

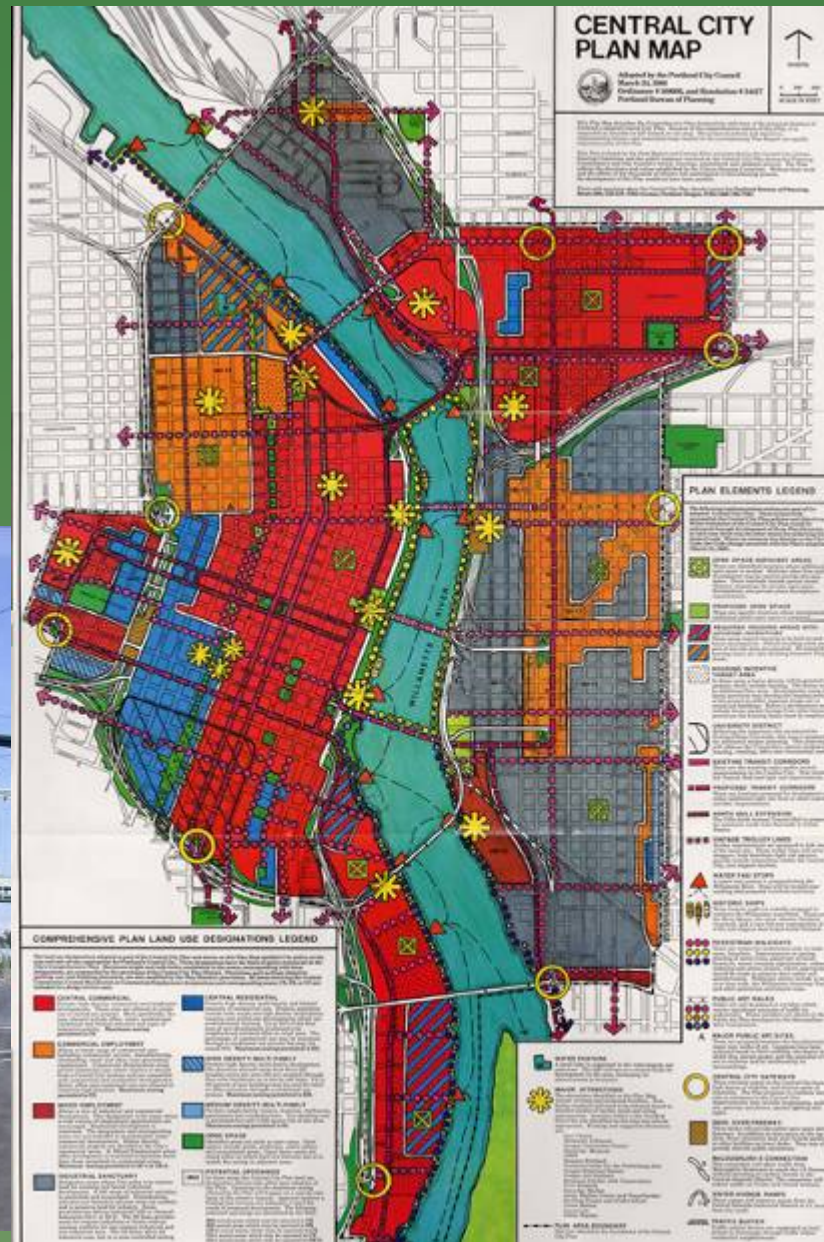
# Portland Planning Commission Public Hearing: Streetcar System Concept Plan

- **Current City Policy**
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- **Public Involvement**
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# Where it all Started

- 1988 Central City Plan



# Current City Policy

**“develop streetcar lines in Portland to connect new or redeveloping neighborhoods to employment opportunities and other destinations, including shopping, education and recreation”**

