
High Capacity Transit Think Tank



The HCT Think Tank convenes its first meeting on Oct. 7, 2008.

Purpose

The Portland area has historically been a center of activity for discussion of progressive approaches to land use, transportation and the integration of these in achieving quality communities with vibrant economies. As a result, the region has produced some of today's leading thinkers and practitioners on these subjects.

This HCT Think Tank is intended to bring together a cross section of these experts and activists at major milestones to ensure the Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan considers and benefits from this body of knowledge and experience.

Charge

Role

The HCT Think Tank serves as a forum for exploring ideas and options at project milestones. Members are asked to deliberate on issues defined by staff. Think Tank deliberations provide the staff with guidance on the appropriateness and comprehensiveness of staff work, as well as the range of issues and implications of options considered at each step of the study.

While this group's work supplements the public discussion, it is not intended to serve as a replacement or the focal point for broader community involvement and outreach.

Membership

Members are selected based on their specialized expertise on and/or advocacy for issues related to the Portland area's transit system and the related community structure and economy. The group is not intended to embody a full representation of the community, but rather a cross section of specialized knowledge and interests.

Level of involvement

The group's function is consultation and brainstorming. It is not a consensus-based advisory group.

Responsibility to the community

On all issues, each member considers his or her own interests and viewpoints in the context of the needs and interests of the region.