



# Portland – Milwaukie

## LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

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### Alignment Overview

#### NORTH SEGMENT

##### SW Jackson St. to SE Holgate Blvd.

The North Segment of the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project extends from the southern terminus of the downtown Portland transit mall at SW Jackson Street near PSU to the SE Holgate Boulevard station along SE 17th Avenue. This light rail segment features six or seven stations, a new transit bridge over the Willamette River between the Marquam and Ross Island bridges, and transit connections to Portland Streetcar, the Aerial Tram and the TriMet bus system. The exact number of light rail stations will depend on which Willamette River crossing alignment is eventually chosen as the preferred alternative.

The North Segment begins at the south end of the downtown transit mall, currently under construction, and extends east along SW Lincoln Street before continuing on one of five separate proposed alignments that cross the Willamette River.

##### 2003 Locally Preferred Alternative

The 2003 Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) alignment crosses over the SW Harrison Street connector at Harbor Drive, continues east to RiverPlace, crosses underneath the Marquam Bridge and extends across the Willamette River to a station at OMSI. It then crosses at-grade or over the Oregon Pacific Railroad, and travels underneath the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard viaduct before curving southeast along the Union Pacific Railroad right of way.

##### Willamette River alignment options

- Meade-Caruthers
- Meade-Sherman
- Porter-Caruthers
- Porter-Sherman

The other four Willamette River alignment options differ from the LPA by extending further south on the east side of the river, crossing at Harbor Drive to the South Waterfront district to

provide better access to the neighborhood, future OHSU Schnitzer Campus and the Aerial Tram. The options are named for the approximate locations of the street connections they meet on both sides of the Willamette River – SW Meade or SW Porter on the west, and SE Sherman or SE Caruthers on the east.

For all four, RiverPlace would be served by an elevated station at Harbor Drive. The alignments continue south along SW Moody Avenue extending into South Waterfront, crossing the streetcar tracks and SW River Parkway at-grade and curving to the east through the future OHSU Schnitzer Campus. All four options feature an elevated station in the Schnitzer Campus to address potential floodplain issues and meet navigational clearance over the Willamette River. All four options also include a station south of OMSI and connections to the future Portland Streetcar Loop. The alignments then cross at-grade or over the Oregon Pacific Railroad, and travel underneath the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard viaduct before curving southeast along the Union Pacific Railroad right of way where they rejoin the 2003 LPA.

The SDEIS will include analysis of two potential bridge types – a concrete segmental bridge and a cable-stay bridge. Either bridge would accommodate bikes, pedestrians, streetcar, light rail, and, possibly, buses. A transit-oriented bridge over the Willamette would be a new feature in Portland and promises to be a signature element of the entire Portland-Milwaukie light rail line.

The North Segment continues along the Union Pacific Rail right of way with a station at SE Clinton Street. The alignment crosses SE Powell Boulevard at SE 17th Avenue on a single track in order to share the 17th Avenue bridge. The North Segment continues along SE 17th Avenue with stops at SE Rhine Street and SE Holgate Boulevard.

*(see map on other side)*

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