

Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee

James A. Zehren, Chair



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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, Rm. 501
600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Comments from Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement and guests
3. Items for the good of the order
4. Items from Metro Council, MPAC or JPACT
5. Presentation about the history of Metro's Regional Transportation Plan process
6. Discussion of 2003 briefing paper prepared for Saint Louis (Missouri) Metropolitan Park & Recreation District Master Plan process (to be sent to GPAC members via separate email by Chair Zehren)
7. Discussion of draft goals for implementing the GPAC vision prepared by Metro staff (to be sent to GPAC members via separate email by GPAC staff)
8. Adjournment



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2000 Regional Transportation Plan Public Involvement Timeline

January '95
"The Choices We Make" transportation fair and open house kicks off the RTP update (attended by 150 citizens)

April '95
Transportation Hotline established

April '95
2040 Framework newsletter spotlights the RTP update (65,000 copies mailed and distributed)

April '95
"Priorities '95" public meetings held in Oregon City, Portland, Gresham and Beaverton (attended by 140 citizens)

May '95
RTP Citizen Advisory Committee Appointed (begins to meet monthly, through January 1998)

July '95
Federal RTP Adopted by Council

November '95
2040 Framework newsletter includes an RTP update (74,000 copies mailed and distributed)

March '96
Regional Livability Open Houses in Portland, Gresham, Tualatin, Milwaukie, Aloha and Lake Oswego (attended by 720 citizens)

April '96
RTP CAC Adopts Policy Update

May '96
Council holds public hearing on RTP Policy Update

July '96
Council Adopts Policy Update by Resolution

November '96
2040 Framework newsletter includes highlights of RTP policy update (75,000 copies mailed and distributed)

November '97
"Discover the Choices" public workshops in Portland, Tualatin, Gresham, Portland, Clackamas and Hillsboro (more than 170 citizens attended)

September '97
2040 Framework newsletter highlights RTP update and alternatives analysis (80,000 copies mailed and distributed)

July-October '97
MILT Bus visits community events, fairs, festivals and shopping centers throughout region (8,500 citizens visit MILT from July through October)

July '97
2040 Survey distributed throughout region includes transportation and RTP questions (11,000 completed surveys are returned)

January '97
Priorities '97 meetings in Gresham, Oregon City, Portland and Aloha (120 citizens attended)

November '97
"Creating Livable Streets" handbook published, illustrating RTP street design policies

August '97
CAC hosts workshop for stakeholders on the RTP alternatives analysis

January/February '98
CAC presents final RTP recommendations to JPACT and Council

September '98
"Getting There" newsletter provides a detailed overview of the updated RTP (85,000 copies mailed and distributed)

September '98
"Proposed Transportation Solutions for 2020" published to provide a detailed description of proposed RTP projects (500 copies distributed to local officials and interested citizens)

December '97
Council adopts Regional Framework Plan, including updated RTP policies as Chapter 2

January '98
CAC adopts the "CAC idea Kit" (500 copies distributed to local officials and interested citizens)

June-October '98
MILT Bus visits 52 community events, fairs, festivals and shopping centers throughout region (13,400 citizens visit MILT from July through October)

September '98
"East Meets West" light rail celebration includes RTP displays and events at Convention Center plaza (550 citizens attended)

October '98
"Proposed Transportation Solutions for 2020" open houses held in Gresham, Oregon City, Portland and Beaverton (75 citizens attended)

December '99
Council Hearing and adoption of 1999 RTP by resolution (more than 300 individual changes considered)

June '00
Final Public Hearing on 2000 RTP

October '99
"Getting There" open houses in Beaverton, Gresham, Clackamas and Portland (100 citizens attended)

October '99
Preliminary Draft of the RTP released for formal comment

September '99
"Getting There" newsletter provides an update to the '98 issue, with detail on system performance and financial implications (10,000 copies distributed)