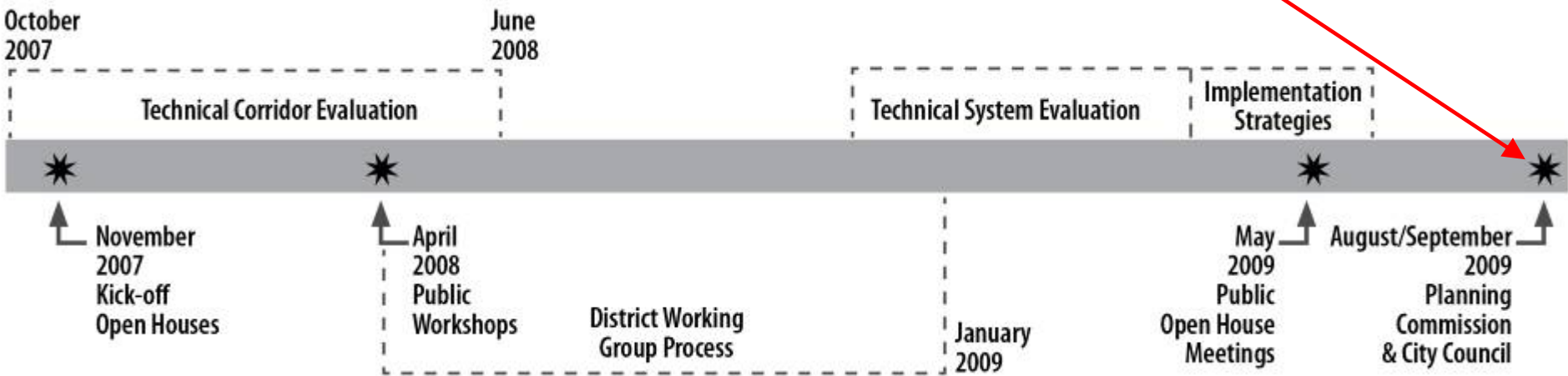
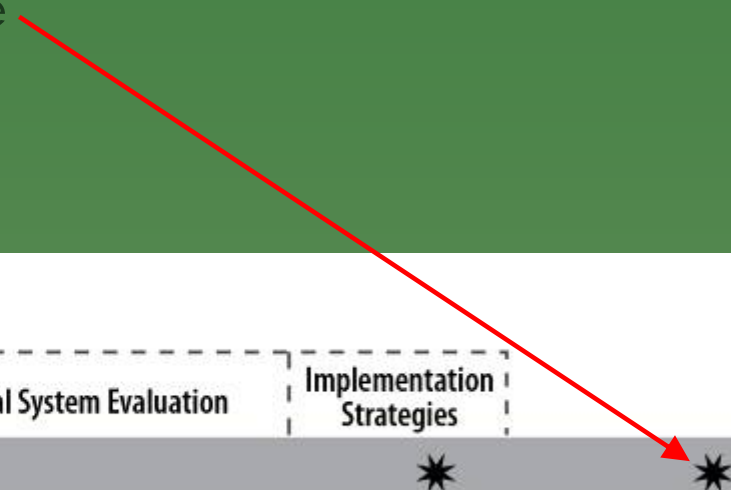
*Policy 6.24 Public Transportation, Objective H*

*Transportation System Plan (Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan)*

