

 **Metro** | *Agenda*

Meeting: Metro Council
Date: Wednesday October 5, 2011
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Place: Oregon Convention Center, VIP Room B
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Portland, Oregon

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. GROUND RULES**
- 3. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON METRO PRIORITIES**
- 4. REPORT BACK FROM JULY RETREAT**
- 5. NEXT STEPS**
- 6. ADJOURN**

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Place: Oregon Convention Center, VIP Room B
Objectives: Continue conversation begun at the July 2011 retreat to gain clarity on expectations and responsibilities for councilor liaisons with regard to communications in particular.

- I. Where we left off in July and refresher on ground rules (1pm) Andy/Ina
 - Active participation question from July: where are my concerns/interests as a councilor and how do I want to be involved with the following projects?
 - Review: discussion of Councilor Harrington on Solid Waste Roadmap, Councilor Craddick on Intertwine big picture, Council President Hughes on Economic Development
- II. Follow-up from July retreat: liaison system, (1:10pm) Tony/Ina
Deliverables and other requested items
- III. Prioritizing remaining projects for discussion (1:20pm) President Hughes

Metro priority projects: proposed order for discussion

- 1. Urban growth management decision (Hosticka) (brief conversation)
 - 2. HUD/Sustainable Communities (Roberts) (brief conversation)
 - 3. Community Investment Initiative (CII) (Hughes)
 - 4. Intertwine—system investments (Craddick)
 - 5. Community Investment Strategy (CIS)
on community development work (Collette)
 - 6. Climate scenarios (Collette)
- Break (3pm)
- 7. CIS on East Metro Connections Plan (Craddick)
 - 8. Community Investment Strategy (CIS) on SW Corridor Plan (Hosticka)
 - 9. Intertwine—active transportation (Burkholder)
 - 10. Climate preparedness (Burkholder)

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| 11. Intertwine—big picture | (Craddick) | (discussed in July) |
| 12. Solid waste roadmap | (Harrington) | (discussed in July) |
| 13. Economic Development | (Hughes) | (discussed in July) |

Reminder on Types of involvement:

1. Political Guidance: aka "What's the plan?"
2. Policy Guidance: aka "What do we need to decide?"
3. Engagement Guidance: aka "Who do we talk to, when and how?"
4. Informational needs: aka "Just the facts, ma'am"

VII. Wrap-up and preview of November retreat (4:30pm) President Hughes

Ground Rules

Everyone participates. Strive to be concise, stay on topic, and seek participation from all council members.

Different opinions and participation styles are welcome. Recognize that some individuals are comfortable sharing “draft” ideas and opinions, and others won’t express an opinion until fully thought through.

Start and finish on time. Sometimes, a topic will need more time for discussion than allotted. If so, acknowledge this, and agree on how the group will address this need.

One conversation at a time. Limit sidebar conversations. We all interrupt on occasion by mistake, or to build on others statements; however, strive to allow each person the space to finish their thought.

Be present. Use of laptops and smart phones should be limited to the needs of the current meeting (note taking, asking for fact checking by others, etc.), and used in as limited a manner as possible.

Silence is agreement. It isn’t acceptable to remain silent in a meeting and then later say you do not agree with a group decision.

Challenge ideas, not individuals. Strive to keep conversations from taking on a personal tone, and be prepared to share your reasoning.

Praise in public; criticize in private.

Do what you say you will do. Council members are accountable for following through on agreed actions and the group should hold each other mutually accountable.

Respect and accept your group. We all are individuals, have our own perspectives, and process information and communicate in different ways.

