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# THE VINE IS BRANCHING OUT!

The Mill Plain BRT Project is making significant progress as it advances through the environmental, engineering, and design work. Final design is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2020. The project is also working through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Starts program, which will make it eligible to receive substantial federal funding to help pay for construction,

which could begin in as early as 2021.

Currently the project design includes 37 new station platforms, a modification to an existing BRT station (Turtle Place), and a new eight-bay transit center at the eastern terminus adjacent to Clark College. The project will operate primarily in mixed traffic with right-side boarding in curbside lanes.



### WHY MILL PLAIN?

After Fourth Plain, Mill Plain Boulevard is C-TRAN's second-busiest corridor. Route 37, which currently serves Mill Plain, carried more than 761,000 passenger trips in 2019. It's the next logical step for bus rapid transit in Clark County. While Highway 99 has also been identified as a possible BRT corridor in the future, higher transit ridership and the ability to compete for federal funding make Mill Plain the better choice right now.

# THE PROCESS

The Mill Plain BRT Project is currently in Phase Two of a multi-year process. After a year of gathering public input in Phase One, C-TRAN announced the Locally Preferred Alternative—that is, the basic outline for how and where BRT will function along Mill Plain. In Phase Two, we are honing the finer details in project development. Finally, Phase Three will bring construction and make Mill Plain BRT a reality.



# **FUNDING**

In May 2020, the Federal Transit Administration announced an allocation of \$24.9 million for the Mill Plain BRT project to help pay for capital construction. Additional funding may come from regional grants and dedicated C-TRAN reserves. C-TRAN operates debt-free, and we're committed to remaining that way through this process.

Mill Plain BRT at a Glance	
Length of corridor	Approximately 10 miles
Western terminus	Downtown Vancouver via Evergreen Boulevard
Eastern terminus	East Mill Plain Boulevard near 192nd Avenue
Possible funding sources	Small Starts grant (FTA), Regional Mobility grant (WSDOT), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant (RTC), local C-TRAN reserves

# **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

Like Fourth Plain, Mill Plain is a unique corridor with its own identity. In addition to significant transit ridership, the corridor is plagued by chronic and worsening auto congestion. C-TRAN is working closely with residents, businesses and other stakeholders along the corridor to ensure that the project reflects the needs and character of the area it serves.

# **FOR MORE INFO:**



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2018-2019

2019-2021

#### **DEVELOP**

- Project Development Design and Engineering
- Environmental study and permits

2021-2022

#### BUILD

### LAUNCH/SELECT

- · Begin public outreach
- Select Locally Preferred Alternative