

Definitions and Technical Information for Community Maps

All Community Maps

The geographic boundary used for all map analysis of populations and visualizations is the metropolitan planning area (MPA) boundary. The MPA represents the area which the Portland metropolitan planning organization (MPO) does long and near-term transportation planning.

Community Map: People of Color, Older Adults, and Younger Persons

People of Color: Defined as persons who did not identify racially/ethnically as white, non-Hispanic or Latino in the 2010 Decennial Census.

Regional rate, people of color = 26.6%

Older Adults: Defined as persons who are 65 years of age or older in the 2010 decennial census.

Regional rate, older adults = 10.9%

Younger Persons: Defined as persons who are 17 years of age or younger in the 2010 decennial census.

Regional rate, younger persons = 22.8%

Data input (for all three): 2010 Decennial Census

Rationale:

Definitions for people of color, older adults, and younger persons are carrying over the same definitions used in Metro's 2014 Civil Rights Assessment. Since the bulk of analysis work for the 2014 Civil Rights Assessment was completed in 2013, Metro staff revisited the data inputs used to see whether a data update was needed for mapping the three populations in 2015. Through comparative analysis, Metro staff determined using the 2010 Decennial Census as the data input for age and race categories since the measured change between the 2010 Decennial Census and the 2009-2013 American Community Survey was not significant (i.e., greater than the margin of error). Additionally, since the timescales of the decennial census and five-year American Community Survey overlap, a comparison of 2010 Decennial Census and 2009-2013 America Community Survey is difficult to interpret and avoided. Additionally, since the margins of error are substantial in the American Community Survey, it was deemed appropriate to use the most trustworthy data.

Community Map: Low Income

Low Income: Defined as households with an annual income under \$50,000.

Regional rate, low income = 43.3%

Data input: American Community Survey 2009-2013 5 yr. average

Rationale:

As part of the 2014 Civil Rights Assessment, Metro made a recommendation to revisit the definition used to determined low income populations in the region. Since the adoption of the 2014 Civil Rights

Assessment, Metro underwent an effort to assess proposed FOTA boundary changes. Through Metro staff research of data sources and other programs, recommendations which emerged from Metro's Equity Strategy Framework Report, and through the FOTA effort, the definition of households with incomes less than \$50,000 was chosen. This definition approximates the American Community Survey equivalent for the University of Washington's self-sufficiency index measurement of ~\$47,000 for one adult and one preschooler in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Additionally, other federal program income thresholds such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median incomes for the Portland metropolitan statistical area, as well as other tools such the Center for Neighborhood Technology Housing + Transportation index, were looked at for different household sizes to help inform the low income definition. In looking at the region's average household size of 2.4 persons also helped Metro staff determine income threshold ranges to look at for two and three persons households. Setting the low income definition at \$50,000 reflect a mid-point income level for households across the many different programs looked at for determining a definition and data is readily available to visualize and conduct analyses.

Work was also conducted to try to visualize and map low income communities based on different income levels and family size, but through exploration final maps were not produced due to the American Community Survey limitation of publishing family size only in conjunction with the federal poverty threshold, and not according to arbitrary income categories (i.e., \$50,000). The federal poverty threshold, especially as combined with increasing family sizes, may be too conservative an income threshold in that it does not capture the full extent of income disparity in the region.

Community Map: Limited English Proficiency

Limited English Proficiency: Defined as individuals over 5 years of age who identify in the American Community Survey as able to speak English "less than very well."

Regional rate, Limited English Proficiency = 8.6%

Data input: American Community Survey 2009-2013 5 yr. average and Oregon Department of Education 2013-2014 school year data

Rationale:

Definitions for limited English proficiency persons are carried over the same definition used in Metro's 2014 Civil Rights Assessment. In 2015, Metro updated its Limited English Proficiency Factor 1 analysis as part of its federal obligations to identify which languages to translate vital documents. The Limited English Proficiency Factor 1 analysis utilized a hybrid method looking at American Community Survey data and Oregon Department of Education data to identify the languages and the areas in the region in which the limited English proficiency population (by individual languages groups) constitute more than 1,000 persons or 5% of the region's population. (Oregon Department of Education data was used to identify individual languages.) For purposes of transportation planning analyses, limited English proficiency populations, regardless of languages spoken, were aggregated to determine the regional rate of Limited English Proficiency persons and visualize the information spatially. Individual language maps are available as needed, including disaggregate American Community Survey group language maps (i.e., Ukrainian from Other Slavic).