METRO COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

OBLIGATION ASSIGNMENTS	METRO OBLIGATION i.e. Appointments, Formal Liaisons, IGAs, State/Federal Requirements	COMMITMENT	COUNCILOR ASSIGNMENT	COMMITTEE CONTACT
1-Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)	Liaison role	Meets at 5pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, other meetings as needed	Hosticka Harrington Roberts	Kelsey Newell, 503-797-1916, kelsey.newell@oregonmetro.gov
2-Ex Officios to Zoo Foundation Board	Agreement with OZF	Meets every 3 months	Craddick Collette	Linnea Nelson, 503-914-6028 x5783, linnea.nelson@oregonzoo.org
3-Oregon Zoo Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee	Liaison role	Meets quarterly	Craddick	Craig Stroud, 503-220-2451, craig.stroud@oregonzoo.org
4-Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)	Federally-mandated/MPO	Meets at 7:15am the second Thursday of the month; other meetings as needed	Collette (Chair) Burkholder (Vice-Chair) Craddick	Kelsey Newell, 503-797-1916, kelsey.newell@oregonmetro.gov
4a-JPACT Alternate	Same	As needed	Harrington	Kelsey Newell, 503-797-1916, kelsey.newell@oregonmetro.gov
5-Bi-State Coordination Committee	IGA *JPACT subcommittee	Usually meets the third Thursday of the month	Hughes Burkholder (alt)	
6-Metro Central Enhancement Committee	Metro Code *District 5 duty	Meets no less than two times during calendar year funding cycle	Burkholder	Karen Blauer, 503-797-1506, karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov
7-Metro North Portland Enhancement Committee	Metro Code *District 5 duty	Meets no less than two times during fiscal year funding cycle	Burkholder	Karen Blauer, 503-797-1506, karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov
8-Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Steering Committee	Metro Resolution	Meets the second Thursday of every month	Collette	Pamela Blackhorse, 503-797-1757 pamela.blackhorse@oregonmetro.gov
9-MERC Liaison	Liaison role/Metro code	Meets the first Wednesday of the month	Burkholder	Lisa Brown, 503-797-1780 lisa.brown@oregonmetro.gov

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10-Visitor Development Fund (VDF) Board	IGA	Meets quarterly	Hughes Craddick	Lisa Brown, 503-797-1780 lisa.brown@oregonmetro.gov
11-Travel Portland Board	Agreement	Meets every other month	Craddick	Penny Knouf, 503.275.9763, pennyknouf@travelportland.com
12-Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Program/Selection Committee	Metro resolution/ project liaison role		Hosticka Craddick	Corie Harlan, 503-797-1764, corie.harlan@oregonmetro.gov
13-Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council	IGA	Meets the first Tuesday of the month	Burkholder Craddick (alt)	Diane Workman, diane.workman@rtc.wa.gov 360-397-6067x5214
14-East Metro Connections Plan Steering Committee	FEIS/DEIS, Metro Resolution *District 1 duty	Meets quarterly	Craddick	Jenn Tuerk, 503-797-1756, jenn.tuerk@oregonmetro.gov
15-Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Steering Committee	FEIS/DEIS		Collette Roberts	Jenn Tuerk, 503-797-1756, jenn.tuerk@oregonmetro.gov
16-Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project Steering Committee	FEIS/DEIS	Meets quarterly	Roberts (co-chair) Collette (co-chair)	Karen Withrow, 503-797-1932, Karen.withrow@oregonmetro.gov
17-Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee	Liaison role	Does not hold regularly scheduled meetings	Harrington	Carrie Belding, 503-797-1619, naturalareas@oregonmetro.gov
18-Metro Audit Committee	Required by Metro code/Metro Council ordinance	Meets twice annually	Harrington	Suzanne Flynn, 503-914-6040, suzanne.flynn@oregonmetro.gov
19-Oregon City Metro Enhancement Committee	IGA *District 2 duty	Meets as needed	Collette	Michele Beneville, 503-496-1542, mbbeneville@orc.gov

