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Council work session agenda

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

2:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

2:10 District 2 Metro Councilor Swearing-In

2:20 Work Session Topics:

2:20 Construction Career Pathways Project [17-4929](#)

Presenter(s): Raahi Reddy, Metro
David Fortney, Metro

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

3:00 Refining 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) [18-4978](#)

Investment Priorities

Presenter(s): Elissa Gertler, Metro
Kim Ellis, Metro

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)
[2018 RTP Engagement Summary](#)
[Update on RTP Policy and Technical Work](#)

4:00 Councilor Communication

4:10 Adjourn

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Construction Career Pathways Project

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: March 13, 2018

LENGTH: 40 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2)

DEPARTMENT: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program

PRESENTER(S): Raahi Reddy, DEI Program Director
David Fortney, C2P2 project manager

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: To provide an update on the Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2) and progress made in convening partners to advance construction workforce equity.
- Outcome: Metro Councilors have a shared understanding of C2P2 activities to date and next steps.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Portland metropolitan region is growing and with it, the construction industry. There is a minimum of 81 public projects, worth approximately \$7.8 billion, planned to be built in the Portland metro region in the next 3 – 5 years. This presents an exciting opportunity for government to leverage the economic benefits of the high-growth construction industry to support equitable economic opportunities for women and communities of color in our region.

Even as our region diversifies, career opportunities generated by this growth are not equitably accessible to everyone. Construction has historically been a male dominated and racially homogenous industry, and this continues to be the case.

People of color and women face multiple barriers in accessing and sustaining construction careers in the Portland metro region. The inconsistent nature of construction work, lack of consistent opportunities to take advantage of career ladders, and insufficient funding and resources for education, job training and support services are among the factors that limit career employment. The magnitude of the problem is greater than can be solved by any one local government agency.

Metro's Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2) seeks to address these challenges and bring public and private stakeholders together across the region to create a roadmap for government that will 1) support and grow a diverse construction workforce, 2) deliver effective investments in the construction workforce system, and 3) promote equitable growth in the region's economy.

Over the last year the C2P2 team has been developing partnerships in the construction industry and discussing what a regional approach to construction workforce equity could look like. We have also commissioned a Regional Construction Workforce Market Study to assess the region's overall capacity to meet growing demand. Our next step is to convene a Public Owner Workgroup that will be charged with developing and implementing strategies and investments that help align efforts to support career opportunities for people of color and women in the construction trades.

As background, C2P2 is grounded in Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Research shows that places that attain more economic growth are those with greater racial inclusion and smaller racial income gaps. As such, Metro seeks to work with its private and public partners to help develop and maintain sustainable economic growth for communities of color and women through the construction industry in the Portland metro region.

This is the first time C2P2 has been brought to the Metro Council for a work session. As a new project in a new arena for Metro, it has taken time to develop the case for a regional approach with our private and public partners, and gather a comprehensive set of construction labor supply and demand data, which will help inform discussions in the Public Owner Workgroup.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- What questions or feedback do you have on the project's direction?
- What additional information does the Council need?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action? Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? Power point presentation

Refining 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Priorities

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: March 13, 2018

LENGTH: 60 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Refining 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Priorities