Metro's Working Definition of Equity

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Getting there



TEA Working Group Meeting #1 – Welcomes and Getting Started

Transportation Equity Analysis Working Group January 8, 2016

Grace Cho, TEA Project Manager

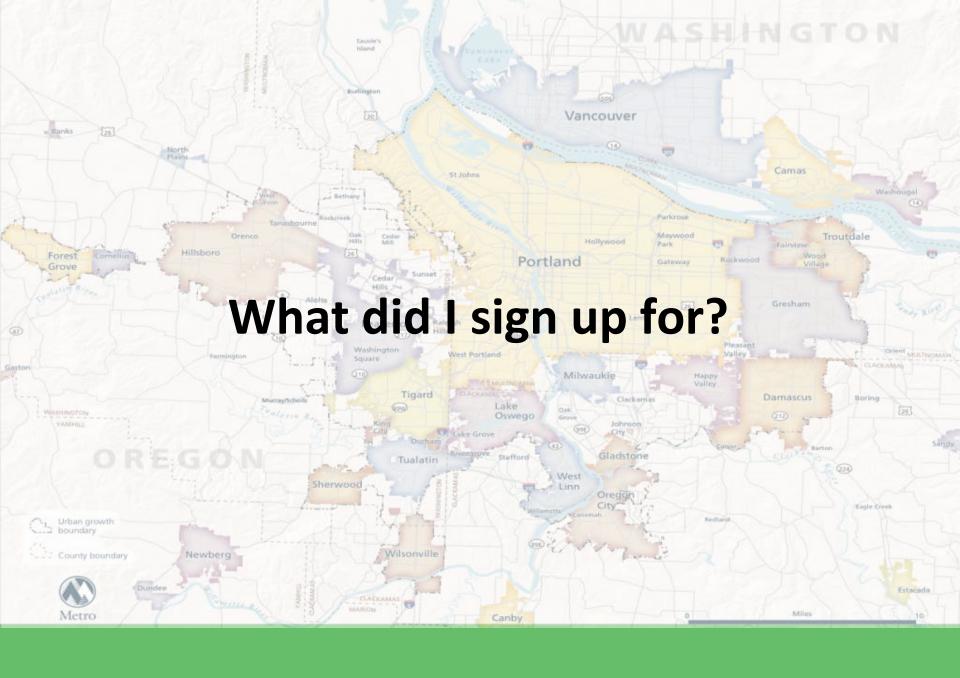
Agenda Review

- □ Welcome
- Introductions
- ☐ TEA Work Group Purpose and Charge
- ☐ TEA in Context
- ☐ Transportation Equity
- Q&A and Next Steps

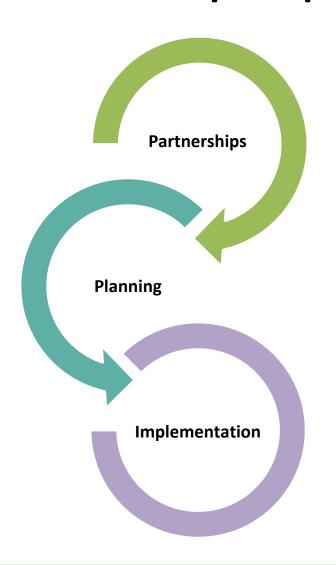


Introductions

- Name
- Organization or Community You Represent
- Questions
 - What are your priorities/focus for this process?
 - What do you hope to see as a result of this process?



TEA Work Group Purpose and Charge



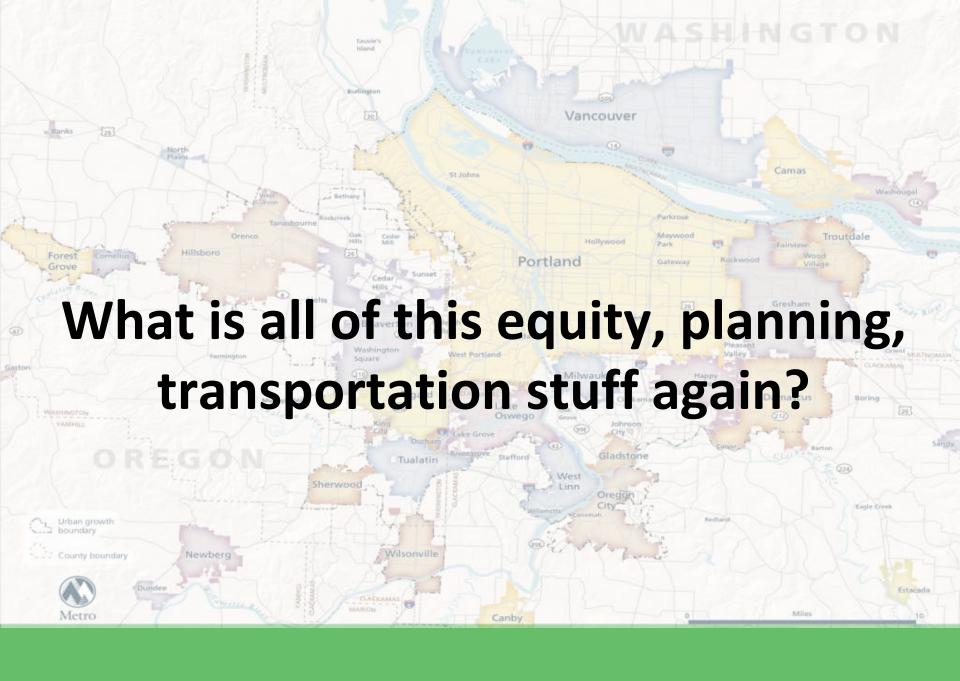
- Advise Metro staff in:
 - Shaping what and how equity is measured in transportation plans and investments
 - Supporting the development of the region's transportation plans

