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## Portland Streetcar Loop

# Track

## \$45 million approved for Streetcar Loop construction

The President signed the fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill which included \$45 million for the Portland Streetcar Loop. To commence construction, the Project must obtain a Construction Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration. With continued support from Oregon's congressional delegation, the remaining federal funds, approximately \$30 million, should be allocated in 2010.

As of February, design engineers have completed 75 percent of the project design, and will finish this spring. Following an open competitive process this winter, the City of Portland selected Stacy & Witbeck as the Construction Manager / General Contractor for the project. The City's strategy in selecting a CM/GC before finalizing the design is for the construction manager to participate in project planning and provide timely and experienced insight into the design process.

Before beginning construction, project partners are hosting four "Streetcar Chats" to provide an opportunity for people who live, work or own businesses or property along or near the loop extension to talk directly with the project designers. The Chats will be hosted in the Lloyd District, Central Eastside, The Pearl and Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. For more information, see the back page!



Streetcar at Portland State University.

### Staying in the Loop @ [www.portlandstreetcar.org](http://www.portlandstreetcar.org)

#### Wondering what's next for Portland Streetcar?

There are a number of ways to keep you "in the loop" and answer your questions. To talk directly with project designers, join us for an upcoming "Streetcar Chat" this April or May. Another option is to log onto our website at [www.portlandstreetcar.org](http://www.portlandstreetcar.org). You can learn about:

- The proposed streetcar alignment, stop locations and designs. You can also view simulated flyovers of the streetcar route.
- The construction schedule when we break ground in May. The website will host a three-week construction "look ahead." Once construction begins, this schedule will be updated every week.
- Upcoming Streetcar events, such as the Streetcar Chats planned for this spring.
- The Citizen Advisory Committee meetings for the Portland Streetcar Loop Project.

In addition to the website and the events, we are always available to answer your questions or hear your comments. Contact Kay Dannen at (503) 478-6404 or by e-mail, [dannen@portlandstreetcar.org](mailto:dannen@portlandstreetcar.org).

Federal Funds	\$75 million	Local Required Match
Local Improvement District	\$15 million	
Portland Development Commission (urban renewal funding)	\$27 million	
Regional Funds	\$4 million	
System Development Charges	\$6 million	
Vehicles from State of Oregon	\$20 million	
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$147 million</b>	



**Heading into construction**

When federal money is received and a full funding grant agreement awarded by the federal government the Loop project will begin. With the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) selected, project partners are ready to break ground on the Loop extension in early May. The first phase of construction will focus on relocating water lines on SE Grand Avenue from Oregon to Stephens and on Broadway from Grand to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Made in Oregon streetcar vehicles and track will be ordered this May, and track construction will begin late summer.

Stacy and Witbeck, our CM/GC for the project, is the same company that managed construction for the successful existing Streetcar project. For that project, the company managed track construction in three-to-five block segments, completing each segment in about four weeks. This approach significantly minimized the period of disruption to local residents and business owners.

As the CM/GC for the project, Stacy & Witbeck will provide “Open for Business” signage for all businesses near or adjacent to construction areas. Excavation for the track bed will be eight feet wide and 14-18 inches deep. All streets, sidewalks and driveways along the alignment will remain open during construction, although some parking may be impacted temporarily during construction for each segment. Hours of construction will generally be from 7 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Streetcar Planning Goals:**

- Link neighborhoods with a convenient and attractive transportation alternative.
- Fit the scale and traffic patterns of existing neighborhoods.
- Provide quality service to attract new transit ridership.
- Reduce short inner-city auto trips, parking demand, traffic congestion and air pollution.
- Encourage development of more housing & businesses in the Central City

For a sneak peak at construction sequencing, visit the project website at [www.portlandstreetcar.org](http://www.portlandstreetcar.org) to view the three-week look ahead schedule. 🏗️

**What’s Coming Down the Line? Streetcar Chats with Project Designers**

Are you curious how designers chose the streetcar route or selected stop locations? Wondering how streetcar will operate in mixed traffic and what stops will look like?

Streetcar designers just recently completed a number of studies and draft recommendations for on-street parking, development opportunities and streetcar stop design and locations for the streetcar loop extension.

