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Regional Transportation Plan

Metro brings together the communities of the Portland metropolitan region to plan the transportation system of the future by updating the region's shared vision and investment strategy for the next 25 years.
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Building a path to funding our vision

We know the transportation funding landscape is changing and that we don't have the resources needed to invest in all parts of our transportation system.

In forums 1 and 2, we heard the call for a comprehensive investment strategy that links land use and transportation while taking steps to keep the system safe and in good condition, ramp up investment in transit, technology, biking, and walking, meet seismic needs, and address key freight and roadway bottlenecks.

While no region has discovered a magic recipe for stable and predictable funding for all modes of transportation, several regions have recently chosen to develop a regional, stable funding mechanism for their transportation system, including the Seattle area, the Bay Area and Los Angeles. Each region tailored their approach and investment priorities to fit the needs and values of their communities.

The actions below were summarized from discussions in Regional Leadership Forums 1 and 2 as ways to build a path to funding our vision.

A) Bring people together

- Build a regional coalition that includes new voices and diverse perspectives

B) Show value and accountability

- Identify projects that deliver on regional goals and work together to fund them
- Show that limited taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely
- Show the value of investment by measuring and reporting how investments support our vision for the future

C) Grow the funding pie

- Advocate for more funding from federal and state sources
- Pursue new regional funding sources
- Raise more funding locally



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Background information to support discussion

Connecting our priorities to our vision

A shared vision and goals for the future of transportation

In Regional Leadership Forums 1 and 2, there was consensus that a bold vision and more funding are needed to build a 21st century transportation system. Forum 3 is an opportunity to work together to confirm our shared vision, define our near-term priorities for addressing regional transportation challenges, and identify an initial list of actions needed to build a path to future funding.

Draft vision

Our shared vision for the future of transportation provides the direction for building a transportation system that serves all people and businesses of the Portland metropolitan region. It will serve as a foundation for identifying our investment priorities and measuring progress toward building the transportation future we want.

The draft vision statement was summarized from Regional Leadership Forums 1 and 2 discussions and additional engagement activities in 2015 and 2016.

Draft vision statement

Our region's shared economic prosperity and quality of life are sustained by a transportation system that provides every person and business in the region access to safe, reliable, healthy and affordable ways to get around.

In order to realize our vision for a transportation system that serves all people and businesses, we need goals and objectives to keep us moving forward and targets to measure our progress.

Regional transportation goals

The Regional Transportation Plan goals were first adopted by the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) in the 2010, after significant engagement with communities, residents, businesses and stakeholders throughout the region. In 2014, the Metro Council and JPACT approved the addition of a new goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Adopted RTP goals

1. Foster vibrant communities and efficient urban form
2. Sustain economic competitiveness and prosperity
3. Expand transportation choices
4. Emphasize effective and efficient management of the transportation system
5. Enhance safety and security
6. Promote environmental stewardship
7. Enhance human health
8. Demonstrate leadership on reducing greenhouse gas emissions
9. Ensure equity
10. Ensure fiscal stewardship
11. Deliver accountability



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The list of adopted Regional Transportation Plan goals on the previous page is provided as a resource for forum participants to increase awareness of the adopted goals currently guiding the region's transportation planning and decision-making.

The outcomes-based goals provide the objectives and targets needed to reach our vision for the future. They help us measure the progress we are making toward our vision.

Addressing our most urgent challenges through our investment priorities

We know the transportation funding landscape is changing and building a world-class transportation system requires steady, long-term investment. But we don't have the resources we need to invest in all parts of our transportation system.

Given the region's limited resources, we must determine which challenges are most urgent to address as we begin to shape our investment strategy for the next 10 years and beyond. Below is a summary of challenges that have been identified from online engagement activities in 2015 and 2016, previous forum discussions, technical research, and interviews with businesses and community members.

Regional transportation challenges

- Aging infrastructure
- Climate change and air quality
- Congestion and unreliable travel times
- Crashes and fatalities
- Earthquake vulnerability
- Gaps in transit, biking and walking connections
- Housing and transportation affordability and displacement
- Social inequity and disparities
- Technological changes

Building the future transportation system we want means investing in a mix of projects and programs that address these challenges in ways that also help us realize our vision and goals. Identifying the challenges that are priorities for the region to focus on in the next ten years is the first step in shaping an investment strategy to build the future we want.

Our investment priorities reflect our values and determine which goals we will advance over the next 25 years. Without a commitment to our vision and goals through shared investment, they are simply targets on the horizon.

Projects and programs

A summary of the types of investments – projects and programs – in the current RTP as well as other desired investments identified in previous forums and engagement activities in 2015 and 2016 follows.

The summary is provided as a resource to help forum participants understand the types of investments that will help address the region's transportation challenges.

Investments for addressing our regional transportation challenges

Projects



Bridge and road maintenance

Bridge and road pavement resurfacing, preventive maintenance, preservation and rehabilitation



Bus and rail vehicle maintenance and replacement

Preventive maintenance for fleet and facilities, transit vehicle replacement, etc. to keep system in good repair



Complete streets for all users

Modernize street and intersection designs to reduce conflicts and better serve all modes and users



Freight access to industry and ports

Road and railroad crossing upgrades, port and intermodal terminal access improvements, rail yard and rail track upgrades



Freeway expansion

Interchange fixes, strategic widening, auxiliary lane additions in areas of consistent bottlenecks



High occupancy vehicle/tolled lanes, express lanes

High occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, high occupancy tolled (HOT) lanes or managed lanes with new freeway capacity



Main street retrofits

Retrofit streetscapes in areas with shopping, restaurants and local services to include street trees, improved lighting, street furniture, such as benches, garbage bins, wider sidewalks, bike parking, etc.



Seismic upgrades

Retrofit roads and bridges to increase resiliency to earthquakes, particularly major river crossings



Street connections and expansion

New arterial and collector street connections, strategic widening, highway overcrossings, etc.



Transit service enhancement and expansion

Increased bus service coverage, speed and frequency, MAX and streetcar extensions, expanded WES commuter rail service, employee and community shuttles, separate travel lanes for buses, etc.



Walking and biking connections

Protected and/or separated bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb ramps on major streets, off-street trails, etc.

Programs



Affordable transit pass program

Provide affordable transit passes to students, seniors and low-income riders



Programs and incentives to reduce vehicle trips

Regional travel options programs, paid and timed parking in centers, encourage walking, biking, use of transit, carpooling, carsharing, ridesharing, telecommuting, etc.



Smart technology and traffic management

Traffic signal and transit priority coordination, vehicle charging stations, clearing crashes quickly, etc.



Transit amenities

Bus shelters and benches, passenger boarding areas, transit stop and station access, lighting at stops, etc.



Transit oriented development

Policy and market incentives to encourage building higher-density, mixed-use projects in centers and along corridors served by high capacity and frequent transit



Transportation safety and education programs

Improved and expanded Safe Routes to Schools programs, speed enforcement, Safe Routes to Transit programs, etc.



Transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities

On-call paratransit services, door-to-door pick up, etc.

Other tools that could be supported by policies



Emerging market-based technologies

Freight movement technology, self-driving vehicles, shared mobility services (e.g., Uber and Lyft), etc.