TEA Work Group Charge

- Loop back with your constituents and leadership on what we are up to with the TEA
 - Make sure to bring their input back to this table
- Bring forward your feedback and concerns early



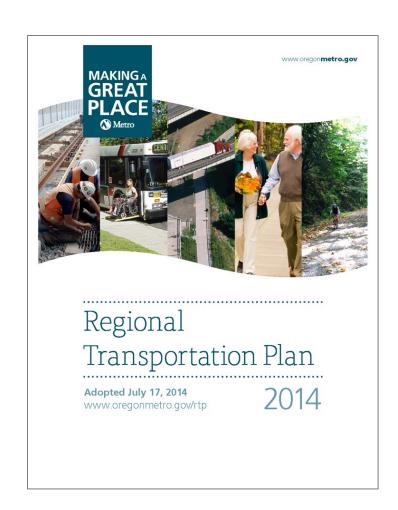
PARTICIPATE!



2018 RTP and 2018-2021 MTIP

Regional Transportation Plan

- Region's long-range transportation blueprint
- Identifies the capital transportation investments we want to make in the next 20+ years



2018 RTP Timeline



2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORK PLAN

Getting there with a connected region



PHASE 1

GETTING STARTED FRAMING

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Jan. to April 2016

PHASE 3

LOOKING FORWARD

May 2016 to Feb. 2017

BUILDING A SHARED STRATEGY

March to Dec. 2017

PHASE 4

Action*

PHASE 5

ADOPTING A PLAN OF ACTION

Action

May to Dec. 2015

Identify partners and stakeholders to engage

Establish project goals and desired outcomes

Develop project work plan and public engagement plan

Compile data and analysis tools

☆ Approve work plan

Document key regional trends and challenges to address in update

Summarize relevant federal, state and regional policies to identify gaps and areas for refinement

Document relevant research, existing system conditions and current plan performance

Update vision, goals, and targets

Document regional transportation needs

Refine evaluation framework and criteria

Update financial assumptions

☆Approve policy direction to guide building RTP investment strategy and action plan Update regional transportation priorities (Call for projects)

Assess and report on performance of draft priorities across economic, social equity and environmental goals

Identify policy changes and implementation actions

☆Approve policy direction to guide finalizing draft plan for public review Conduct air quality conformity analysis

2018

Release draft 2018 RTP and its components for public review

Prepare legislation and findings

☆ Adopt 2018 RTP and its components

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2018 RTP and 2018-2021 MTIP

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

- Identifies the capital transportation investments for the upcoming four years
- Monitors how we are doing implementing the RTP
- Provides policy direction for the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation



2018-2021 MTIP Timeline



2018-2021 MTIP | Work Plan Summary



POLICY UPDATE

FUNDING ALLOCATION **PROCESS**

2018-2021 MTIP **DEVELOPMENT** AND EVALUATION

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPTION

2015 - SPRING 2016

Launch 2018-2021 MTIP policy update process

Gather input and feedback on options for policy direction based on updated regional policies and data

Develop draft preferred MTIP policy

Release draft preferred MTIP policy direction for public comment

Request recommendation and adoption through engagement committees (TPAC, JPACT) and Metro Council

Adopted policy direction for the 2018-2021 MTIP

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2015 - END OF 2016

Implement the 2018-2021 MTIP coordination policy. Activities include:

- MPO participation in TriMet and SMART annual budget process
- MPO participation in ODOT Region 1 funding allocation
- ODOT, SMART, and TriMet participate in the MPO funding allocation process (Regional Flexible Fund)

Public comment opportunities for the funding allocations and budget processes.