EXTERNAL REQUESTS OR OPTIONAL	COMMITMENT	COUNCILOR ASSIGNMENT	COMMITTEE CONTACT
1- Oregon Zoo Bond Advisory Group LIAISON ROLE	Meets quarterly	Hosticka Craddick	Craig Stroud, 503-220-2451, craig.stroud@oregonzoo.org
2- Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG) LIAISON ROLE		Hosticka	
3- Nature in Neighborhoods Nature-Friendly Practices LIAISON ROLE		Collette	Corie Harlan, 503-797-1764, corie.harlan@oregonmetro.gov
4- Sellwood Bridge Public Stakeholder Committee	Will meet three times during the current public process to review the work of the CAC, and provide a recommendation to the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners.	Collette	Mike Pullen, 503-988-6804, mike.j.pullen@multco.us
5- PSU Institute for Metropolitan Studies Board *IMS discretion	Meets quarterly	Hughes Hosticka (alt)	Sheila Martin, 503-725-5170, sheilam@pdx.edu
6- CRC Project Sponsors Council *gubernatorial appointment	Meets as needed, but no more than once a month, or every other month	Burkholder	Mandy Putney, 360-816-2163, putneym@columbiarivercrossing.org
7- ODOT Policy Group	Meets quarterly	Burkholder	
8- Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium(OMPOC)	Met quarterly in 2010, future dates TBA	Collette (current Vice Chair)	Ann Mortenson, (541) 682-4373, amortenson@lcog.org
9- ODOT Congestion Pricing Advisory Committee	Future meetings TBA	Hughes	Shelli Romero, 503-731-8231, shelli.romero@odot.state.or.us
10- GHG Target Rulemaking Advisory Committee (TRAC)	Meets approximately twice a month	Collette	Bob Cortright, 503-373-0050x241, bob.cortright@state.or.us
11- Statewide Transportation Strategy Policy Committee	Meets every other month with the possibility of every month in the near future	Burkholder	Sharon Kautz, 503.986.4181, sharon.l.kautz@odot.state.or.us
12- Regional Water Providers Consortium	Meets three times a year	Craddick	Patty Burk, 503-823-7528, patty.burk@portlandoregon.gov
13- Liaison to Legislature	Project liaison, ongoing	Hosticka	

COUNCIL AGENCY PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

PROJECTS IN-PROGRESS			
PROJECT NAME	ROLE	COUNCILOR ASSIGNMENT	PROJECT CONTACT
Corridors Southwest Corridor Project East Metro Connections Plan	Lead Liaison Lead Liaison	Hosticka Roberts Craddick Hughes	Tony Mendoza 503-797-1726 Tony.mendoza@oregonmetro.gov Bridget Wieghart 503-797-1775 Bridget.wieghart@oregonmetro.gov
Intertwine Alliance Active Transportation EC Conservation Education Systems Investments	Lead Liaison Liaison Liaison	Craddick Burkholder Burkholder Craddick	Mike Wetter (503) 473-5474 mike.wetter@theintertwine.org
Climate Smart Communities GHG Scenarios Climate Preparedness	Lead (JPACT) Liaison (MPAC) Liaison	Collette Hosticka Craddick	Kim Ellis 503-797-1617 Kim.ellis@oregonmetro.gov
Community Investment Initiative (CII)	Lead Liaison (Policy) Liaison (Government Affairs)	Hughes Roberts Hosticka	Heidi Rahn 503-797-1535 Heidi.rahn@oregonmetro.gov
Solid Waste Roadmap	Lead Liaison	Harrington	Tom Chaimov 503-797-1681 Tom.chaimov@oregonmetro.gov

COUNCIL AGENCY PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS (CONT.)

TIME-LIMITED PROJECTS			
PROJECT NAME	ROLE	COUNCILOR ASSIGNMENT	PROJECT CONTACT
RESERVES COMPLETE	Lead	Hughes	
2011 Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)	Lead	Hosticka	Tim O'Brien 503-797-1840 Tim.o'brien@oregonmetro.gov
Economic Development Greater Portland Inc. GG-Portland-Launch Team	Lead	Hughes	Andy Shaw 503-797-1746 Andy.shaw@oregonmetro.gov
COO Recruitment COMPLETE	Lead Liaison	Hosticka Roberts	
Redistricting COMPLETE	Lead Liaison Liaison	Roberts Burkholder Hosticka	
Glendoveer Project	Lead Liaison	Roberts Craddick	Corie Harlan 503-797-1764 Corie.harlan@oregonmetro.gov Lydia Neil 503-797-1830 Lydia.neil@oregonmetro.gov
HUD Sustainable Communities	Lead	Roberts	Andy Cotugno 503-797-1763 Andycotugno@oregonmetro.gov Christina Deffebach 503-797-1921 Christina.deffebach@oregonmetro.gov

Examples to accompany active participation question:

1. Political Guidance: aka "What's the plan?"

What does Metro need to do externally to make this project work? What are the external ramifications of Metro's actions on this project? Are people going to be opposed or upset? Does Metro need to address or ameliorate external anxiety?

Example: For the UGB decision, the Council utilized a staff/COO recommendation and a range to frame the discussion.

2. Policy Guidance: aka "What do we need to decide?"

Where should Metro land on this issue? What direction should this project take?

