



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

The decision-making process

Metro, the regional government that serves the 1.3 million people living in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 25 cities in the Portland metropolitan area, provides regional services that guide growth and help ensure that livable communities are created for the future.

Metro is the federally mandated metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor to develop an overall transportation plan and to program federal funds.

Metro is responsible for approving the expenditure of all federal transportation funds in this region. The established decision-making process assures a well-balanced regional transportation system and involves local elected officials directly in decisions that help the Metro Council allocate transportation funds.

The Metro Council

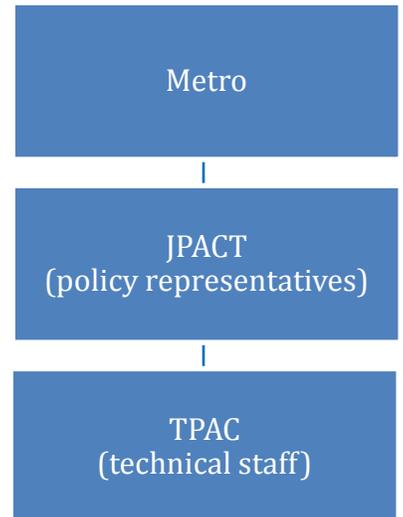
The Metro Council is composed of six members elected from districts throughout the metropolitan region (urban areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties) and a council president elected regionwide. The Council approves transportation plans, projects and programs recommended by the Joint Policy

Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

JPACT provides a forum for elected officials and representatives of agencies involved in transportation to evaluate needs in the region and to make recommendations to the Metro Council.

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For more information on forums, special events and regular meetings of JPACT, contact the Metro Council office at 503-797-1540 or send e-mail to metro council@oregon metro.gov.



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

Metro representatives

Metro Council President – David Bragdon

Metro Councilors – Rod Park, District 1; Carlotta Collette, District 2; Carl Hosticka, District 3; Kathryn Harrington, District 4; Rex Burkholder, District 5; Robert Liberty, District 6.

Auditor – Suzanne Flynn

The 17-member committee is composed of:

- three members of the Metro Council
- the Mayor from the City of Portland
- a county commissioner from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties
- an elected official from each county representing the cities
- a representative of the Oregon Department of Transportation
- a representative of TriMet
- a representative of the Port of Portland
- a representative of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- a representative from Vancouver
- a representative from Clark County, Wash.
- a representative of the Washington Department of Transportation

Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

While JPACT provides a forum for recommendations on transportation issues at the policy level, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) provides input from the technical level.

JPACT recommends priorities and develops the transportation plan for the region. The plan is forwarded to the Metro Council, which must adopt the recommendations before they become the transportation policies.

TPAC's membership includes technical staff from the same governments and agencies as JPACT, plus representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council. There are also six citizen representatives appointed by the Metro Council.