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

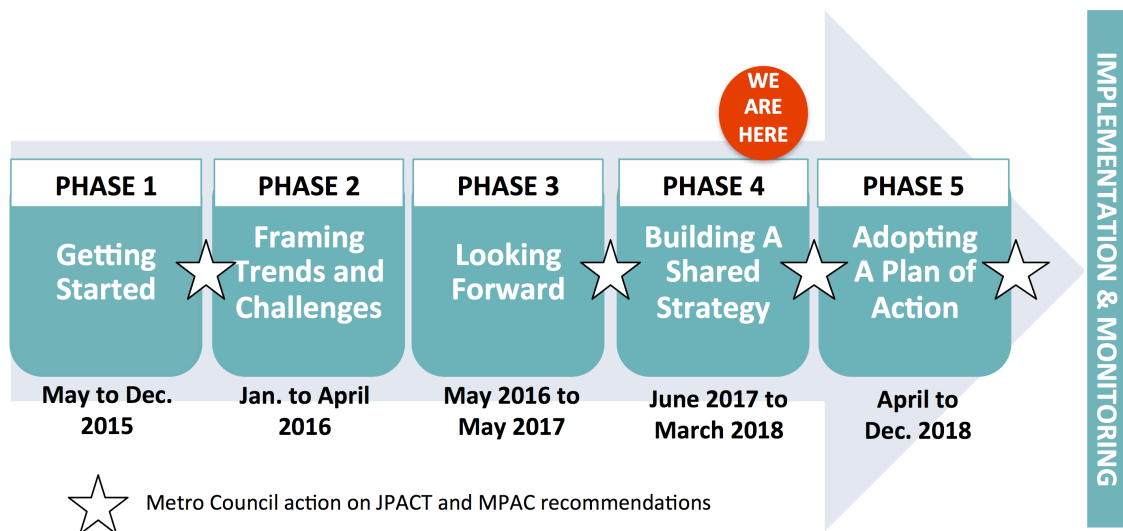
PRESENTER(S): Elissa Gertler, elissa.gertler@oregonmetro.gov and Kim Ellis, kim.ellis@oregonmetro.gov

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- **Purpose:** Council will receive an update on the March 2 Regional Leadership Forum key takeaways and discuss draft recommendations for refining draft project lists for the 2018 RTP.
- **Outcome:** Council provides direction to liaisons to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) as to priorities to carry forward on behalf of the Metro Council during upcoming policy discussions.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Portland metropolitan region's economic prosperity and quality of life depend on a transportation system that provides every person and business in the region with equitable access to safe, reliable, healthy and affordable travel options. Through the 2018 RTP update, the Metro Council is working with leaders and communities throughout the region to plan the transportation system of the future by updating the region's shared transportation vision and investment strategy for the next 25 years. Shown in **Figure 1**, the plan update is in Phase 4 and on schedule.



SUMMARY OF PAST COUNCIL DIRECTION

- In **December 2016**, the Council **reaffirmed past direction to staff to use development of the 2018 RTP to clearly and realistically communicate our transportation funding outlook** and align the financially constrained project list with updated financial assumptions. This direction included developing a pipeline of priority projects for the regional transportation system for Metro and other partners to work together to fund and build.

- In **February 2017**, the Council directed the RTP project list and strategies for safety, freight, transit and technology be developed in a transparent way that advances adopted regional goals, supports regional coalition building efforts, and emphasizes equity, safety and climate change.
- In **May 2017**, the Council further **directed staff to move forward with the Call for Projects** as recommended by MPAC and JPACT. This direction included **approval of a vision statement** for the 2018 RTP, also approved by MPAC and JPACT, to guide development of the draft RTP project lists.
- In **September and December 2017**, Council **reaffirmed Council priorities as to emphasizing safety, racial equity, climate change and managing congestion as the RTP is finalized** in 2018, and identified specific steps to take to support those priorities.

