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THE VINE IS BRANCHING OUT!

In September 2021, C-TRAN officially broke ground on the Mill Plain BRT project. Construction is now underway on what will be the second branch of The Vine, which first began operating on Vancouver's Fourth Plain corridor in 2017.

The Mill Plain BRT project will bring bus rapid transit to a 10-mile corridor primarily along Mill Plain Boulevard. The project includes 37 new station platforms, a modification to an existing BRT station (Turtle Place), and a new transit center at the eastern terminus, adjacent to the Clark College Columbia Tech Center campus.



WHY MILL PLAIN?

After Fourth Plain, Mill Plain Boulevard is C-TRAN's second-busiest corridor. Route 37, which currently serves Mill Plain, carried more than 761,000 passenger trips in 2019. It's the next logical step for bus rapid transit in Clark County. While Highway 99 has also been identified as a possible BRT corridor in the future, higher transit ridership and the ability to compete for federal funding made Mill Plain the better choice right now.

THE PROCESS

Though construction is now underway, planning for the Mill Plain BRT project began back in 2018. Extensive outreach and feedback from the public during Phase One of the project led to the adoption of the project's Locally Preferred Alternative in 2019. In Phase Two, C-TRAN consistently worked with residents, businesses and other stakeholders as development continued. Phase Three, construction, will take the project to the beginning of service expected in 2023.



FUNDING

The total cost of the Mill Plain BRT project is \$49.9 million. About \$33.6 million of that is covered by federal grants, with another \$9 million covered by the state Regional Mobility Grant (RMG) program. About \$7.3 million of the project cost will be covered by local C-TRAN funds. C-TRAN operates debt-free, and that won't change with this project.

Mill Plain BRT at a Glance

Length of corridor	Approximately 10 miles
Western terminus	Downtown Vancouver
Eastern terminus	East Mill Plain Boulevard near 184th Avenue
Funding sources	Capital Investment Grants Program (FTA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant (RTC), American Rescue Plan (federal), Regional Mobility Grant program (WSDOT), local C-TRAN funds
Scheduled opening	2023

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Like Fourth Plain, Mill Plain is a unique corridor with its own identity. In addition to significant transit ridership, the corridor is plagued by chronic and worsening auto congestion. A multi-year planning process created a project that reflects the needs and character of the area it serves.

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2018–2019

LAUNCH/SELECT

- Begin public outreach
- Select Locally Preferred Alternative

2019–2021

DEVELOP

- Project Development
- Design and Engineering
- Environmental study and permits

2021–2023

BUILD

- Secure right-of-way
- Construction