Example: Metro created a new replenishment policy for expanding the UGB between cycles; determining levels of density to require in expansion areas.

3. Engagement Guidance: aka "Who do we talk to, when and how?"

How should Metro get input on this issue? How should Metro engage the public on this issue?

Some options: open houses, public hearings, engagement committee meetings, roadshows, OptIn.

4. Informational needs: aka "Just the facts, ma'am"

Councilor needs for information on a project: how much information, updates how often, format of information, delivered by councilor liaison or staff.

Council Retreat of July 2011

	Political Guidance	Policy Guidance	Engagement Guidance	Information Needs	General Concern
CIS on Community Development Work	Roberts Collette Craddick Harrington	Craddick Harrington Hosticka Burkholder		Hughes Hosticka Roberts	
CIS on East Metro Connections Plan	Hughes Craddick Collette Roberts	Craddick Collette Burkholder		Hosticka Burkholder Collette Harrington Roberts	
CIS on SW Corridor Plan	Hughes Hosticka Roberts Collette	Collette Hosticka Burkholder	Hosticka Collette Roberts	Collette Burkholder Harrington	
Community Investment Initiative (CII)	Hughes Craddick Collette Hosticka Burkholder Roberts	Hughes Craddick Burkholder Collette Hosticka	Harrington Collette	Harrington Collette	Collette
Climate Preparedness	Harrington Collette	Harrington Collette	Harrington	Hughes Hosticka Craddick Roberts Collette	
Climate Scenarios	Hosticka Collette	Collette Burkholder	Burkholder	Craddick Hosticka Harrington	
Economic Development	Hughes Collette Burkholder Roberts	Collette Harrington Roberts Burkholder	Harrington	Roberts Craddick Collette	Harrington Burkholder Hosticka
HUD/Sustainable Communities	Collette Roberts	Collette Harrington	Collette Harrington	Hosticka Burkholder	
Intertwine-Big Picture	Craddick Collette Hughes Burkholder	Craddick Harrington Burkholder	Craddick	Craddick Hughes Roberts Harrington Hosticka	Craddick Harrington
Intertwine-System Investments	Hosticka Craddick Hughes Burkholder	Hosticka Craddick	Craddick Harrington	Collette Harrington Burkholder	

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Intertwine-Active Transportation			Harrington	Collette Roberts Hosticka Harrington	
Solid Waste Roadmap	Harrington Collette	Hughes Harrington Burkholder Collette	Collette	Hughes Craddick	Hosticka Harrington
Urban Growth Management Decision	Hughes Hosticka Collette Roberts Craddick Burkholder	Hughes Burkholder Hosticka Craddick Roberts	Collette Hosticka	Collette	Collette

RED = HIGH INTEREST/NEED

ORANGE = MEDIUM INTEREST/NEED

GREEN = LOW INTEREST/NEED

Climate Smart Communities update for 10/5/11 Council Retreat

- As you may remember, the CSC project has three phases:
 1. Phase 1: Understanding the choices
 2. Phase 2: Shaping the direction
 3. Phase 3: Building the strategy

We are currently at in Phase 1 where we are using our modeling tools to develop scenarios for meeting GHG targets.

- Staff has completed the Metropolitan GreenSTEP modeling and the data analysis is underway. The team will be working with the Climate Scenarios Technical Work Group (comprised of TPAC and MTAC members) to share the initial results and develop findings to share with the policy committees in November. Work will be shared at a Council work session tentatively scheduled for October 25.
- Staff met with ODOT and DLCD staff to lay the groundwork for the progress report they are required to provide to the Legislature by February 1
- Planning is underway for a joint work session of the Metro Council, and JPACT and MPAC members and alternates.
- Finally, we are ready to launch the stakeholder outreach we discussed with Councilors in late August. Attached is a list of targeted stakeholders with our initial recommendations on Councilors and staff support for Phase 1. Talking points and background information will be provided in advance of the meetings. We are continuing to work on Phases 2 and 3 of the fall engagement.

Community Investment Strategy: Development work

Overview: Under the umbrella of “Community Investment strategy” fall a number of major initiatives, including the programs that contribute to community development and what we’ve been calling “community evolution”: work on downtowns and main streets and the industrial and employment land work.

