



## Tree preservation, replacement essential to PMLR project plan

Drawing on years of experience, TriMet makes tree preservation and replacement a priority during construction projects, while looking for feasible reuse options for removed trees. On the I-205/Portland Mall Light Rail Project, for example, 30 percent more trees were planted than removed, and many of the removed trees were salvaged to use as materials for furniture, lumber and more.

Construction projects often require the removal and replacement of trees, and that is the case for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) Project. It is estimated that the project will need to remove approximately 780 to 830 trees along the alignment, while planting approximately 2,000 trees.

Approaches for tree removal and replacement vary between jurisdictions. The project is working closely with the City of Portland's Urban Forestry office, the City of Milwaukie and Clackamas County to ensure that each jurisdiction's tree removal and mitigation policies are followed while also purchasing the right trees for each location.

### Early tree procurement

For PMLR, the project will purchase trees two years ahead of planting, similar to the method used with the I-205 segment of the MAX Green Line. Early tree procurement allows trees to grow and be more mature when planted, and it assures the project will have the correct species of trees available when its time to plant.

Early estimates are the project will plant approximately 2,000 trees along the project's 7.3-mile alignment, including 1,300 in the City of



*Early tree procurement allowed TriMet to plant bigger, more mature trees on the I-205 alignment of the MAX Green Line.*

Portland, 450 in the City of Milwaukie and 200 in unincorporated Clackamas County. These numbers do not include trees that will be planted for mitigation purposes in riparian and natural areas in Milwaukie and Clackamas County—planning for those trees continues.

The trees being procured for the alignment include more than a dozen native species, including Oregon white oak, black hawthorne and Pacific madrone. These native trees will be planted in locations appropriate to their growing needs. In locations where native species would not thrive or meet appropriate landscaping needs, other species will be planted.

Trees are important elements of livable communities, providing beauty, shade, visual diversity and habitat, while helping to reduce stormwater runoff. The trees to be grown and planted for PMLR will help define the corridor and



*The project strives to preserve as many trees as possible. The mature trees along McLoughlin Blvd near the SE Tacoma Street/Johnson Creek station will be preserved.*

link it to surrounding communities, adding beauty and providing a natural visual connection along the way.

### Tree reuse

When trees are removed, TriMet and its contractors make every effort to find a way to reuse the materials. Leaves and twigs are turned into compost. Depending on the type of tree, the branches and wood recovered may be repurposed in natural settings such as parks, used as firewood, or if feasible, sold to local businesses working in wood-product industries such as furniture making.

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