LATE 2016 - SPRING 2017

Collect information about the programming, funding allocation processes, prioritization factors, considerations of federal transportation objectives

Evaluate the package of transportation investments proposed in the 2018-2021 MTIP for general federal compliance (e.g. fiscal constraint)

Evaluate the package of transportation investments proposed in the 2018-2021 MTIP for national air quality regulation compliance

Evaluate the package of transportation investments proposed in the 2018-2021 MTIP for Title VI and environmental justice considerations

SPRING - FALL 2017

Release and gather feedback on the 2018-2021 MTIP through public comment

Request recommendation and adoption through engagement committees (TPAC, JPACT) and Metro Council

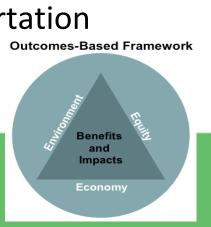
Adopt 2018-2021 MTIP

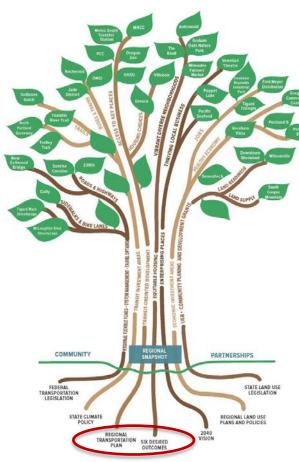
Submit 2018-2021 MTIP to Governor as part of the 2018-2021 STIP

Governor approves 2018-2021 STIP and submits full metropolitan area and state programs to U.S. DOT for approval (Sept. 1 deadline)

Transportation Equity Analysis (TEA)

- Assessment of long-range transportation investments
- Highlights performance of transportation investments to community identified priorities
- Measures the equity component of the transportation plan
- Better connects transportation investments to equity goals/policies





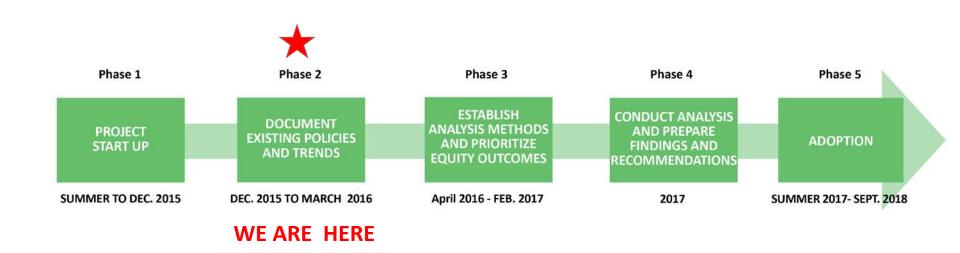
Source: 2014 Regional Transportation Plan

TEA Timeline



2018 RTP/2018-21 MTIP | TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ANALYSIS WORK PLAN

Getting there equitably



TEA Work Group Meetings - 2016

- January Overview and set the table
- February Table setting (continued) and start transportation priorities discussion
- May Select/confirm transportation priorities and start evaluation methods discussion
- June Overview of evaluation methods and measurements
- September Select evaluation methods and inform partners

So what are we advising on?

2016:

- What community values to measure transportation investments packages against
- How to measure the transportation investments packages

2017 & 2018:

 Analysis results, findings, recommended policy refinements and short list of actions