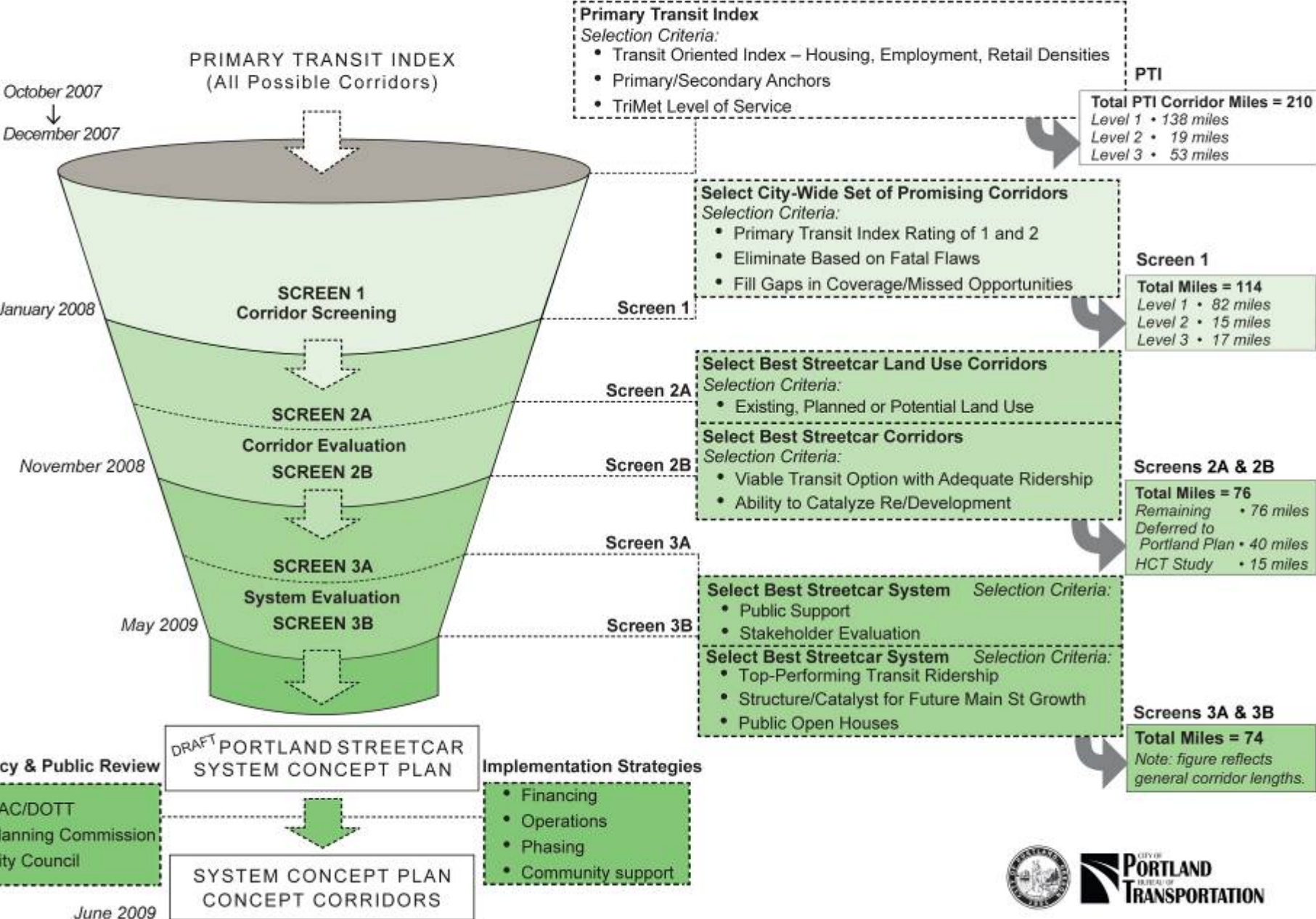
***The Portland Streetcar Concept Plan was prepared to provide a framework or foundation for implementing this policy***

# Schedule

We are here



# CITY WIDE STREETCAR CORRIDOR TECHNICAL EVALUATION PROCESS



# Project Goals

## Corridor Evaluation:

1. Viable Transit Option with Adequate Ridership
2. Have (re)Development Potential
3. Demonstrate Community Support

## System Concept:

1. Help achieve peak oil and sustainability strategies
2. Organize/catalyze growth along streetcar corridors
3. Integrate streetcar corridors with neighborhoods

# Public Involvement

## 15 Major Public Meetings:

- October/November 2007 Kick Off
  - 3 Open House Meeting Events
- April 2008 District Streetcar Workshops
  - 5 District Workshops
  - Initiated District Working Group Process
- July 22 2008 Central Portland Plan/SSP Workshop
- May 2009 Draft System Open House
  - 6 Open House Events