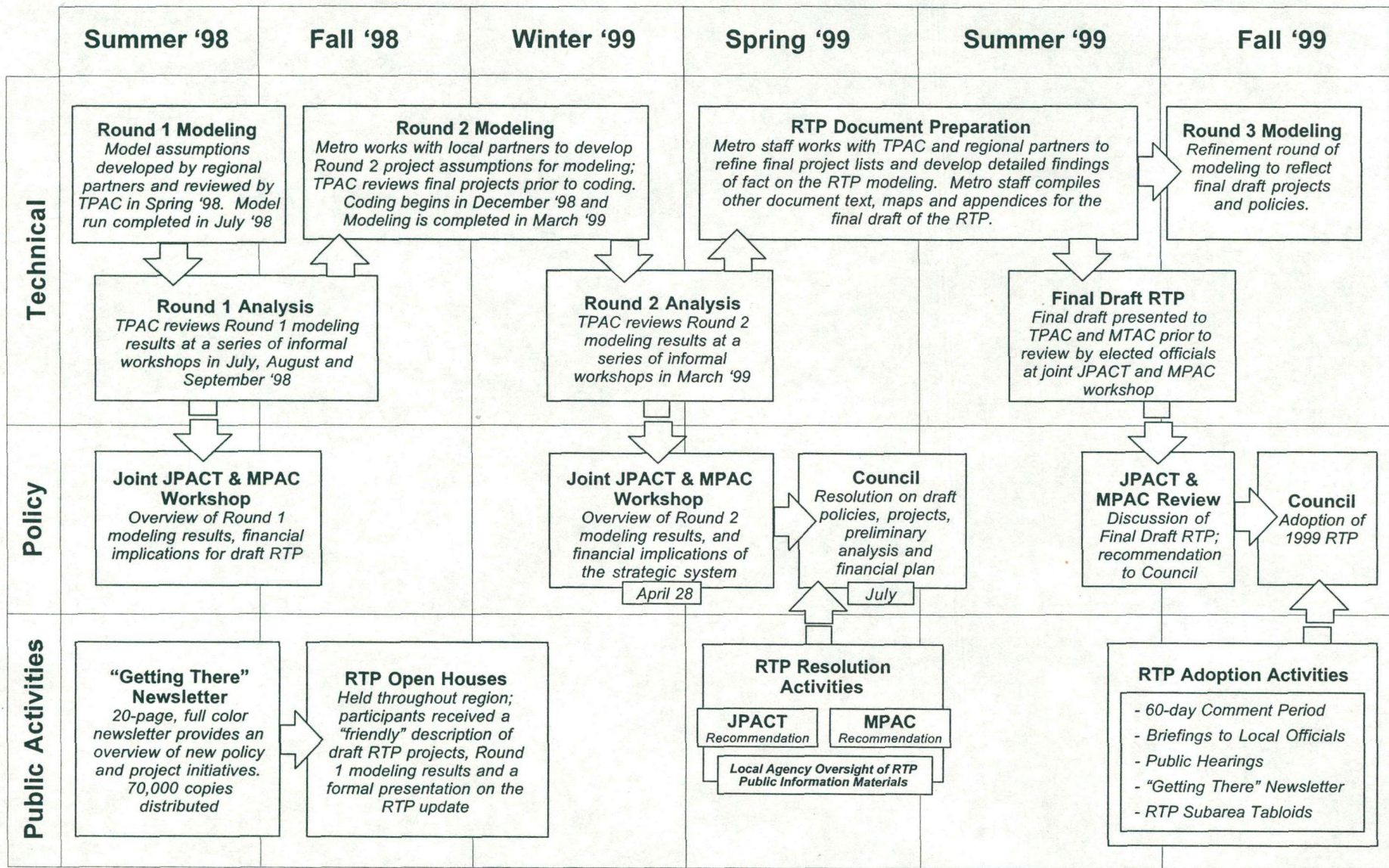
July-August '99
Seven RTP Subarea fact sheets and a Regional Transit fact sheet published (total of 20,000 brochures distributed)

August '00
Final Council Action on 2000 RTP Scheduled

May '00
Final Public Comment Period on 2000 RTP Opens



Adoption Timeline



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Goals and Principles (draft)

GPAC's vision will have been fulfilled when this region accomplishes the following:

Protects biodiversity

- Protects priority wildlife habitat and natural areas.
- Creates and manages additional large natural-area preserves.
- Increases the number of acres under public management.
- Increases the number of people qualified to manage natural area lands.

Demonstrates the economic value of the "system"*

- Increases local residential and commercial property values through expanded park and greenspace investments.
- Revitalizes neighborhoods and commercial areas through new investments in parks and improved park maintenance.
- Stimulates tourism by using the "system" as a signature attraction.
- Improves opportunities to attract business investment and knowledge-workers.

Improves accessibility for all citizens to the "system"

- Provides all citizens with easy access to parks, trails and natural areas.
- Ensures that recreation opportunities and experiences are affordable.
- Involves all communities in parks and greenspaces related planning and decision-making.

Ensures connectivity throughout the region for wildlife and people

- Makes significant progress implementing the Regional Trails and Greenways Plan.
- Provides the region's citizens access to an expanded network of trails extending outside the metropolitan area.
- Connects people to local rivers and streams.
- Protects, restores and enhances wildlife corridors and greenways.

