

FUTURE STATION

HAROLD STREET STATION AREA (FUTURE STATION)

Overview

The Harold Street station was examined and ultimately designated for future development (rather than for construction as part of this project) due to a variety of factors, including:

- Low boarding projection
- The close proximity of other stations
- Travel delays for through passengers (more riders impacted than benefited)
- Land use in the area that does not support the station and the cost of pedestrian bridges needed to connect the station to the Reed, Eastmoreland and Westmoreland neighborhoods

The area around the future Harold Street station is bisected by McLoughlin Boulevard (Highway 99E) with the Westmoreland residential neighborhood to the west and the Brooklyn Rail Yard, industrial sanctuary, Reed neighborhood and Eastmoreland Golf Course to the east. The UPRR runs parallel to McLoughlin Boulevard and reinforces this barrier between neighborhoods. The Reed College campus is in the heart of the Reed and Eastmoreland neighborhoods and approximately a half-mile east of the future station, although currently the nearest access to the college over the rail lines is via the Bybee Boulevard overpass.

Current Design Direction

The light rail alignment through this area runs between McLoughlin Boulevard and the UPRR and the future station would be located on the south side of the Harold Street intersection in an elevated, side platform configuration. A station would likely require pedestrian overcrossings of the UPRR tracks and McLoughlin Boulevard to connect the neighborhood east of the UPRR tracks and west of McLoughlin Boulevard directly to the station.

Harold Street Station Triggers for Implementation

In coordination with the adjacent neighborhoods, a set of “triggers” is being developed to identify conditions for the future construction of the station. These conditions could include finance, ridership and land use performance measures.