# System Advisory Committee and District Working Groups

- SAC

  - 14 Members, 17 meetings

  - Streetcar Workbook

- 5 District Working Groups

  - 100+ DWG Volunteers

  - 5 Public Surveys

  - 8 months of meetings

  - Hundreds of hours



# DWG Survey Highlights

Over 2100 survey responses

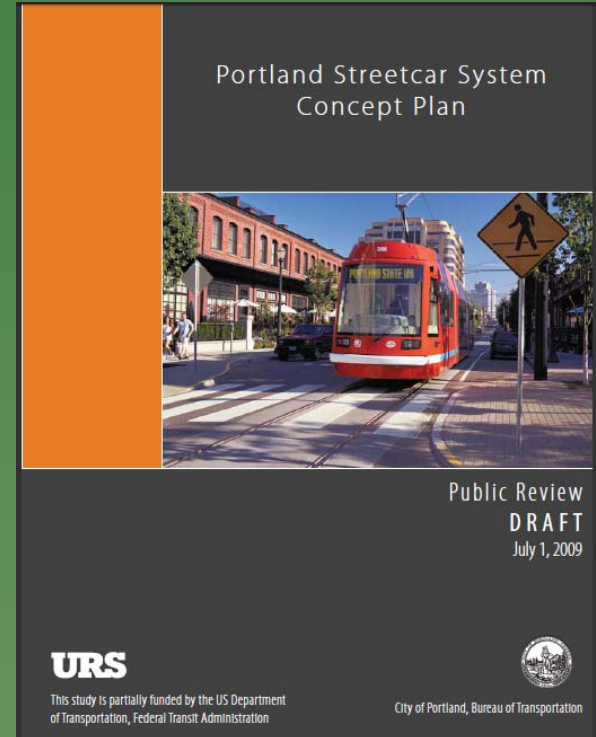
- NW - 83% like the idea of more streetcar
- North - 85% feel streetcar worthwhile investment
- NE - 80% support expanding streetcar
- East - 74% favor streetcar with sidewalk and bike improvements
- SE - 81% support additional corridors

# How the document will be used

**This document will be used to select corridors for Alternatives Analysis as funding becomes available.**

**No funding plan or schedule has been developed for any potential streetcar project.**

**Transit corridors citywide were assessed to determine which corridors have the best potential for streetcar investment.**

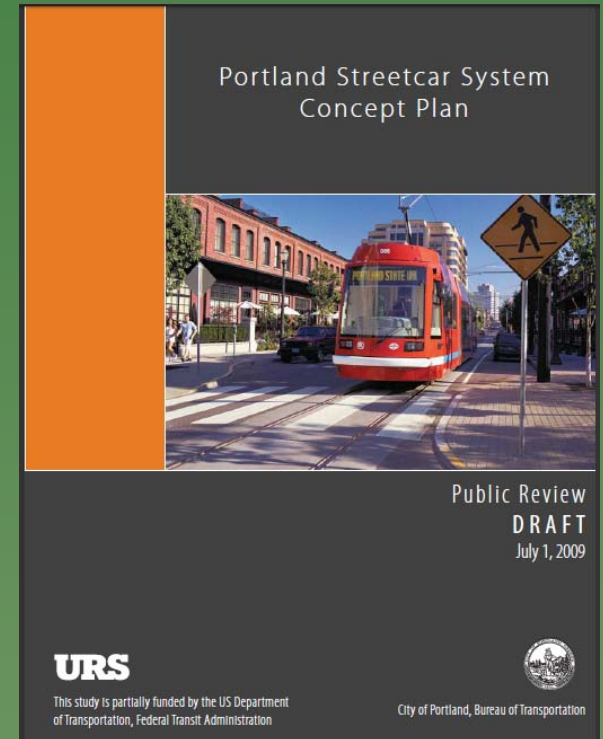


# How the document will be used

**Corridors in this document represent the best opportunities for future streetcar investment**

**Detailed corridor analysis and discussions with affected neighborhoods are necessary to determine if a streetcar investment makes sense**

**No individual corridor can move forward without a detailed analysis of project purpose and need and project impacts**



# Recommendations to City Council

Pursue development of a streetcar system based on promising corridors throughout the City as identified in the Streetcar System Concept Plan

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Accept the Portland Streetcar System Concept Plan as a reference document that helps to identify and select future corridors for federal Alternatives Analysis and planning studies as funding becomes available

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Prepare a technical update to the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP), *Chapter 4, Refinement Plans and Studies*. Add Streetcar Alternatives Analyses for 'concept corridors' identified in this document to the list of future studies

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Use the Streetcar System Concept Plan to inform the *Portland Plan*

- Evaluate/discuss corridors with neighborhoods
- Evaluate corridor development potential

# Recommendation to City Council

Develop principles to guide the evaluation and analysis of future streetcar corridors:

- Housing affordability
- Small business impacts
- Neighborhood development
- Impacts on existing transit services
- Local match requirements, and
- Transparency in streetcar project development

Inter-Bureau/Agency task force: Planning Commission, ONI, PBOT, BPS, PDC, BHCD, OMF, and TriMet