

Curious about potential streetcar corridors?

Take the Portland Streetcar Survey for your part of town!

Surveys for North Portland, Northeast Portland, East Portland and Southeast Portland are available at

<http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/streetcarsystemplan>.

Help the Portland Office of Transportation (PDOT) prioritize potential future streetcar corridors throughout the city. As part of the PDOT Streetcar System Plan (SSP) effort, **DISTRICT STREETCAR SURVEYS** are now available on the SSP website: <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/streetcarsystemplan>. Please take the survey(s) for the area(s) where you live, work or own property.

These surveys were created by citizen-led District Working Groups (DWG) as an informal assessment of community support for potential streetcar corridors. This information about public support will be added to technical data that considers the level of service possible, anticipated ridership, compatibility with the existing transportation system, and opportunities for sustainable neighborhood development along each corridor.

The results of the technical and public involvement evaluation process will guide SSP project staff in developing a long-range, conceptual plan for how future streetcar investments could be prioritized. The SSP will be updated as necessary to reflect the results of later planning efforts, such as the Bureau of Planning's Portland Plan effort.

The surveys will remain open through Sept. 15, 2008.

Please help us get these surveys out to as many people as possible by forwarding this message to your colleagues, friends and neighbors.

What about potential streetcar routes on the West Side?

- *Northwest Portland:* A District Working Group was formed in NW Portland to study the small geographic area between West Burnside and Montgomery Park. This group conducted a survey from June-July 2008 and received over 500 responses. (See summary of Northwest DWG Survey Outreach <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=46137&a=194482>).
- *Southwest Portland:* The SSP is not evaluating any potential streetcar routes in SW Portland at this time. This area of the city is currently well suited for bus transit service. Lower density land use patterns, topography, and narrow and/or curvilinear streets have been identified as challenges for streetcar expansion. It

should be noted that Barbur Boulevard will be studied through Metro's High Capacity Transit (HCT) study, which is currently underway.

<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces>

- *Central City area*: The Central Portland Plan, a 2-year planning study just underway, will have the greatest influence on identifying potential streetcar corridors in the Central City area. The Central Portland Transportation Plan will support the land use and urban design elements of the Central Portland Plan by updating policies on transit, pedestrian, bicycling, freight, auto access and circulation, parking management, travel options, air quality and sustainability.
<http://www.portlandonline.com/planning/index.cfm?c=42841>

Other opportunities to get involved in the SSP:

- *NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS LEADER UPDATES*: Project staff, System Advisory Committee members, and/or District Working Group participants will be updating Neighborhood Coalitions and Business Associations about the DWGs' findings and survey results in August-September.
- *STAKEHOLDER LETTERS*: Neighborhood Coalitions, Neighborhood Associations, Business Associations, and other key stakeholder groups or organizations are invited to submit position letters (in support, not in support, indifferent) about potential streetcar corridors.
- *MARCH 2009 PUBLIC MEETINGS*: Public meetings will be held to present the Draft Streetcar System Plan and receive public feedback prior to the presentation of the plan to the Planning Commission and City Council in Spring 2009.
- *Send your comments to* portlandstreetcarplan@pdxtrans.org.

For more information, please visit the PDOT - Streetcar System Plan website - <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/streetcarsystemplan>, email portlandstreetcarplan@pdxtrans.org, or call Patrick Sweeney - 503-823-5611 or Emily Lieb - 503-823-7854.