2018 RTP Components







Design



Transit



Equity



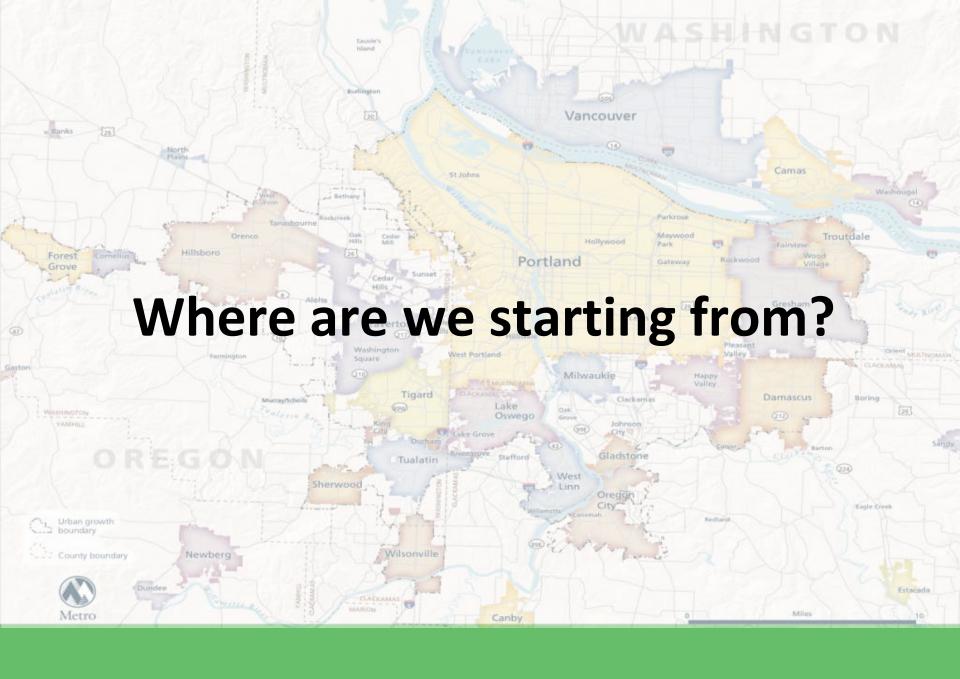


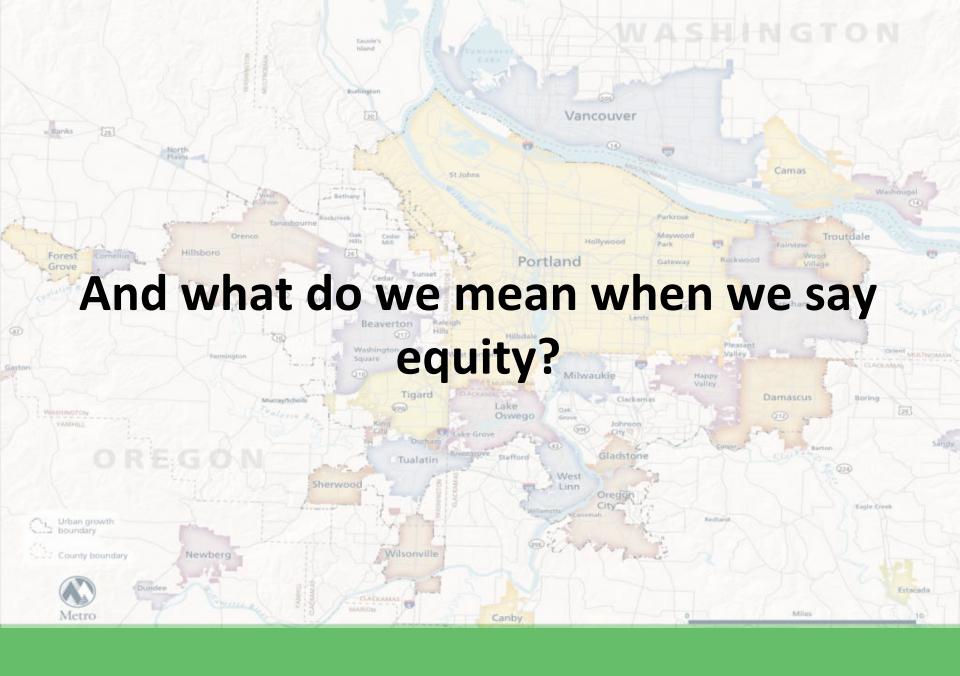
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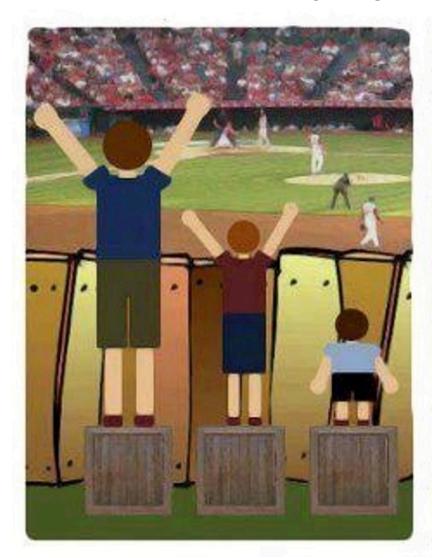
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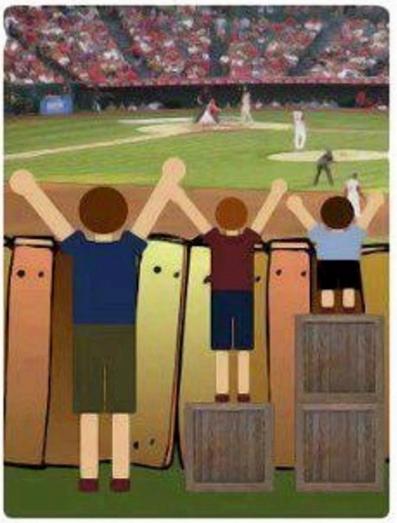






Equity ≠ **Equal**





Equity = Access to Same Opportunities

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How does that translate to transportation?



