

Figure S1, related to Figure 3. Negligible coexpression of Tbr2 and Tph2^{Cre} in image-stabilizing RGCs (A-D) Whole-mount retinas from Tph2^{Cre}-tdTomato (red)::Hoxd10-GFP (green) mice, immunostained for Tbr2 (blue). Arrowheads indicate Hoxd10-RGCs with Tbr2 and Tph2^{Cre} coexpression and dashed circles indicate Hoxd10-RGCs that lack Tph2^{Cre}. Scale bar, 25µm. (E) Quantification of % of Hoxd10-RGCs coexpressing Tbr2 and Tph2^{Cre}. Data are represented as mean \pm SEM (n = 3 mice).



Figure S2, related to Figure 3. Tbr2 is not expressed in retinorecipient subcortical targets

(A-I) Coronal view of all RGC axons (CTb-488, green) and staining for Tbr2 (purple) in wildtype mice at P3. Scale bars, 100µm (D-F); 200µm (A-C and G-I). dLGN, dorsal lateral geniculate nucleus; IGL, intergeniculate nucleus; vLGN, ventral lateral geniculate nucleus; mdPPN, medial division of the posterior pretectal nucleus; NOT, nucleus of the optic tract; OPN, olivary pretectal nucleus.



Figure S3, related to Figure 4. Ambient-luminance-sensing RGCs are absent from pretectum by the end of the first postnatal week

(A-X) All RGC (CTb-594, magenta) and ambient-luminance-sensing RGC (Cdh3-GFP, green) axons in wildtype (top panels) and cKO (bottom panels) mice at P7. Scale bars, 100µm (A-F); 200µm (G-X). mdPPN, medial division of the posterior pretectal nucleus; MTN, medial terminal nucleus; NOT, nucleus of the optic tract; OPN, olivary pretectal nucleus; SC, superior colliculus; uSGS, upper stratum griseum superficiale; ISGS, lower stratum griseum superficiale; SO, stratum opticum.



Figure S4, related to Figure 5. Image-stabilizing RGCs grow beyond the location of the OPN and mdPPN in the absence of ambient-luminance-sensing retinal ganglion cells

(A-R) All RGC (CTb-594, magenta) and image-stabilizing RGC (Hoxd10-GFP, cyan) axons in wildtype (top panels) and cKO (bottom panels) mice at P5-P8. Scale bars, 100μ m (A-F); 200μ m (G-R). mdPPN, medial division of the posterior pretectal nucleus; MTN, medial terminal nucleus; NOT, nucleus of the optic tract; OPN, olivary pretectal nucleus. (S) Quantification of % of target innervated by Hoxd10-GFP axons in wildtype (WT, dark gray) and cKO (light gray) mice. Data are represented as mean \pm SEM (n = 4 mice); Student's *t*-test.



Figure S5, related to Figure 5. The retinofugal axonal innervation pattern of posterior-tuned On-Off DSGCs is not affected in the absence of ambient-luminance-sensing RGCs

(A-X) All RGC (CTb-594, magenta) and posterior-tuned On-Off DSGC (TRHR-GFP, yellow) axons in wildtype (top panels) and cKO (bottom panels) mice at P20. Scale bars, 100μ m (A-L); 200μ m (M-X). dLGN, dorsal lateral geniculate nucleus; mdPPN, medial division of the posterior pretectal nucleus; OPN, olivary pretectal nucleus; SC, superior colliculus; uSGS, upper stratum griseum superficiale; ISGS, lower stratum griseum superficiale; SO, stratum opticum. (Y) Quantification of % of target innervated by TRHR-GFP axons in wildtype (WT, dark gray) and cKO (light gray) mice. Data are represented as mean \pm SEM (n = 4-6 mice); Student's *t*-test.



Figure S6, related to Figure 6. RGCs retrogradely labeled from the OPN of Tbr2 cKOs are intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs).

(A and B) Injection of Δ G-RABV-mCherry into the OPN of a Tbr2^{fl/fl};Tph2^{Cre};Opn4-GFP (cKO) mouse resulted in labeling of two RGCs, both of which expressed Opn4-GFP (also called melanopsin-GFP) (insets), indicating they are ipRGCs. Scale bars, 25µm



Figure S7, related to Figure 7. Diminished RGC axon input to the OPN caused by genetic deletion of Tbr2 does not lead to cell loss in the OPN.

(A-H) Coronal view of Nissl stain (NeuroTrace 530/615, red), all RGC axons (CTb-647, blue) and ambientluminance-sensing RGC axons (Opn4-GFP, light green) in wildtype (top panels) and cKO (bottom panels) mice. Scale bars, 100 μ m. OPN, olivary pretectal nucleus. (I) Quantification of the number of cells within a 200 μ m x 200 μ m area of the OPN in wildtype (WT, dark gray) and cKO (light gray) mice. Data are represented as mean \pm SEM (n = 4 mice); Student's *t*-test.