



## **Lane Transit District**

### **Santa Clara Transit Station Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Why does LTD need this new transit station?**

LTD currently operates the River Road Station, built in 1982 and consists of three (3) bus bays. Because the station is located along River Road and adjacent to the Randy Pape Beltline Highway, the site is often congested with on and off-ramp traffic. ODOT has identified this site as one that will be used to expand highway capacity and reduce the traffic congestion associated with the on and off-ramps.

Other challenges associated with this have been accessibility for passengers because the station sits farther back on the property and slower travel times due to the extra time necessary to maneuver in and out of the station.

The new site location was selected because the size allowed for flexible development of a transit station, a Park & Ride and the potential for an adjacent development that would complement transit usage. There is plenty of space that will allow for maximum maneuverability of buses and for better access for riders, pedestrians, cyclists and people who use mobility devices.

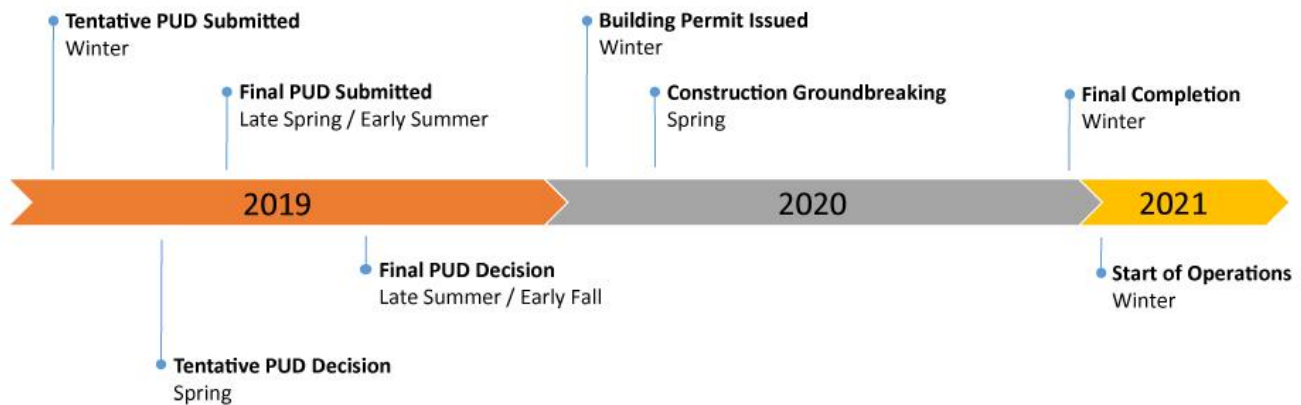
#### **Is the proposed transit station being designed to grow into the future?**

Yes. LTD's planning process takes into account decisions made by the City of Eugene and Lane County. The new station is intended to meet the transportation needs of the River Road/Santa Clara community for at least 40 years.

The proposed Santa Clara Transit Station will be situated on River Road, north of Beltline. It will feature six (6) bus bays, including one for RideSource drop off service, and will provide maximum maneuverability of buses in and out of the station resulting in safer access for riders, pedestrians, cyclists and people who use a variety of mobility options.

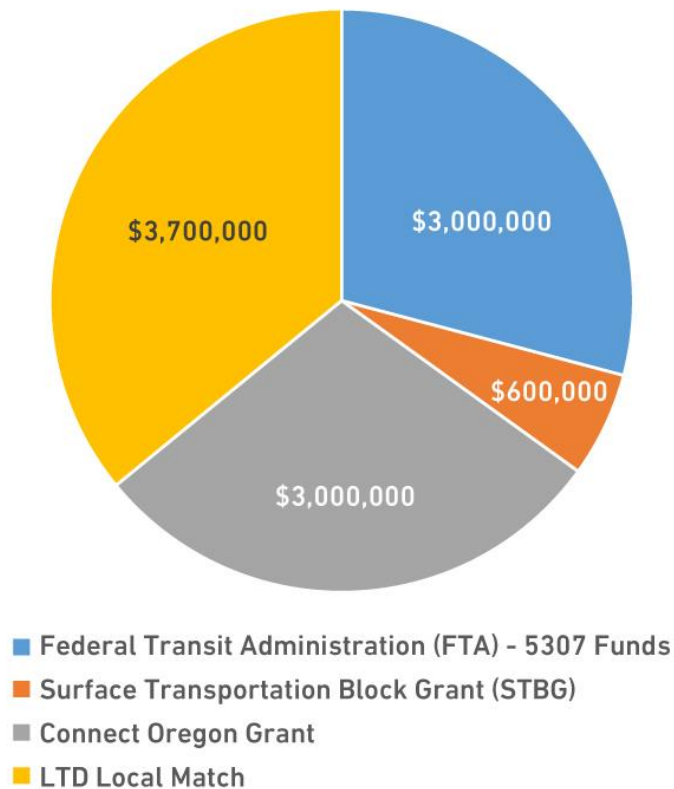
## What is the timeline for this project?

There are several steps in the public process leading to approval, construction and completion of the proposed Santa Clara Transit Station. An anticipated timeline is provided here, but there may be possible changes to the timeline as the project progresses.



## How much is this project expected to cost?

The entire project, including the purchase of the property, is budgeted for \$10.3 million. The funding for this project is coming from a variety of grants and other sources.