This spring, project partners will host four informal “Streetcar Chats” for people to learn about these recent studies, ask the burning questions and share their thoughts regarding parking impacts, streetcar alignment and stops. Come and discuss with us this exciting new transit option for your area. Events will be casual Q&A and comment sessions, allowing participants to guide the discussion based on their topic of interest. Bring your friends, colleagues, employees and neighbors. 🗣️

**Portland Streetcar Loop Estimated Timeline**

	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Final Design</b>	[Progress bar]			
<b>Construction</b>		[Progress bar]		
<b>Substantial Completion of Construction</b>				Spring/Summer 2011
<b>Streetcar Service Begins</b>				Fall 2011

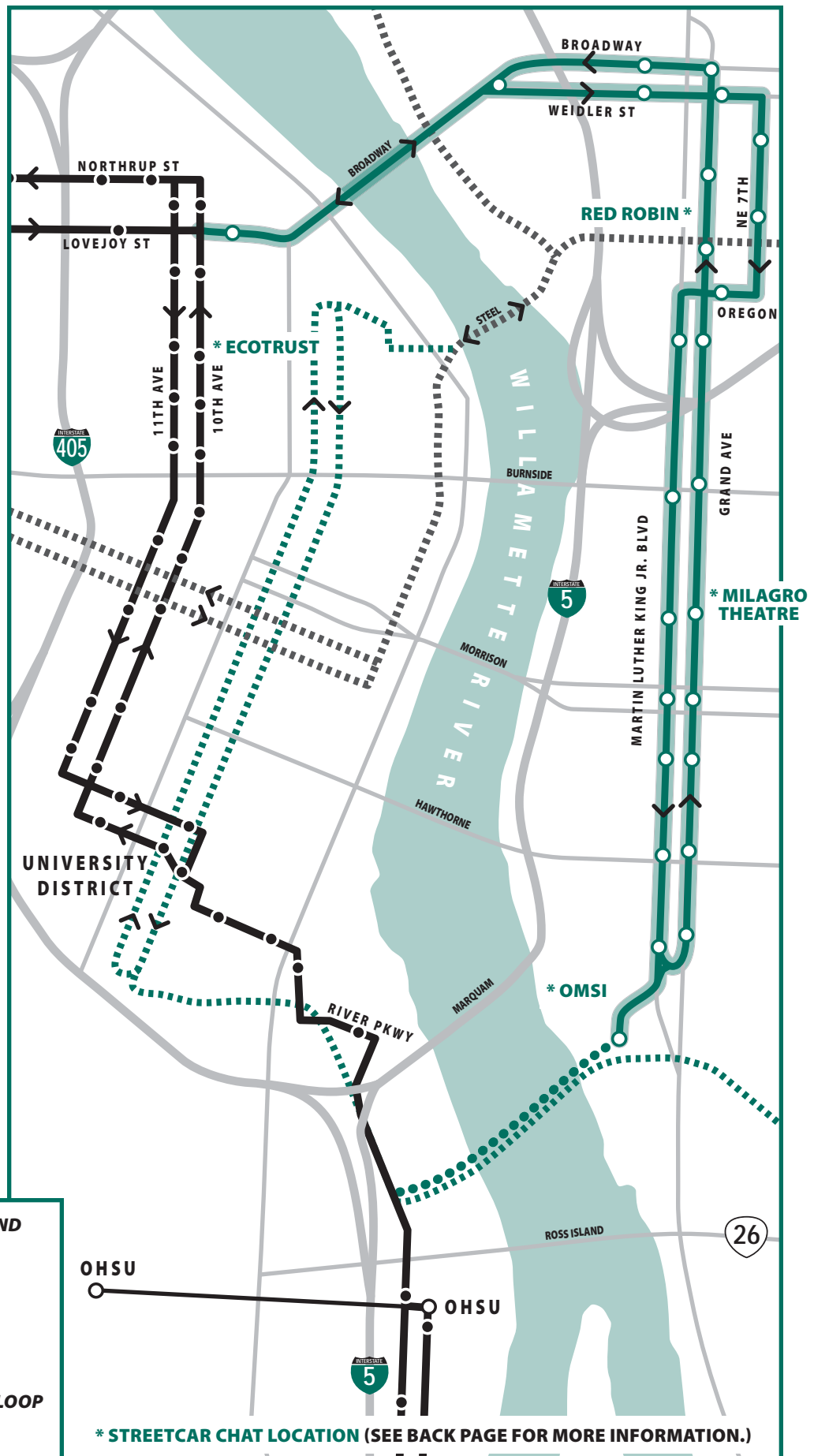
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## Making Room for Streetcar and Parking in Portland's Eastside

The project designer URS has completed 75 percent of the design for the Streetcar Loop Project, and is slated to finalize design this spring. In January, project designers submitted draft studies and recommendations for streetcar stop designs and locations, and on-site parking impacts to project partners and the Project Advisory Committee for review. This committee has representatives from neighborhood and business associations, local employers and business owners, OMSI, TriMet, and the City of Portland.

