

Questions for Consideration

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Region

- What is important about the Portland metro region?
- How do we move forward and be true to ourselves?
- We must define what needs to be adjusted to get where we want to go.
- What will makes us feel good about where we live?
- How do we know when we've succeeded?

Placemaking

- How do we create great places?
- How does high capacity transit intersect with great urban form?
- How do we make a place cozy?
- How do we change to romance from materialism?
- How do we infuse the cultural, artistic, and economic sides of a successful region into our HCT plan?

Access

- How does HCT create access to existing great places?
- What is within a 20-minute walk, 20-minute bicycle ride, 20-minute transit ride, or 20-minute high capacity transit ride?
- How does HCT connect us to the global society? (North Bethany to Shanghai)

Speed

- Time savings means more time with family and friends – how do we create time savings with HCT?

Equity

- For whom are we creating HCT? For whom are you making the place? For what function?
- How does HCT serve the suburbs?
- How does HCT create affordable housing along corridors and in centers?

Future growth and present population

- How do we balance the tension between the present in individual terms and the future on community and collective terms?

Centers and corridors

- Should HCT serve areas outside of the urban growth boundary? Intra-cities?

Marketing

- How does HCT complete individualized "I" Marketing? (iPod, iPhone, etc)

Concepts

- What if we considered all existing rights of ways as "land banking" for the transit system?
- What are the effects of social isolation of 30 minutes alone in a car?

Federal policy changes

- Should the HCT Plan work to level the transportation playing field for federal funding or maybe unlevel it in favor for transit?

Going places



Mode

- How do we shift cultural expectations in order to serve and balance the needs of diverse constituencies through Bus Rapid Transit like Curitiba?

Complete System

- How do we create a complete, integrated system with pedestrians, bicycles, and bus?

Grids

- Disasters in places like New Orleans and New York made it clear where redundancies and diversity in the transit network were important to the function of the system.

Demographic Shifts

- How will we change in the future with more people working independently, smaller family sizes, and residents accustomed to higher density environments?

Investment Choices

- Will investments in safety lead to a greater increase in ridership than a corresponding line extension?
- Should shorter, low speed trips or longer, high speed trips be emphasized