### **Are there plans for LTD to add service in the area?**

LTD is currently performing a comprehensive review of all of its services in a study called [Transit Tomorrow](#). This study is looking at LTD's current service and operations for the whole system (including the Santa Clara and River Road area) and will help inform decisions about LTD's future services. The decisions will be based on data about existing ridership, projections about future usage and information gathered by extensive community input.

Additionally, LTD is conducting another transit study with the City of Eugene called [MovingAhead](#), which is exploring options for long-term infrastructure improvements. This study is looking at five major streets in Eugene in order to determine where future infrastructure should be placed. River Road is one of the corridors under consideration for future transit investments that will benefit not only bus riders, but for those who commute by bike, on foot or with mobility devices.

Despite the results of either study, LTD anticipates an increased level of transit and multi-modal services needed to respond to ridership demands.

### **What is the current ridership in the Santa Clara/River Road area?**

October 2018 ridership for Routes 51, 52, 55 (serving Santa Clara/River Road):

#### **Total ridership in October of 2018:**

65,806 boardings occurred on routes 51, 52, and 55 combined.

**Where are these boardings taking place?** About thirty percent of all those boardings (almost 20,000) occurred at/or north of the existing River Road Station. An additional fifteen percent of the boardings took place south of the station on River Road and the remainder were elsewhere, primarily near downtown.

**Weekday ridership:** The average weekday boardings for all those routes combined was 2,492. About 350 were at the existing River Road station.

**Weekend ridership:** On average, 1060 boardings occur on Routes 51 and 52 combined on weekend days. Route 55 does not run on weekends.

To learn more about LTD's rider profiles, please see the 2015 Origin/Destination Study, which can be found here: <https://www.ltd.org/projects-and-planning/>.

**How will LTD alleviate or mitigate traffic congestion with the existence of the new station?**

LTD's traffic engineer is starting a traffic analysis that will inform LTD and the community about how transit service will integrate into traffic along River Road.

**Why doesn't LTD develop the remaining property?**

As a mass transit district, LTD may only purchase, develop or manage property for transit purposes.

**Does LTD care what is built on the remaining property?**

LTD takes great pride in being a good neighbor. We serve our transit stations regularly to ensure they are well-maintained, safe and clean. We also monitor them regularly to prevent unauthorized usage. It is our goal to sell the remaining property to a developer who is motivated and is committed to being a good neighbor.

**Will residents be allowed to have input on what is built on the remaining property?**

The City of Eugene has a process that allows residents to provide input on the zoning of property. For more information, please see <https://www.eugene-or.gov/402/Zoning-and-Land-Use>.

**How many Park & Ride spaces are available at the new Santa Clara Transit Station?**

The new transit station will have approximately 60 parking spaces in the Park & Ride. In determining how to plan the new Park & Ride, an analysis was done based on data collected from the current Park & Ride on River Road, which has an average of 15 – 20 spaces utilized on an average weekday. Based on this data, the parking spaces identified will serve the current needs of the community as well as allow for future growth.

**What will happen if there is more usage of the Park & Ride than planned?**

LTD coordinates its planning process with the City of Eugene, Lane County and ODOT to determine the best level of investment in a Park & Ride. The current

River Road Transit Station is underutilized but some growth is projected. As part of Transit Tomorrow, LTD will analyze how people manage the first and last mile before they board a bus. Providing additional transportation options will provide alternatives to driving and parking.

**The current Park & Ride is used occasionally for football games – where will people park for games once that Park & Ride is closed?**

LTD contracts with several companies to use their empty parking lots on the weekends and we would find a similar one that can accommodate cars on weekends close by the existing station.

**How will students from North Eugene High School get to school safely?**

The station in Santa Clara is being constructed with pedestrian safety in mind and students will be able to safely travel to and from school aboard an LTD bus. The students traveling from the north on the 51 or 52 will board or transfer to the bus at the Santa Clara Transit Station. They will be delivered to the current LTD stop on River Road, located south of Silver Lane, eliminating the need for these students to cross a vehicle congested River Road.

Those students who are traveling northbound on River Road to North Eugene High School may continue to use the current stop outside the existing River Road station.

**How will LTD coordinate with other infrastructure projects in the area such as the River Road Corridor Study, the Beaver-Hunsaker project, etc.?**

LTD is coordinating with the other government agencies on projects in the River Road/Santa Clara area. Below are links to the projects and contact information for each of the projects.

**LTD projects:**

[Transit Tomorrow](#) – [Hart Migdal](#), LTD project manager, 541-682-6142

**Joint LTD/City of Eugene projects:**

[MovingAhead](#) – [Andrew Martin](#), LTD project manager, 541-682-6116

[Chris Henry](#), City of Eugene project manager, 541-682-8472

**City of Eugene projects:**

River Road Corridor Study – [Eric Brown](#), project manager, 541-682-5208

[River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan](#)

[Envision Eugene](#) – [Terri Harding](#), project manager, 541-682-5635

**Lane County projects:**

[Beaver/Hunsaker project](#) – [Becky Taylor](#), project manager, 541-682-6932

**ODOT projects:**

[Beltline/Delta Highway Interchange project](#) – [Molly Cary](#), project manager, 503-986-6924

**How will we be able to stay engaged on this project?**

One way to stay informed about the Santa Clara Transit Station is to check the LTD website, <https://www.ltd.org/santa-clara-transit-station/> and stay involved with the Santa Clara Community Organization, <https://santaclaracommunity.org/scco/>.