Members of the community are encouraged to review the documents, ask questions and share their thoughts or concerns by the end of May. There are a number of ways people can learn about these studies and share their comments or concerns. This spring, people can talk directly to designers about these reports at upcoming "Streetcar Chats." If appropriate, project partners may be able to accommodate outstanding issues before finalizing the design and the draft studies and recommendations.

To view the draft studies and recommendations for streetcar stops log onto the project website at [www.portlandstreetcar.org](http://www.portlandstreetcar.org) and click on [Future Planning > Streetcar Loop](#) to view the reports. Reports will be posted when finalized. 🏠



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	<b>PROPOSED STREETCAR LOOP AND STATIONS</b>
	<b>EXISTING LIGHT RAIL</b>
	<b>FUTURE LIGHT RAIL</b>
	<b>CLOSE THE STREETCAR LOOP</b>
	<b>AERIAL TRAM</b>

\* STREETCAR CHAT LOCATION (SEE BACK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.)



## Portland Streetcar Loop

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### Sneak Peek at Proposed Streetcar Stops ... Tell us what you think!

Come meet the streetcar designers, view the proposed stops and bring your questions to the spring Streetcar Chats:

*April 20, 4-6 pm - Red Robin - 1139 NE Grand Ave.*

*April 27, 5-7 pm - OMSI - 1945 SE Water Ave.*

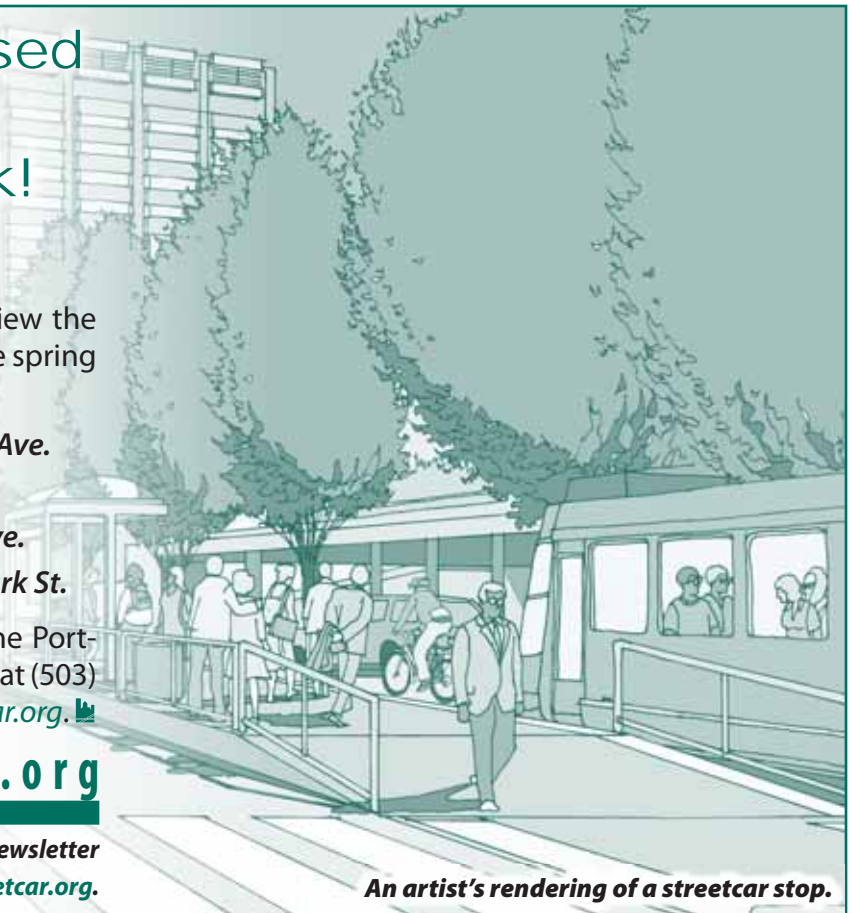
*May 6, 11 am-1 pm - EcoTrust - 721 NW 9th Ave.*

*May 11, 4-6 pm - Milagro Theatre - 525 SE Stark St.*

If you are interested in getting involved in the Portland Streetcar Loop, please contact Kay Dannen at (503) 478-6404 or by e-mail [dannen@portlandstreetcar.org](mailto:dannen@portlandstreetcar.org).

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*An artist's rendering of a streetcar stop.*