ACTIVITIES SINCE THE FEBRUARY WORK SESSION

- **March 2 Regional Leadership Forum convened.** On March 2, the Metro Council convened more than 125 leaders from across the greater Portland region to begin finalizing the project priorities for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. City, county, and regional policymakers and business and community leaders came together to bring the perspectives of their communities and constituents. Staff are preparing a summary of key takeaways and recommendations for jurisdictions on refining draft project lists for the 2018 RTP. *Staff's recommendation will be provided separately to the Metro Council in advance of the work session.* The Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) is scheduled to make a recommendation to JPACT on refining draft project lists at their March 9 meeting. *TPAC's recommendation will be presented to the Metro Council at the work session.*
- **Public comment opportunity completed.** From January 15 to February 17, staff held a **30-day comment opportunity** for the Regional Transportation Plan, focusing on the draft project lists. Members of the public and other interested parties had the opportunity to take an **on-line survey** or learn about the projects through the **on-line interactive map**. On Jan. 19, 2018, the Metro Council hosted a **community leaders' forum**, bringing together community leaders focused on social equity, environmental justice, labor fairness and community engagement. More than 90 community leaders were invited, and 23 leaders participated to learn about the current status of the RTP update, engage on the takeaways from the analysis of the draft project lists, and discuss priorities and tradeoffs. Participants were also asked to work together to determine the most important messages to share with policymakers as they begin finalizing the 2018 RTP. Metro Councilors also provided information on the draft RTP project lists and evaluation findings at **briefings to economic alliances, business associations and interested community organizations**. Briefings were provided to the East Metro Economic Alliance, Washington County Coordinating committee, Clackamas County Business Alliance, East Portland Action Plan Committee, and a joint meeting of the Westside Economic Alliance, and Westside Transportation Alliance. **Email and letters** were also accepted as part of the comment period. A summary of key takeaways from the feedback received is attached to the work session packet. A report documenting all feedback received during the comment period will be available in April.

UPCOMING COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

As described at the February work session, many other RTP-related activities are underway in support of the finalizing the 2018 RTP. Remaining activities are summarized in an attachment for reference.

Upcoming work session dates and topics through June follow.

- 3/20 **Direction to staff** on finalizing 2018 RTP Projects lists
Agencies will have until April 27 to submit changes to project lists. The revised project lists will be evaluated and subject to further public review in summer 2018 as part of the final 45-day public comment period planned for June 29 to August 13.

- 4/10 Draft Safety Strategy, Draft Transit Strategy and Draft Freight Strategy
- 5/1 Draft RTP (focus on policy and implementation chapters); Draft RTX Strategy
- 6/19 **Direction to staff** to release Draft 2018 RTP (including updated project lists) and draft strategies for freight, transit, safety and emerging technology (RTx) for public review

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does Council have comments or questions about the information presented?
- Does Council have feedback regarding recommendations for refining 2018 RTP project priorities?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today?
 - What We Heard handout (Feb. 25, 2018)
 - A summary of key takeaways and recommendations for jurisdictions on refining draft RTP project lists will be provided separately to Councilors in advance of the work session.

2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



2,900 survey
submissions

10,613 online
comments

10 presentation
responses

19 letters and
emails

172,000 social
media views

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What we heard

From Jan. 15 to Feb. 17, Metro asked residents and businesses of the greater Portland region for their thoughts to help refine the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan project lists.

There were four strategies used to engage residents and businesses:

- an **online survey** that focused on asking participants how they would prioritize outcomes and rate strategies to get to those outcomes
- a **community leaders' forum**, bringing together community representatives from Metro's advisory committees and other community leaders to discuss the evaluation key takeaways
- **Metro Councilor briefings** to business and community groups
- The **project website and materials**, such as the key takeaways document and an interactive map of projects, allowing for more detailed feedback via letter or email.

Summary of what we heard

One overarching theme heard throughout the engagement period is the plan is falling short in accomplishing the outcomes our region wants to see. People want investments in better street design to improve safety, more frequent MAX and bus service to address system reliability, and better walk and bike connections to have more travel options for going to work, school or shopping. Metro staff also heard that more investment in freight is needed to reliably and safely get goods to market.

Another theme heard is direction to focus investments equitably to ensure that communities of color and other historically marginalized communities don't continue to fall behind the rest of our region. This means prioritizing investments in communities that have been underserved and targeting areas where there are inadequate and unreliable transportation options. People recognize that improving access is an important step to make sure all people in our region have opportunities to experience our region's quality of life.

MetroQuest Survey

What we heard

“Every neighborhood should be well served by transit, now and in the future, regardless of who lives there today or tomorrow.”

Southeast Portland resident

“If we cannot maintain what we’ve got, why build more? Preventive maintenance is as important as ‘fixing potholes’ and should not be neglected.”

