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## THE VINE IS BRANCHING OUT!

*The Vine on Mill Plain, C-TRAN's second bus rapid transit line, will begin service on October 1, 2023. The project initially started construction with a groundbreaking ceremony in September 2021. Its opening will build on the success of The Vine on Fourth Plain, which began operating in 2017 as the region's first bus rapid transit system.*

*The Vine on Mill Plain will bring bus rapid transit to a 10-mile corridor between downtown and east Vancouver. The project includes 37 new station platforms, a modification to an existing Vine station (Turtle Place), and a new Mill Plain Transit Center at the eastern terminus, adjacent to the Clark College Columbia Tech Center campus.*

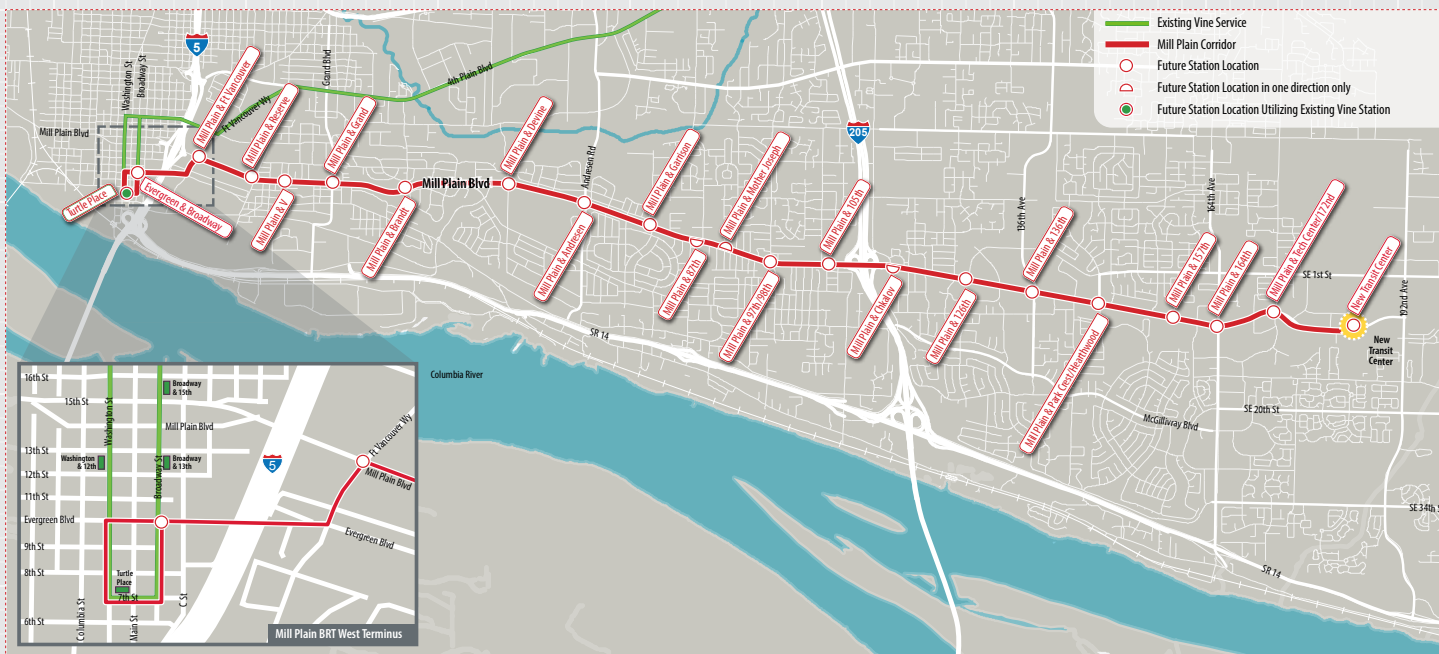


### WHY MILL PLAIN?

*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. It's also part of a growing network: Future Vine corridors are already in planning for Highway 99, and for east Fourth Plain/162nd Avenue.*

### 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 start of service this fall.*



## 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

<b>Length of corridor</b>	Approximately 10 miles
<b>Western terminus</b>	Downtown Vancouver
<b>Eastern terminus</b>	East Mill Plain Boulevard near 184th Avenue
<b>Funding sources</b>	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
<b>Scheduled opening</b>	October 1, 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