Downtown and Main Street Development

Description: Metro works to help cities focus their development in downtowns and main streets to fulfill the 2040 growth concept vision and create vibrant communities

Metro’s role:

- Produce tools such as the State of the Centers report, eco-efficient employment toolkit, etc. that communities can use to fulfill their local aspirations
- Provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions, such as assistance with eco-efficient toolkit implementation
- Work with communities to determine where to implement TOD projects; provide funding for TOD development projects
- Provide funding from the Development Opportunity Fund to facilitate revitalization in downtowns

Current status:

- Updated State of the Centers report came out in May
- TOD strategic plan was recently completed and group is currently working on an updated work program
- Currently meeting with communities within the region, including Lake Oswego and Gresham, to discuss potential TOD projects
- Development Center is working with a consultant on downtown revitalization workshops; finishing up with Gresham, starting in Lake Oswego

Large lot industrial and employment land work

Description: Metro is working to identify 5-10 strategic large industrial sites and assess opportunities, actions, costs and benefits required for development readiness. Another goal is to achieve regional alignment on the inventory and development readiness of large industrial sites, support regional economic development, and use this work to inform future policy and public/private investment decisions

Metro's role:

- Partnerships: Metro has partnered with the Port, NAIOP, Business Oregon, Portland Business Alliance to inventory large industrial sites in the region
- Provide local jurisdictions with the opportunity to add or remove sites from the inventory where appropriate
- This is part of a greater regional conversation, played out at MPAC and elsewhere, about the region's needs for large industrial sites that are attractive to companies and will foster job growth in the region

Current status:

The project is currently in Phase I, to develop a regional inventory organized by development-readiness tiers. Phase II will be an in-depth assessment of 5 to 10 strategic large industrial sites.



Metro | Memo

Date: Friday, July 22, 2011
 To: Metro Councilors
 From: Rex Burkholder
 Subject: Councilor Liaison Project Updates

Below is a summary of the projects I have been tracking as part of my Councilor Liaison activity.

1. Project: Metro's Active Transportation Project, an initiative of The Intertwine
Staff: Lake McTighe, Project Manager

Description

The Active Transportation Project is focused on completing the regional active transportation network of bicycle and pedestrian trails and routes by identifying priorities, securing new sources of funding, and coordinating investment in the regional system. The project is guided in part by the Executive Council for Active Transportation.

Metro's role

- Convening partners to develop a regional vision and strategy for strategically
- Developing a professional staff level Regional Active Transportation Exchange to share best practices and coordinate efforts
- Convening partners in regional summits and other forums
- Planning for active transportation at the regional level, including coming to agreement on guiding principles, and potentially leading the effort for a regional active transportation funding source.
- Leading regional efforts, such as applying for TIGER grants.

Current status

Metro is in the preliminary stages of a regional action plan for active transportation that will prioritize the RTP list of bicycling and walking projects, as well as provide an implementation and funding strategy developed in coordination with the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project and corridor plans. The action plan will identify the principal regional network of active transportation corridors.

Metro has initiated a discussion to start a Statewide Trails Coalition. The response has been positive and next steps include developing a guiding agenda, list serve and meeting 2-3 times/year.

Next Steps

- Focus on the regional plan through June 2013
- Opt-In Poll for active transportation Sept. 2012
- Third meeting of the Statewide Trails Coalition

- Regional Active Transportation Summit for early Spring 2013

2. Project: Conservation Education

Staff: Stacey Triplett, Policy Advisor

Description

For the past 2 years, Metro staff have worked with many entities from the large group of sustainability, environmental and conservation education programs in the region, both private and public, to create an intentional plan for engaging stronger support for the current web of programs and cultivating new and/or stronger partnerships for highly effective programs that evolve with emerging needs and advance the attainment of “everyone sharing a lifelong connectedness with nature”. There are 356 organizations that seek to get involved in these efforts at last count.

Metro’s role

Metro has provided leadership and staffing for events for providers (roundtables and evaluators’ office hours) as well as for the Intertwine Conservation Education Task Force, including production of materials to recruit the standing Conservation Education Leadership Council (Con Ed Council) being nominated currently. In essence, staff are conveners of the sector with strong coordination to the Conservation Discovery Zone planning at the Oregon Zoo and to the ongoing implementation of the Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan.

