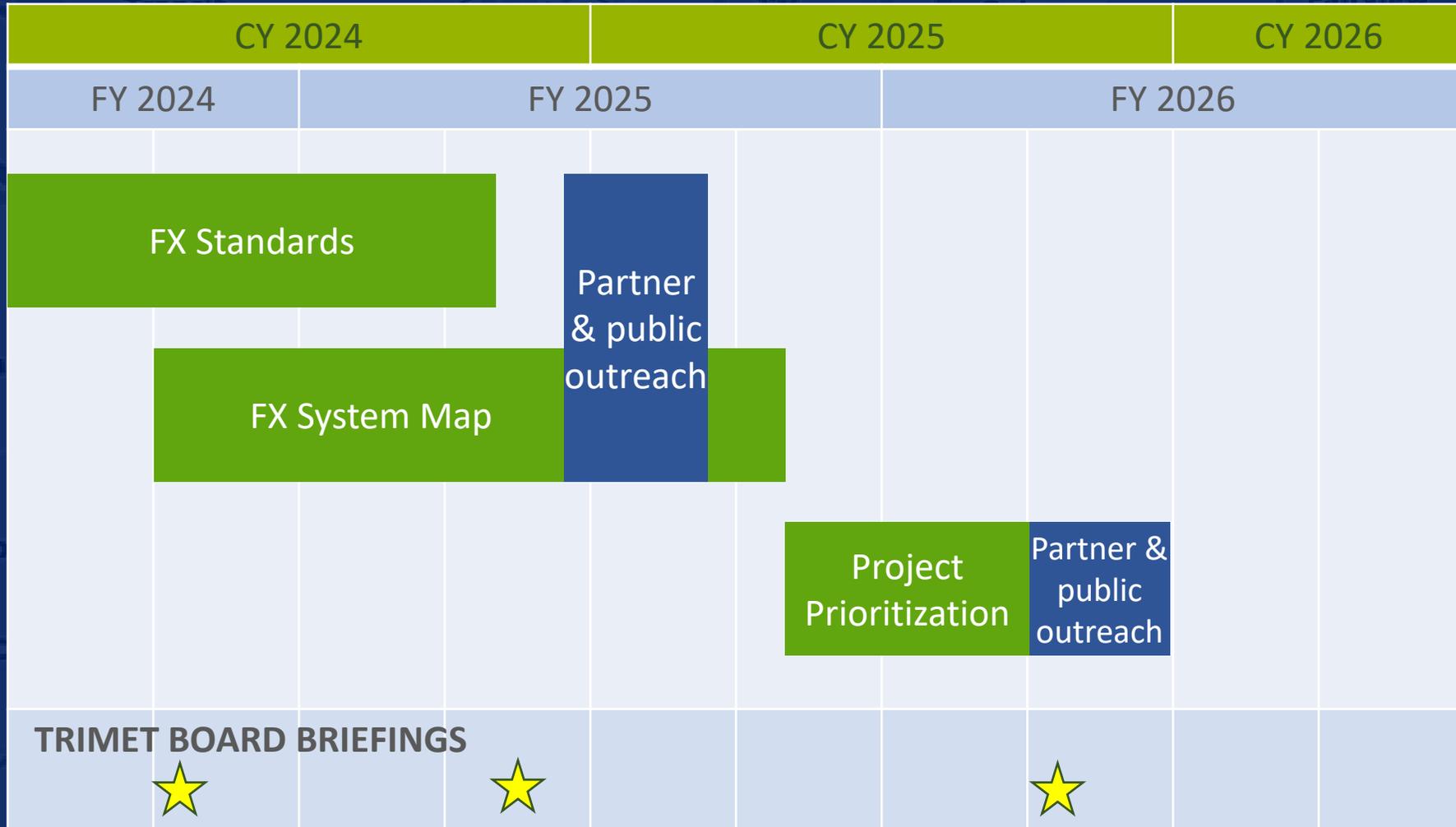
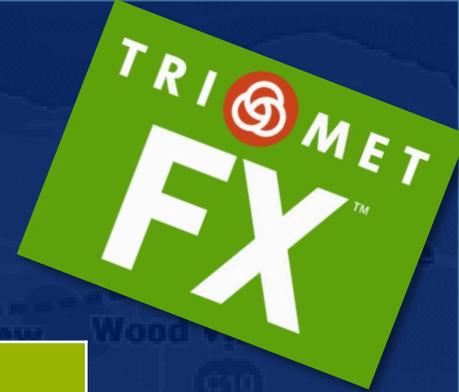
1. Prioritize investments where ridership is high and projects are cost effective
2. Develop standards and processes to streamline project planning and design
3. Encourage partners to simplify project permitting and approval
4. Set expectations for targeted investment, transit-focused FX projects
5. Accommodate phased or incremental delivery strategies
6. Identify ongoing revenue sources for FX projects



Other ongoing capital projects work to improve bus speed and reliability

- 82nd Avenue FX
Frequent Express line (design phase)
- TV Highway FX
Frequent Express line (planning phase)
- Better Bus
Improvements addressing localized bus delay and congested corridors

Desired scope & schedule *subject to change*





Next steps

- Work with TriMet staff and external partners to develop FX Standards
- Work with Forward Together 2.0 team to develop candidate corridors
- Develop FX System Map



Thank you

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