Beaverton resident

“I live in Gladstone and work in west Beaverton where it takes me twice as long to get to and from work via TriMet because they do not have any direct routes.”

Gladstone resident

From Jan. 15 to Feb. 17, Metro hosted an online comment opportunity in support of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. The online survey asked participants two questions:

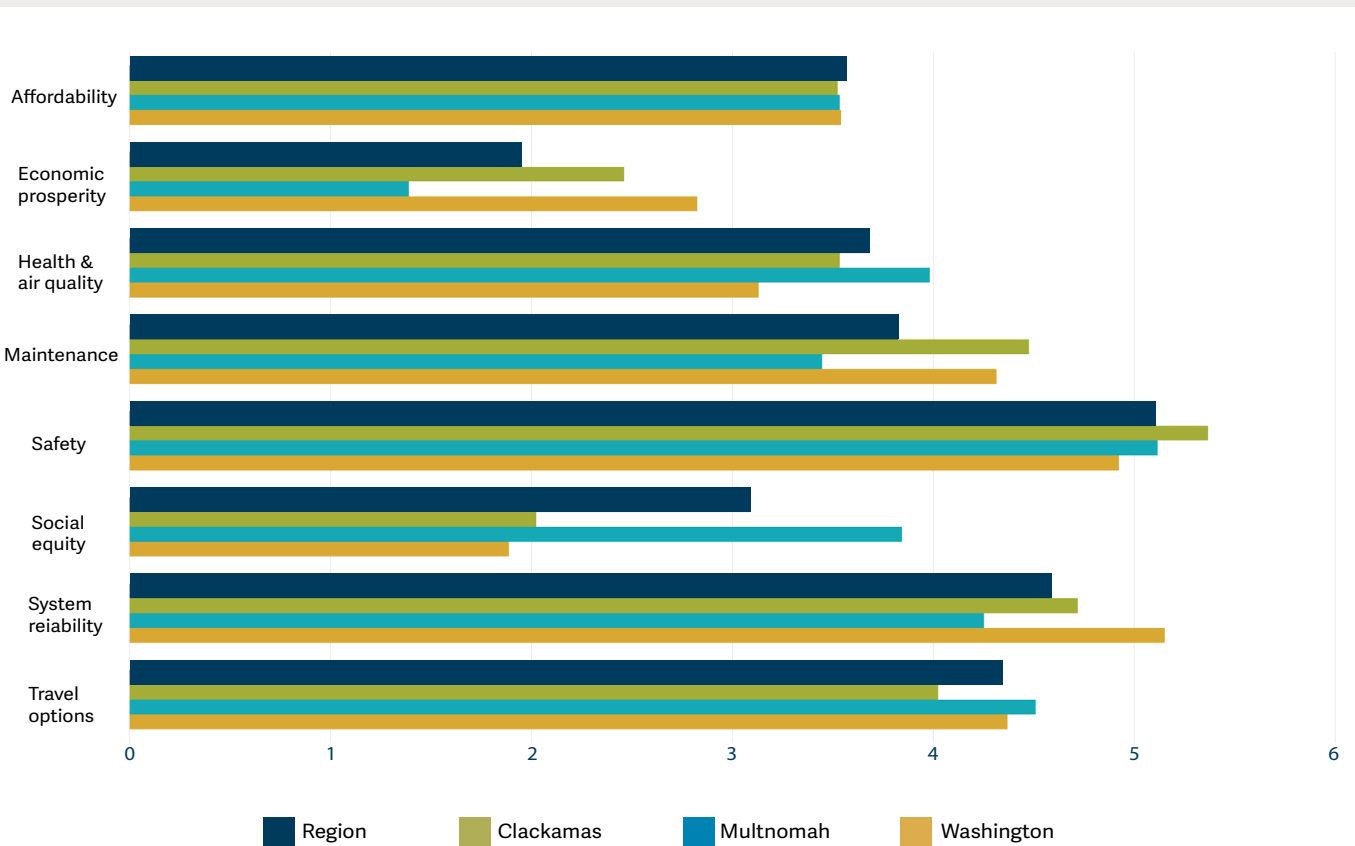
- How can we best improve our region’s transportation system over the next 10 years? Select your top 5 most important outcomes.
- For each of the top 5 priorities, what strategies will best help get us there?

