

Decision Table J: TSP Major Projects List, Studies List and Street Classifications Carry-Over Item J3

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Item J3 is a carry-over from the January 10, 2017 work session.

Items Marked for Discussion:

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Ref #	Topic	Proposed Draft	Request(s)	Staff recommendation	Staff rationale	Discuss?	PSC decision
J3	TSP Major Projects List	Volume 2B, page 22 (TSP IDs 20119, 20120, 20121). The Proposed Draft retains the Broadway/Weidler Interchange project, which was included in the TSP Major Projects List adopted by City Council in June 2016.	Remove the ODOT Broadway/Weidler Interchange project from the TSP Major Projects List.	Retain Proposed Draft version.	<p>The PSC is considering a proposal, by Commissioner Smith, to delete from Project List TSP Projects #20119, 20120 and 20121. These items make up the Broadway/Weidler Interchange Project and ODOT’s I-5 Broadway/Weidler Facility Plan. Fortunately, this project was able to be developed in conjunction with the CC2035 N/NE Quadrant Plan through a partnership between the City and ODOT. This meant that we were able to more fully influence and integrate the impact of the project on freeway safety and on the urban design, development and circulation objectives of the Quadrant Plan.</p> <p>After over a year of work, deliberations and consideration of about 70 alternatives, the project was supported by N/NE Plan stakeholders and the PSC. It was adopted unanimously by City Council and the Oregon Transportation Commission and was incorporated into the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.</p> <p>There are several reasons that the project is important to keep in the TSP.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resulting proposal ended up with a design that innovatively advances both safety along the freeway with significant improvements to local streets and adjacent blocks. 2. The proposed project includes a complete rebuild and seismic upgrade of critical bridges that carry all modes including streetcar. 3. It adds critical links to the pedestrian/bicycle system through a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over I5 at Clackamas Street and a new multi-modal bridge connecting Dixon St. to Vancouver St. north of Broadway. 4. It includes a lid over the freeway, which proved to be the best engineering solution for ODOT AND an approach that can best supports the redevelopment potential of the Rose Quarter/Blanchard Building area. 5. It also offers the potential to enhance accessibility and livability for the adjacent neighborhoods that were adversely impacted with the construction of the freeway in the 1960s. 6. The project allowed ODOT to eliminate the longstanding proposal to build oversized flyover ramps connecting I-5 the Banfield. 7. The safety improvements on the freeway and access ramps allowed ODOT to approve Mixed Multimodal Area (MMA) status for the Central City. Removing these projects from the list jeopardizes the MMA designation. 8. Removing the projects would make the City’s TSP out of compliance with the Regional Transportation Plan. <p>In conclusion, PBOT and BPS strongly recommend that PSC does not remove the project from the TSP.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain project (staff rec.) <input type="checkbox"/> Remove project