



# 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 out or pass up opportunities** for additional 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 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 we 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 (RTFP).

### Phase 1 underway

The first phase of the Active Transportation Plan is underway and will be completed by early summer 2012. Phase 1 is focused on describing existing conditions, understanding the current state of active transportation in the region, and identifying challenges and opportunities. Phase 1 will be the foundation for creating a set of concepts and alternatives that will be evaluated in Phase 2.

Recognizing that a one-size fits all approach to developing bicycling and walking facilities does not work for a region with diverse opportunities and challenges, Phase 1 will look at the unique conditions that determine how safe and easy it is to access daily needs by walking and riding a bike. Understanding the challenges will help shape how to build a better active transportation network.

One tool that is being used is a **Cycle and Pedestrian Zone Analysis**; a GIS based analysis of the region's existing pedestrian districts and bicycle network. Looking at factors such as traffic volumes and speed, barriers, and the density of bike lanes, trails and sidewalks, the analysis will help identify on the ground challenges to increasing walking and biking and potential solutions.

### 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 will also include developing **guiding principles** to shape the concepts and alternatives, and **criteria** and that will be used to evaluate the alternatives in Phases 2 and 3.

**Health and safety** are important topics related to active transportation. Analysis of regional bicycle and pedestrian crash data is underway. This analysis identifies high crash areas in the region that need safety improvements. It also provides more information on what contributes to safe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Active transportation is the Center for Disease Control's number one recommended strategy for tackling the obesity epidemic. Examining the region's **health profile** will inform performance measures and desired outcomes.

Equitable access to active transportation is a regional goal and a focus of the project. **Equity** is a key consideration included in the guiding principles and in evaluation criteria. Phase 1 includes analyzing data on environmental justice populations that are underserved by active transportation.



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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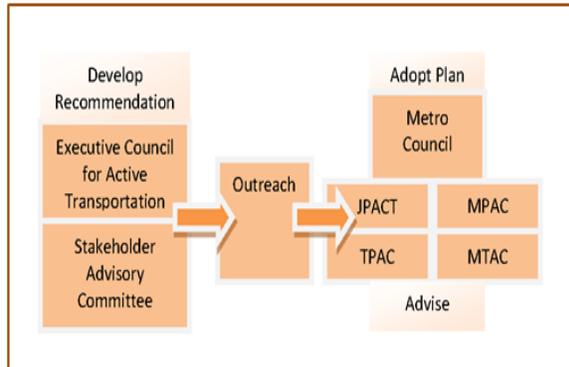
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### Project advisory groups have met

A Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the Executive Council for Active Transportation are guiding the development of the Active Transportation Plan. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee will use working groups to focus in on specific topics, such as working with freight and developing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Parkway concepts.

The committees will work with the project team to develop recommendations and to inform and engage other stakeholder groups. Staff and committee members will present to the Metro Council and Metro's technical and advisory committees -TPAC, MTAC, MPAC, and JPACT –towards the end of each phase of the project.



### Project objectives endorsed

The project Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the Executive Council for Active Transportation held meetings in March to kick-off the project and agree on the project objectives:

- 1 Develop **guiding principles and criteria** for evaluating alternatives and for prioritizing funding and projects.
- 2 **Identify the principal regional transportation network** integrating walking, bicycling and public transportation and creating a seamless, green network.
- 3 Update and identify new active transportation **policies, performance targets, and concepts.**
- 4 **Prioritize projects and develop a phased implementation plan and funding strategy** that clearly articulates state, regional and local roles and responsibilities.

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### Get involved

- Project information available at: [www.oregonmetro.gov/activetransport](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/activetransport)
- Sign up for email updates by sending an email to [lake.mctighe@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:lake.mctighe@oregonmetro.gov)
- Request a briefing at your neighborhood association or local event
- Come to a Stakeholder Advisory Committee or Executive Council meeting
- Request information on the project for your local newsletter