Affordability



Transportation Safety



Accessibility



Multimodal Choices



Public Health & Air Quality

Involuntary Displacement



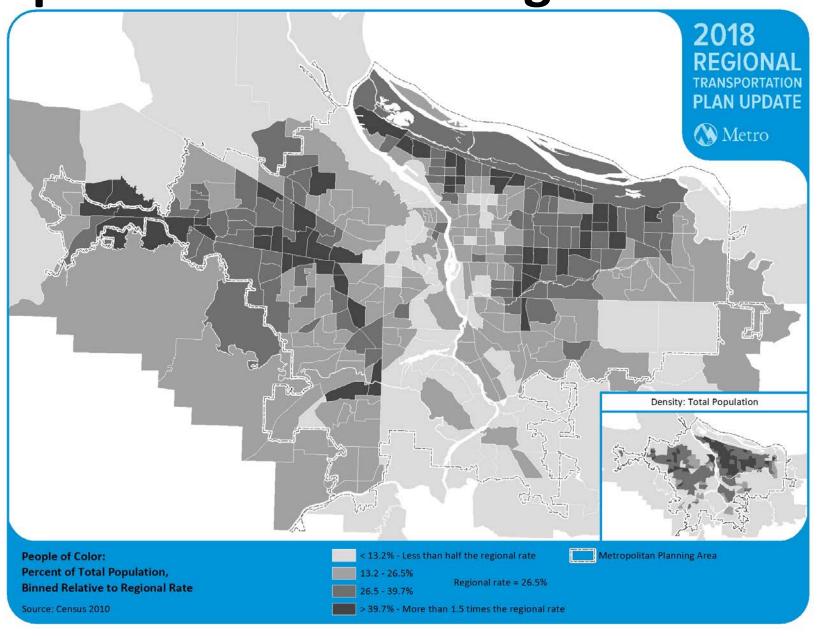
Who are we focused on for this work?

Five Communities:

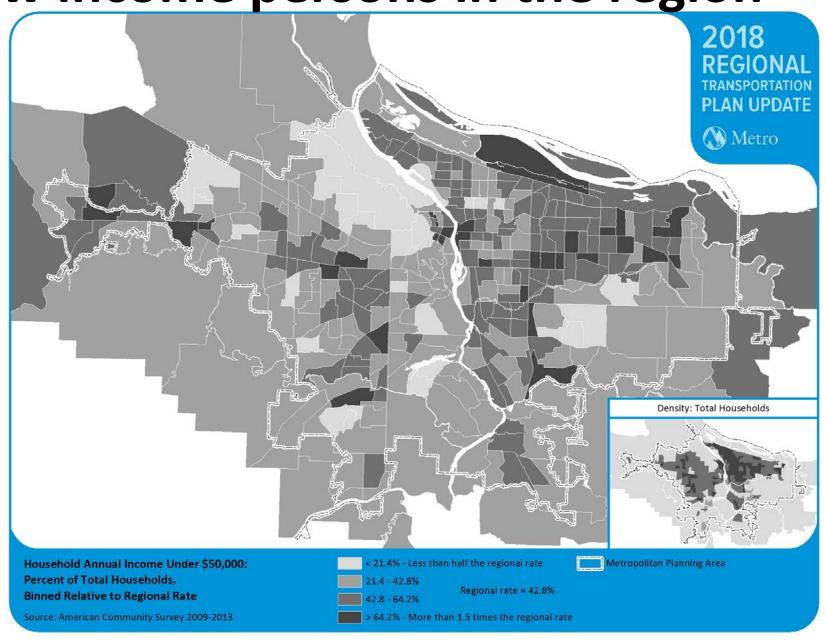
- People of Color
- People with Lower-Incomes
- People with Limited English Proficiency
- Older Adults
- Younger Persons



