

2025 Metro/RTC Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review



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What is a TMA Certification Review?



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- The Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review is a federal requirement for metropolitan planning areas over 200,000 population at least once every four years.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct the TMA Certification Review.
- The Portland-Vancouver TMA includes two Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):
 - Metro (Portland, OR)
 - Southwest Regional Transportation Council (Vancouver, WA).

Why is Your Input Important?

- The public's opinions may help to shape the metropolitan area's transportation planning process.
- The public comment period will be open from November 1, 2024, through December 13, 2024.
- Comments received by email and by mail during the public comment period will be summarized in a report.
 - *Note: Email and mailing addresses are on the last slide.*



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Do You Have Comments on the MPO Planning Process?



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Here are a few examples of topics you can provide comments on:

- Your experience navigating the MPO's website.
- Your experience with the MPO's planning process.
- Your experience receiving notifications about the planning process.
- Your opportunity to comment on the MPO's documents and the MPO's responsiveness to your comments.
- Your ability to access meetings and documents to meet your specific accessibility needs, including physical and language requirements.

What is the Outcome of this Review?



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- After the Certification Review is conducted, the Federal Review Team will issue a report that summarizes the findings by April 12, 2025.
- The final report certifies the MPO's planning process for the next four years and could result in findings for the MPO to address.



What is the Planning Process?

- A process by which transportation decisions are made, and projects are planned and prioritized for implementation within the region.
- Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize regional needs.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.



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Who is Involved?

- Policy Committee
- Technical Committee
- Community Committee
- State Department of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operator
- Local Jurisdictions
- Local Residents
- Interest Groups
- FTA & FHWA



What are the Planning Products?



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Products	Product Description	Metro	RTC
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	MPO budget	Link	Link
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	20-year vision for transportation	Link	Link
Congestion Management Process (CMP)	Strategies to solve traffic and transit congestion	Link	Link
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	4-year list of projects to be implemented	Link	Link
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Describes how the public can be involved in planning process	Link	Link

How to Provide Comments on Metro or RTC's Planning Process:



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