Participants were asked to select and rank their top five most important outcomes from a list of eight. The outcomes were presented in random order for each user. A higher score in the chart below reflects a higher ranking by participants.

In addition to the questions above, participants were also asked about quality of life, commute patterns, history of racism in our region’s transportation investments and thoughts on increasing fees and taxes to realize the region’s shared vision for our transportation system. Over 73% of total respondents strongly or somewhat support increasing fees and taxes to fund priorities they feel are important, the majority of support coming from Multnomah County residents.

We heard from more than 2,900 people across the region. Regionwide, the top three priorities included safety, system reliability and travel options. On the county level, prioritized outcomes slightly differed. A full summary is expected in mid-March.

Which outcomes should the region prioritize?



Top strategies to get to priority outcomes

After prioritizing outcomes, participants were asked to identify which strategies best achieved those outcomes. Below are the top three strategies for the three highest priority outcomes.

Safety

- Enhance street design, such as reducing speeds and putting in protected crosswalks
- Improve walk and bike connections by completing sidewalks and bikeways and increasing separation from traffic
- Enhance transit stops with safe crossings and improved lighting

System reliability

- Improve transit service with more frequent bus and MAX
- Expand freeways and streets and improve street connections
- Technology improvements | Housing close to transit (*tied*)

Travel options

- Improve transit service with more frequent bus and MAX
- Improve walk and bike connections by completing sidewalks and bikeways and increasing separation from traffic
- Enhance street design, such as reducing speeds and putting in protected crosswalks

Community Leaders' Forum

On Jan. 19, 27 community leaders voiced their opinions and shared their thoughts about which outcomes they want to see prioritized in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. Leaders also heard updates from staff about the Southwest Corridor light rail project and equitable development strategy and other efforts around parks and nature, garbage and recycling, affordable housing and transportation.

Three main high-level takeaways

- Lead with equity - if you address it, you get other desired outcomes.
- Explicitly articulate who will benefit from these outcomes.
- Better explain how the needs of people will be met by connecting equity to housing, jobs and transportation.

Many leaders voiced their dissatisfaction that communities of color and other historically marginalized communities are seeing less access to jobs and community places than the region as a whole in the first ten years of the plan.

Additional comments and themes

- Perspectives of aging populations, people with disabilities and youth need to be reflected in these conversations, along with how they are being impacted by these investments.
- Profiling of black residents and low-income community members on transit needs to be addressed.
- The intersection of value pricing and affordability needs to be addressed. With limits on how the state can use the funds, mechanisms need to be in place to ensure that benefits and burdens are distributed equitably.



What we heard from community leaders

"The region has come a long way from including equity to moving towards embedding equity [in programs and projects]. I would like to see us moving from embedding equity into prioritizing equity."

Emily Lai

Momentum Alliance

"If they don't feel safe, people won't want to take public transit."

Carolyn Anderson

Transit rider

"[Economic prosperity] seems to be the most important thing because that's where we put it. We need to put people first... if we focus on what people need first, all of the other things will fall into place naturally

Gloria Pinzon

Community advocate

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Metro Councilor briefings

As part of the public comment opportunity, the Metro Council engaged several business and community organizations to provide a preview of initial evaluation of the project lists and key takeaways. Some of the feedback heard is reflected below.

- Our region’s transportation system must be accessible to everyone.
- We need more bus service in East Portland and other areas where underserved communities live.
- Concern that freight projects make up a small portion of the cost of the entire plan.
- Ensure that benefits and burdens of congestion pricing are distributed equitably.
- Improve biking and walking access to transit.