Current status

This effort is gaining support among providers through the current nomination process to create a standing Con Ed Council. Support needed for the Con Ed Council will be sought from a coalition of partners during fiscal year 2011-12, in anticipation of a regional summit to be held during the year.

Next Steps

The Con Ed Council will become a powerful tool for the sustainability, environmental and conservation educators in the region, organizing their efforts and building partnerships for enhanced impact and a higher level of stewardship, valuing and knowledge of the region’s assets in parks, natural areas and trails. Two events are planned for the near future to bring providers together, an August 10 Evaluators’ Office Hours and a September 23 Roundtable on Youth-Centered Evaluation.

3. Project: Climate Initiatives Council Project

Staff: John Williams, Deputy Planning Director, Kathryn Sofich, Council Policy Coordinator

Description

The Climate Initiatives project, scheduled to end in July 2011, was extended for another year during the FY 11-12 budget amendment process. There are five work plan elements of Climate Initiatives Work Program that were approved during this process.

- 1: Climate Change Preparation Plan (50%).
- 2: Capacity building and regional leadership (20%).
- 3: Coordination and collaboration (20%).
- 4: Support other efforts as directed (5%).
- 5: Prepare analysis of progress toward regional Climate leadership (5%)

Metro's role

As a major player in the region in addressing climate change, this project will ensure the range of activities to address climate change are coordinated and leveraged internally at Metro, particularly around the GHG Scenarios work. Additionally, a key piece of this coordination will be to integrate the emerging work being done around climate preparedness into the current mitigation work.

Externally, Metro will continue to play a number of roles. For example, we are participants in discussions around a possible formation of a Willamette Valley Resilience Compact, led by the Climate Leadership Initiative (CLI). Metro is one of many participating parties in this effort but has not taken a leadership role. Overall staff sees the value the compact could bring in terms of providing a structure for jurisdictions to work together. While Metro provides some structure for jurisdictions in the Metro region to work together, this compact would provide opportunities for a broader range of collaboration with jurisdictions outside of the Metro region. Given Metro's role in the Portland region, we will likely play a significant role in the formation and implementation of this compact. Another role Metro will play is as a convener as the region continues to address issues around climate preparedness and its relationship to climate mitigation. A number of jurisdictions are developing their own preparedness plans, providing an opportunity for Metro to collaborate and provide a regional view of climate preparedness.

Current status

The Metro Council approved funding for a one year extension of the Climate Initiatives Coordinator position, which is currently undergoing recruitment. Staff has continued to track the developments related to the Willamette Valley Resilience Compact and is finalizing a report cataloging internal climate preparedness activities.

Next Steps

Once the Climate Initiatives Coordinator is hired (likely by September), work will continue on the program elements listed above. Council direction will likely be needed on several aspects of these work program elements in the Fall '11 into Winter '12.

4. Project: Greater Portland Pulse

Staff: Rita Conrad, Principal Planner

Description

Greater Portland Pulse, formerly known as Greater Portland-Vancouver Indicators (GPVI), is a growing regional partnership that uses both data and dialogue to encourage coordinated action for better results across the region. In nine indicator topics (see box),

Greater Portland Pulse data show where the region is successful and where it's lagging behind; where there's progress and where there's work to be done. The indicators often reflect who's being left behind and how communities – and the region – are impacted as a result.

GPP indicator topics

1. Economic opportunity
2. Education
3. Arts and culture
4. Civic engagement
5. Healthy people
6. Safe people
7. Access and mobility
8. Quality housing and communities
9. Healthy, natural environment

Metro's role

Metro anchored the start-up phase of the project with PSU's Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. Metro provided overall project management, development of the first report, and some contract services. PSU funded and provided team support, data collection and research and web development.

Current status

The Greater Portland Pulse website, portlandpulse.org, and first regional indicators report, *The Road to Prosperity: Equity and the Education Imperative*, is scheduled for public release on July 25th of this year. The report and website integrate the outcomes, drivers, indicators and data from nine Results Teams, one each for of the nine topic areas, and guidance from an Equity Panel and high-level Advisory Team for the project. The report and website also draw out major themes that came to the forefront for this initial effort: Equity and the Education Imperative.

Next steps

This summer and fall will be dedicated to fundraising and to establishing a home for the project long-term. By October 1, the goal is to have governance and minimal funding established for the launch of the operational phase of the project.