



# 2035

Regional Transportation Plan

## What is active transportation?

Active transportation is travel powered by human energy, such as walking and riding a bike. Using public transportation is active travel because most trips involve walking or riding a bike and make longer trips without a car possible.

Active transportation benefits health, the environment and the economy.

## Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Because the region lacks an agreed upon implementation strategy for active transportation, we **miss opportunities** for federal and state funding that requires coordination and prioritized projects. The Regional Active Transportation Plan will identify strategies, policies, priority corridors and projects to complete the regional spine of a seamless green network of on- and-off street pathways and districts connecting the region and integrating walking, biking and public transit. With agreement on priorities and strategies the region can **achieve local aspirations and meet regional goals**. The plan will be amended to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and will update policies, targets and performance measures in the RTP and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan.

Nearly **18% of all trips** in the region are made by active transportation.

People walk and ride bicycles to **get to school and work, shop, reach entertainment and many other purposes**.

Active transportation is especially important for providing access for **low income, youth and minority populations**.

**Public demand** for active transportation is increasing.

**People are healthier and lead more active lives** due in part to investments in active transportation.

Low cost investments in protected street crossings and lighting provide opportunities to **drastically increase pedestrian and bicycle safety** and **reduce the cost of crashes**.

Learn more about these findings and more at: [www.oregonmetro.gov/activetransport](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/activetransport)

### Project Phases

**PHASE I Jan - June 2012**  
Existing Conditions/  
Framing Choices

**PHASE II July - Dec 2012**  
Develop Network Concepts/  
Select Alternative

**PHASE III Jan - June 2013**  
Identify Priorities/  
Implementation Plan

### Phase 1 complete, Phase 2 underway

The first phase of the Active Transportation Plan developed an **existing conditions, findings and opportunities report**, identified **principles** to guide policies and development of the principal regional active transportation network and **criteria** to evaluate alternatives and projects.

Three network concepts for **regional bicycle parkways** have been developed. The three network concepts along with the existing regional bicycle network and the network identified in the 2035 RTP will be evaluated using the principles and criteria developed in Phase 1. The preferred network concept will be identified by late April, when Phase 2 is completed.

The **regional pedestrian network** is comprised of mixed-use areas and high frequency transit corridors and pedestrian districts. Improvements to the regional pedestrian network will be evaluated using the principles and criteria developed in Phase 1.



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

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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## Guiding principles drafted

The project has developed a set of principles to guide policies and development of the regional active transportation network.

1. Connections between cycling, walking, transit and regional centers and destinations are seamless.
2. Routes are direct, connected, easy-to-use, intuitive and accessible at all times.
3. Routes are safe and comfortable to use for people of all ages and abilities.
4. Routes are attractive and travel is enjoyable.
5. Routes are integrated with nature and facility designs are context sensitive.
6. Relieves strain on other transportation systems.
7. Increases access to destinations for low income and minority populations.
8. Policies and development of the network are data driven.
9. Implements local and regional land use and transportation goals and active transportation modal targets.

## Criteria identified

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee has developed a set of criteria that will be used to evaluate the alternative active transportation networks and investments in the network. The criteria will also be used for prioritizing projects within the Regional Transportation Plan.

**Access.** Does the network improve access to destinations?

**Safety.** Does the network make it safer to walk and ride a bike for all users, regardless of age and ability?

**Equity.** Does the network increase access for low-income, minority and other underserved populations?

**Increased activity.** Does the network increase the number of trips made by walking and bicycling?

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- Request a briefing at your neighborhood association or local event
- Come to a stakeholder committee or executive council meeting
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