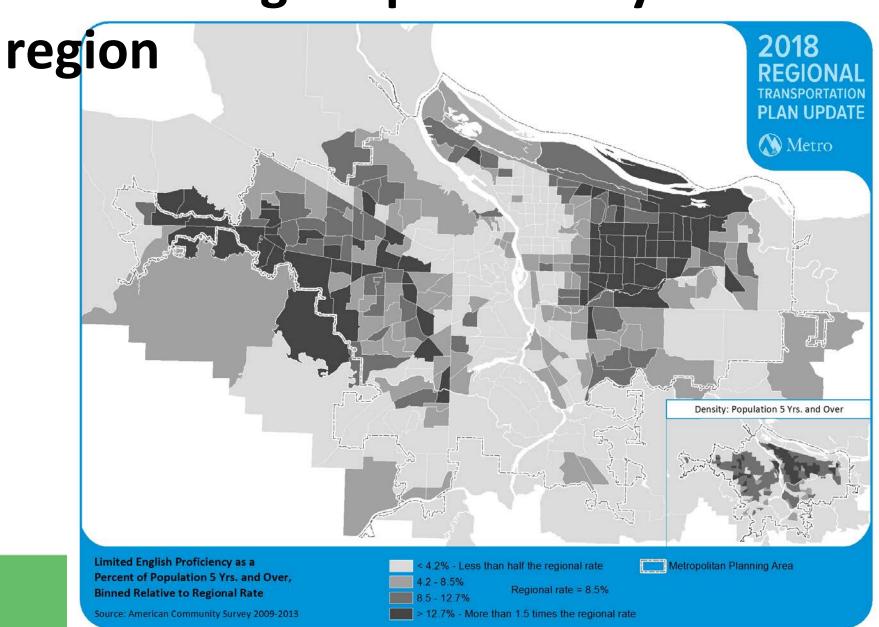
People of color in the region



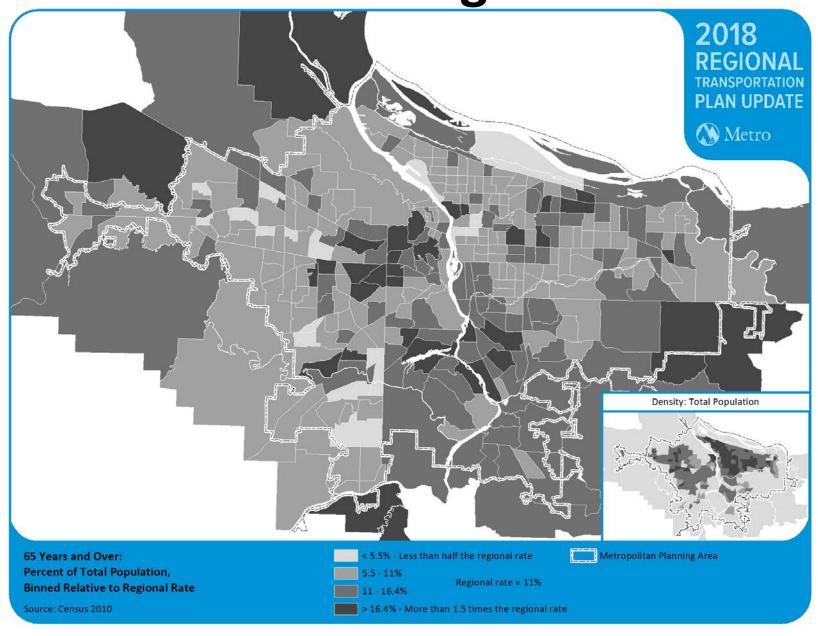
Low income persons in the region



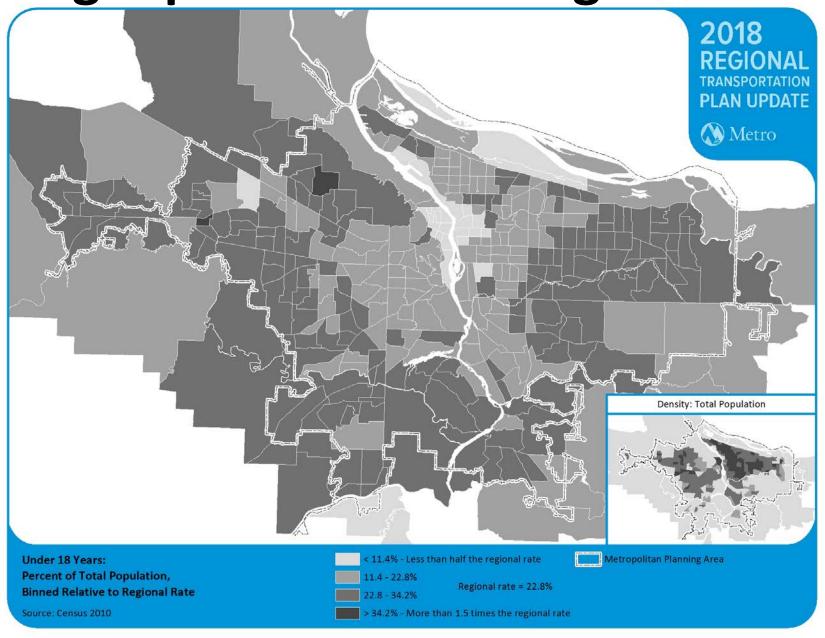
Limited English proficiency in the

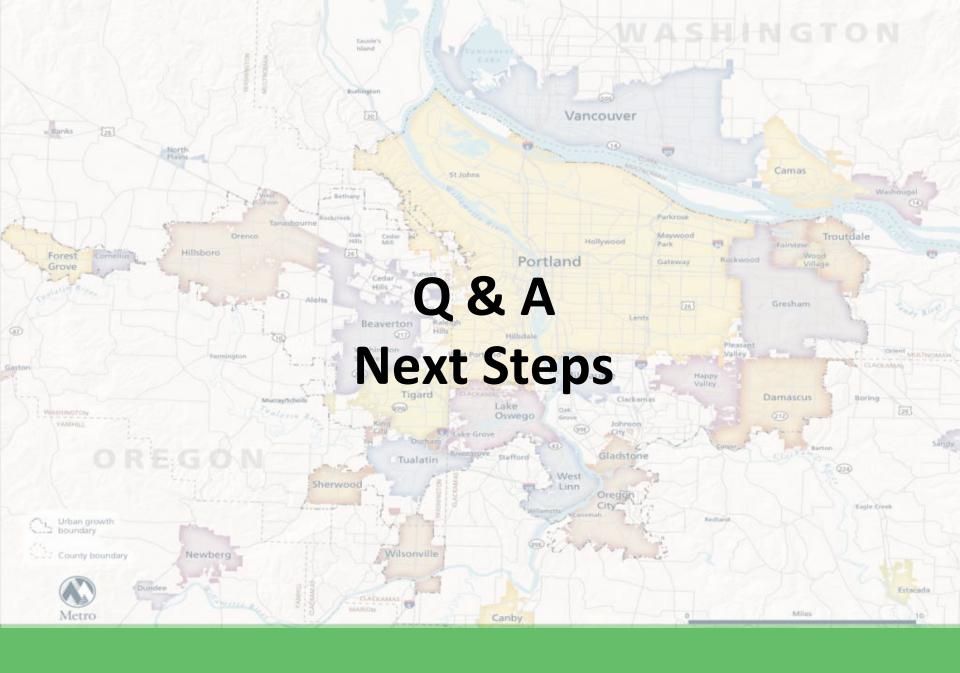


Older adults in the region



Younger persons in the region





Questions and Answers

Are there any additional questions, comments, or clarifications around the materials discussed today?



Next Steps – Beginning the Conversation

- 1. From the lens of the communities you serve, what transportation priorities should the TEA look to evaluate?
- 2. Are there activities your jurisdiction or organization is working on Metro can coordinate with to better address equity?



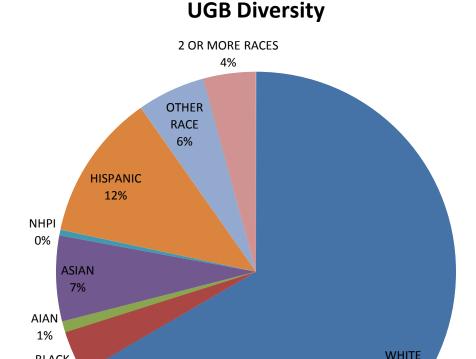
Homework



- 1. Help us gather feedback from January 14th February 16th!
- Report back to your people!
- February Meeting #2 List of priorities to measure/evaluate transportation investments against.
- 4. February Meeting #2 What opportunities are there to engage and partner with your community?



Phase 2 – Policies and trends



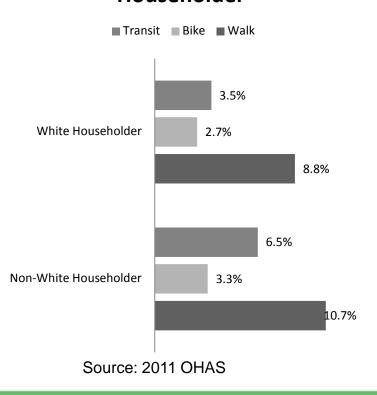
Source: 2010 Decennial Census

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Understand where we are starting from in the region.

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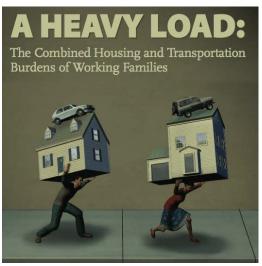


See detailed draft work plan for the Transportation Equity Analysis, page 4

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Phase 3 – Methods and priorities









Identify and prioritize what is important to communities.



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Phase 4 – Evaluation, findings and recommendations



Analyze and report on how proposed investment priorities are making progress towards communities' priorities.

Develop recommendations on policies, investments and actions to advance equity.

Phase 5 – Adoption



Better align and connect the region's policies, investments and actions to support getting there equitably.

Adopt as part of the 2018 RTP and 2018-2021 MTIP

Identifying central themes and issues

- Traffic
- Safety
- Funding
- Maintenance
- Reliability
- Travel options

- Access to opportunity (jobs, education and services)
- Health
- Affordability
- Set clear priorities
- Advance consideration of equity and economic impacts









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Technical work groups

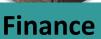






Metro staff will convene technical work groups to provide input to staff on draft materials and implementing policy direction from Regional Leadership Forums.







Performance



Freight



Design



Safety



Policy actions