

**Mill Plain Bus Rapid Transit  
Vancouver, Washington  
Small Starts Project Development  
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The Clark County Public Transit Benefit Area (C-TRAN), proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) in a 10-mile corridor between downtown Vancouver and east Vancouver. The project includes 20-22 stations, seven vehicles, level boarding stations, improved station amenities, better pedestrian access to stations, off-board fare payment, branded transit vehicles, enhanced safety and security at stations, and transit signal priority. The Project is expected to operate primarily in mixed traffic, except two short exclusive lane segments that are currently being evaluated, each of which will not exceed 1,000 feet in length. C-TRAN estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$50 million, and plans to seek approximately \$25 million in Small Starts funding from the Capital Investment Grants program.

C-TRAN is pursuing the project to address several existing transportation deficiencies and future corridor opportunities. Employment in the Mill Plain corridor is forecast to increase by 26 percent by 2040. During the next 10 years, the corridor is also forecast to add nearly 2.8 million square feet of office and retail space and nearly 6,000 new multi-family housing units. C-TRAN expects the Project will: 1) improve travel time and reliability in the corridor by reducing delay caused by traffic congestion; 2) improve mobility for residents who do not have access to a car or are in poverty; and 3) enhance transit safety and access by improving lighting and security at stations and increasing the overall attractiveness of transit. The corridor includes several major employment areas and key activity centers such as downtown Vancouver, Clark College, PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, Vancouver Clinic, and Columbia Tech Center.

C-TRAN expects to select a locally preferred alternative (LPA) in early 2019, have it adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in March 2019, and complete the environmental review process with receipt of a Documented Categorical Exclusion in fall 2019. C-TRAN hopes to receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in spring 2021, and start revenue service in spring 2023.