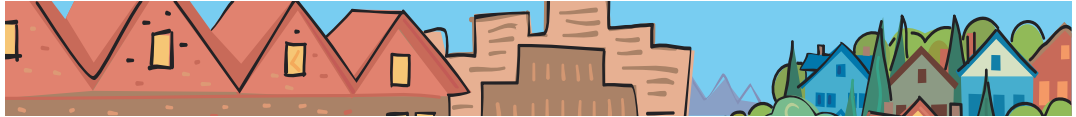


# Metro District 5

## METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 NEWS



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**Metro Council  
District 5 includes  
Northwest Portland,  
North Portland,  
Northeast Portland,  
downtown Portland,  
a portion of  
Southwest Portland  
and a portion of  
Southeast Portland.**

### **The Metro Council adopts sustainability resolution**

As Oregonians, we take great pride in the beauty of our environment and the health of our region. We have been at the forefront of innovative ideas to preserve and enhance our quality of life both now and for future generations, long before the word “sustainability” entered our everyday vocabulary. That term has gained momentum as an increased awareness of the effects of global warming, green house gases and increased resource consumption have become more apparent.

The Metro Council has always taken a leadership role in fostering a region-wide approach to policies that integrate sustainable practices and goals, from transportation and land-use planning to recycling and waste reduction programs. In order to strengthen Metro’s commitment to a consistent, collaborative approach to sustainability, the Council recently passed a resolution that formally adopted the State of Oregon’s definition of sustainability to direct Metro’s internal operations, planning efforts and role as a regional convener:

*“‘Sustainability’ means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.”*

The adoption of this sustainability resolution allows Metro to continue to develop a comprehensive practice of evaluating all programs and planning efforts through the sustainability lens. It also strengthens Metro’s role as a convener in sustainability discussions and a leader in the regional coordination of sustainable policies and planning. The Metro Council has made it a priority to engage in sustainable practices and the passage of this resolution ensures Metro will continue to find sustainable ways to serve the region.

### **Hotline helps homeowners build green**

The Portland metro region continues to make headlines around the world for innovation in the field of green building. As enthusiasm for sustainable building practices grows, more homeowners want to go green with their new construction and home improvement projects.

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Inspired by the fast growing trend in green building, Metro, the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development and Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties are collaborating to increase access to information on green materials, comprehensive design and professional services.

The new Regional Green Building Hotline is a part of the Green Development Resource Center. The hotline provides information about green building strategies and resources, as well as financial incentives for new and existing commercial and residential projects.

The hotline is equipped to address your questions, large or small. Call with how-to questions or for guidance on the process of green building from start to finish. Residents, non-profits, businesses, developers, builders, contractors and government agencies are welcome to call and ask staff about material procurement, remodeling and product certification, sustainable site planning, green contractors, design questions, or salvaged and recycled materials.

The Green Development Resource Center also plans to offer a library, a mobile workshop and an expanded website with solutions and strategies to help inform current practitioners and inspire those who have ever contemplated green building.

The Hotline is open to calls Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Call 503-823-5431 to speak with the green building specialist or submit a question through email anytime via the Green Development Resource Center website at [www.buildgreen411.com](http://www.buildgreen411.com).

### Celebrating Earth Day billboard artwork winners

On Saturday, April 5, the four winning and nine honorable-mention designs were revealed during an unveiling ceremony and art show at the Metro Regional Center. One winner from each grade-level category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12, was selected to have their artwork, name and the name of their teacher and school displayed on billboards posted throughout the metro region for Earth Day.

The four winners that will have their design posted on billboards are:

- Zach Wright, 1st grade, Harold Oliver Primary



- Elaine Wan, 5th grade, St. Mary of the Valley School



- Kate Kobielsky, grade 7, Colton Middle School



- Matthew Humphrey, grade 11, Tigard High School



To see the winning and honorable-mention designs, visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/schoolrecycling](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/schoolrecycling) or watch for the billboards at different locations throughout the metro region from April to June 2008.

### Headquarters hotel update

With potential to catalyze significant economic development and generate thousands of jobs, the proposed headquarters hotel is a rare and timely opportunity for the region to build upon the convention business, which is a significant economic driver. Since December 2007, Metro has collaborated with regional partners to assess the feasibility of the project and

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identify avenues to maximize the benefits for citizens.

In order to determine if Metro should proceed with the headquarters hotel project, it was necessary to hire a development team to determine accurate cost estimates of construction and operations. That development team has been busy planning a building that could stand as an icon to the Portland regional experience, emphasizing both sustainability and innovation. Exploratory designs include a living green roof and a large public square adjoining the hotel's lobby and oriented towards the Oregon Convention Center.

In addition, Councilors Rod Park and Rex Burkholder have been exploring opportunities to expand programs that include economically disadvantaged residents and local emerging businesses to maximize Metro's ability to promote equity and positively impact the region through hiring and purchasing policies.

The Metro Council hopes that with our partner organizations, a decision will be made by the end of summer on whether the headquarters hotel project will become a reality.

## Metro lays out work for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan state component

The Metro Council adopted the federal component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update on December 13, 2007 to meet federal deadlines and planning requirements. Federal authorities approved the updated plan on February 29 of this year.

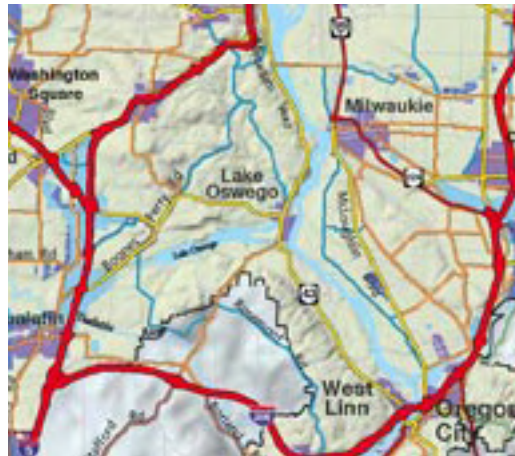
In April, Metro staff finalized a work plan for the state component of the 2035 RTP update. This component will address population growth and state and regional goals for land use, transportation, the economy and the environment. The state component will be integrated with the federal component to create a final RTP for public review and adoption late in 2009.

The federal component identified \$16 billion in anticipated transportation needs, but only \$9 billion in expected revenue. Metro staff will work closely with local governments,

transportation agencies, and other stakeholders throughout 2008 and 2009 to address the \$7 billion gap. Given current funding challenges, it's more important than ever that the region look critically at potential investments and evaluate them on the basis of the outcomes they achieve – improved safety, congestion relief, community and economic development, freight mobility and air quality.

A comprehensive plan for stakeholder and public involvement includes status reports published monthly on the web site, periodic web-based surveys, and e-newsletters, as well as technical workshops with local and state agency staff, and business and community representatives, public "listening posts" in spring 2009 and a formal public comment period with formal hearings late in 2009.

To keep abreast of project developments and opportunities to provide input, please see the project web site at [www.metro-region.org/rtp](http://www.metro-region.org/rtp) or write to Metro staff at [rtp@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:rtp@metro.dst.or.us)



## About Metro

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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