Improves the physical and mental health of our citizens

- Increases the amount people exercise in the region by creating opportunities and enhancing access to places for physical activity.
- Reduces the percentage of overweight children and adults by making our communities more walkable.
- Increases the experience of peace and relaxation by providing places of refuge from the stresses of urban life.

Brings our communities together

- Makes our neighborhoods safer by providing greater access to public parks, recreational facilities and community activities.
- Allows children to learn how to interact and cooperate with others by providing outdoor recreation opportunities and places for play.

Improves air and water quality

- Reduces hydrological alteration.
- Reduces deterioration of and improves water quality.
- Reduces deterioration of and improves air quality.

Creates a stewardship ethic among businesses, government and citizens

- Promotes opportunities for hands-on nature-based experiences throughout all populations and communities in the region.
- Works with environmental education resource organizations and agencies to use natural areas as places for learning about the environment.
- Works with neighborhood groups, individual businesses, civic and community organizations to encourage volunteer support of operations, restoration and maintenance programs for the "system".
- Provides on-site interpretation of urban natural areas, watershed health and fish and wildlife habitat issues where appropriate.

Provides long-term stable funding for the "system"

- A coalition of partners has emerged and been formalized to support, advocate for and champion the "system" and ensure its ongoing financial health.

***The word "system" is used in quotation marks to mean a "region-wide system of parks, natural areas, trails and greenways" and whatever else GPAC decides gets included in that definition.**

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Strategy Matrix (draft)

	Local Strategies	Regional Strategies	State Strategies	Federal Strategies
Protect biodiversity.	Increase number of programs and amount dedicated to local acquisition programs targeting unique habitats – and areas with rare species.	Seek bond measure targeting acquisition of unique habitats and areas with rare species. Develop Regional Biodiversity Plan.	Seek state funding for Regional Biodiversity Plan implementation.	Seek Forest Legacy Funding and other funding for land acquisition and habitat restoration in Metro area. Seek reinstatement of Metropolitan Greenspaces Program funding in USF&W base budget.
Create and demonstrate economic value.		In partnership with business and development community, Create a speakers' bureau or other educational campaign to promote the region-wide system and it's impact on the economy.		
Increase accessibility for all citizens.			Protect SDC funding program for parks and promote equity.	





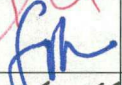
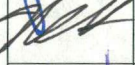
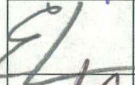



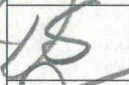

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Improve connectivity for wildlife and people.	<p>Develop local trails and other pedestrian-friendly connections.</p> <p>Expand protections of riparian-areas.</p> <p>Seek programs for dedication of trail ROW as part of development approvals.</p>	<p>Seek bond measure including funding for completing Fanno Creek Greenway Trail and 40-Mile Loop Trail.</p> <p>Seek bond measure targeting regional trail and wildlife corridor acquisition.</p>	<p>Seek a dedicated portion (based on population) of State Recreational Trails Program funding for Regional Trail Plan implementation.</p> <p>Seek and support increased state funding for "inter-regional" trail projects identified on the Regional Trail Plan.</p>	
Improve the physical and mental health of our citizens.				
Bring our community together.				
Improve air and water quality.		<p>Seek bond measure targeting acquisition of stream corridors, headwaters, wetlands and floodplain restoration. Regional Transportation Plan Implementation.</p>	<p>Seek dedicated state funding (based on population) for land acquisition and habitat protection and restoration in the Metro region (OWEB, etc.).</p>	<p>Regional Transportation Plan Implementation.</p>
Create a stewardship ethic among business, government and citizens.		<p>Seek new/additional funding for Metropolitan Greenspaces grant programs (Metro/USF&W partnership).</p> <p>Expand capacity and reach of Metro's volunteer and environmental education programs.</p>		<p>Secure federal funding for Metropolitan Greenspaces grant programs (Metro/USF&W partnership).</p>

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Member sign-in sheet

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Please sign your initials next to your name.

	Jim Zehren, Chair	Citizen Representative
	Ernie Drapela	City of Gresham
	Kim Gilmer	Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation
	Steve Greagor	Hillsboro Parks and Recreation
	John Griffiths	THPRD
	Faun Hosey	Citizen Representative
	Mike Houck	Portland Audubon Society
	Esther Lev	Wetlands Conservancy
	Doug Neeley	Oregon City
	Mike Ragsdale	Citizen Representative
	Zari Santner	Portland Parks and Recreation
	Dick Schouten	Washington County Commission
	Don Trotter	NCPRD Advisory Board
	Jill Zanger	Citizen Representative

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Visitor sign-in sheet

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Name	Organization
Bob Sallinger	Audubon