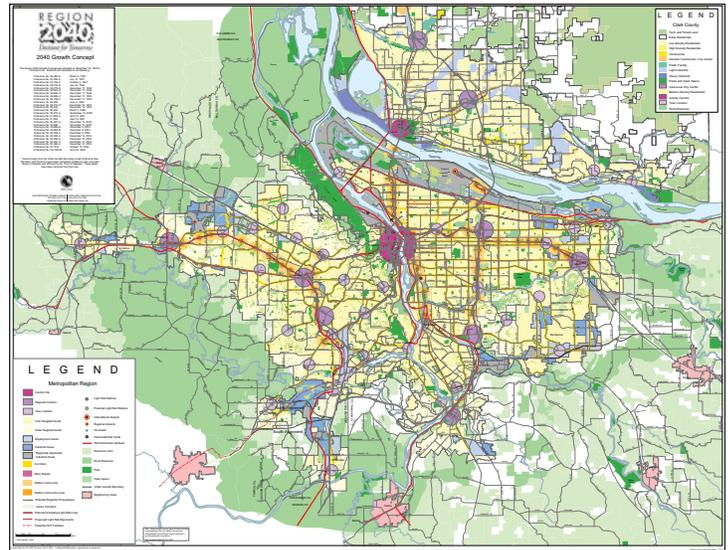




The 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the Portland metropolitan region's strategy for coping with unprecedented pressures on our transportation system:

- population expected to add 1 million new residents and 600,000 new jobs in the next 25 years, a 50 percent increase over today
- global instability with expected increases in fuel and construction costs
- transportation funding that has not kept pace with growing needs
- global climate change that poses a serious and growing threat



Region 2040 Growth Concept

The 2035 RTP was developed as a regional framework for transportation investments needed to keep pace with growth, creating a seamless network across the 25 cities and 3 counties that make up our region. An overarching aim of the RTP is to move the region closer to the vision embodied in the 2040 Growth Concept.

GUIDED BY SHARED VALUES

The 2035 RTP is shaped by shared values and goals embodied in the 2040 Growth Concept. More than 1,000 transportation projects and programs are called for in the 2035 RTP to help the region achieve these goals, while coping with rapid growth. The projects and programs, which come from state, regional, city and county transportation plans, are screened for consistency with these goals. Upon adoption of the RTP, the projects and programs are then sent back to become part of city and county plans, where they form a backbone for more localized transportation improvements.

Under Oregon's statewide planning system, city and county plans must be consistent with the RTP in order to ensure a seamless transportation system for the traveling public. The RTP, in turn, must conform to larger, statewide goals for reducing urban sprawl, protecting farm and forestland, and promoting efficient urban development through careful transportation investments.

COMPLETING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

The Portland region has been in a constant state of growth and development since the first emigrants arrived in the 1840s. Over the years the transportation system has continued to evolve, with new routes added or existing routes improved to keep pace with development. In core areas of the region, most RTP projects are aimed at fine-tuning the major street network to add sidewalks, bikeways and transit stops, streamline traffic operations or retrofit to more environmentally sound designs. In developing areas of the region, new routes are proposed to fill gaps in the major street system. Urban-style retrofits and new capacity are proposed for routes that were once rural but now face new demand.

For more information

Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/RTP and click on "2035 RTP Update"

Send e-mail to rtp@oregonmetro.gov

Attend ongoing Metro Advisory Committee meetings

Metro

People places. Open spaces.

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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These community-level investments aim toward a complete transportation system, with major streets of up to four lanes spaced about one mile apart. Each street would accommodate automobiles, freight, transit, bicycling and walking.

PROTECTING REGIONAL MOBILITY

Our region is struggling to keep pace with growth in mobility corridors that include highways and high-capacity transit lines, such as along I-84, I-5 and Sunset Highway. Because our region is a global transportation gateway and west coast hub for commerce and tourism,

the outcome of this struggle has serious implications for the health of our economy.

To address this challenge, the 2035 RTP includes a new customized approach to managing these corridors by targeting improvements to the most critical bottlenecks. The new approach also integrates the use of new, cost-efficient technologies to improve safety and optimize the existing system, and ensures that freight transporters and commuters have a range of travel options in each corridor.

GOALS FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

The vision for the system

Foster vibrant communities and efficient urban design

- Support housing close to transit, jobs, schools and shops
- Encourage compact design to preserve farm and forestland

Sustain economic competitiveness

- Promote reliable, efficient movement of freight, goods and services
- Promote systems that support tourism and other commercial activity

Expand transportation choices

- Connect the entire region with multimodal facilities
- Ensure access for people of all ages, incomes and abilities

Emphasize efficient management of the transportation system

- Promote demand management programs
- Apply technologies that improve traffic flow
- Prioritize system maintenance



Enhance safety and security

- Reduce crashes
- Support strategies for natural disasters and other emergencies

Promote environmental stewardship

- Reduce pollution
- Restore and protect the natural environment and habitat for fish and wildlife

Enhance human health

- Provide facilities that encourage biking and walking
- Improve air quality

How we get there

Ensure equity

- Distribute burdens and benefits equitably
- Provide equitable access to transportation choices

Ensure fiscal stewardship

- Prioritize investments that achieve multiple goals
- Seek sustainable funding strategies

Deliver accountability

- Promote public and private collaborations
- Promote meaningful community involvement

Regional Transportation Plan Update Timeline