Project Website and Materials

Staff developed several materials to communicate the results of the initial evaluation and summarize the key takeaways. An eight-page discussion guide provided an overview of the plan, a summary of the project list, and key takeaways on how the plan will perform based on staff analysis. The materials were posted on the project website with an invitation to send more detailed feedback via letter or email.

Additionally, staff created an online interactive map to provide more information on specific projects, including estimated cost, primary purpose, and anticipated timing of completion, among other categories. All the materials and this map are available at oregonmetro.gov/2018projects.



February 25, 2018

Update on Remaining Policy and Technical Work in Support of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

March 2, 2018

Policy and technical updates

- **Assessment of the pilot project evaluation completed.** Metro staff summarized comments received from partner agency on the pilot evaluation and is in the process of compiling a summary of lessons learned and recommendations for refinements to the process and criteria. Staff recommends deferring use of project-level evaluation to future planning efforts (post-RTP update). Documentation of the pilot project evaluation and recommendations for future efforts will be included in the 2018 RTP Technical Appendix.
- **Goals, objectives, performance targets and policies review continues and taking longer than planned.** Recognizing this RTP update has an increased focus on addressing safety, equity and climate change, the adopted work plan calls for the policy framework to be reviewed and updated to more fully address these and other issues of concern identified through the process (e.g., congestion, maintenance, emerging technologies and funding). In May 2017, JPACT and the Metro Council directed staff to review and refine the RTP policy chapter, including:
 - **Review of RTP goals and objectives**, particularly goals related to safety, equity, climate change, accountability, transparency, congestion, maintenance, emerging technologies and funding. The review will seek to:
 - clarify the distinction between the vision, goals, objectives, performance targets and policies and their role in performance-based planning and decision-making;
 - reduce redundancy between the goals and objectives;
 - reflect priority outcomes identified through the process; and
 - better align the objectives with existing or desired data, including updated system evaluation and transportation equity measures and updates to the RTP performance targets to meet regional goals and federal and state requirements.
 - **Review of performance targets** to meet regional policy goals and federal and state requirements. The review will seek to:
 - clarify and update definitions and terms related to performance-based planning and measurement;
 - identify gaps in existing performance targets and opportunities to reduce redundancy;
 - update performance targets, including incorporating federally-required performance targets;
 - streamline how the 2018 RTP addresses state and federally-required target-setting and on-going performance monitoring, and reporting; and
 - define an action plan for system monitoring, including an approach to data collection, maintenance, sharing, and methods development.
 - **Review of modal policies and maps**, particularly the throughways/arterials, transit, and freight policies and system maps for each network. This review will seek to:
 - compile recommended changes to RTP system maps;
 - add a new freight safety policy;
 - expand policies for transit to reflect desired ridership, accessibility, convenience, frequency, reliability, and affordability performance outcomes;
 - expand policies for throughways and arterials to reflect desired access/connectivity, reliability and safety performance outcomes;
 - update relevant design policies;
 - draft new policy sections related to address safety, equity, climate change, and emerging technology; and

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- clarify the distinction between the modal policies in the RTP and modal strategies in the Regional Transit Strategy, Regional Freight Strategy and Regional Safety Strategy that are being developed concurrent with updating the RTP.

A more limited review of the regional bike and pedestrian network policies will be completed as part of this work because they were extensively reviewed and updated as part of development of the 2014 Regional Active Transportation Plan. The system maps may be updated to reflect additions or updated functional classification designations stemming from local transportation plan updates and the RTP Call for Projects.

From Sept. to Dec. 2017, staff reviewed the existing policy framework to identify and recommend potential refinements to the 2014 RTP policy chapter for consideration by JPACT, MPAC and the Metro Council. TPAC and MTAC will discuss initial findings and recommendations from this review at their April meetings. Discussions are expected to continue in Spring 2018. The Metro Council will discuss findings and recommendations from this review in May 2018.

- **Financially constrained funding assumptions updates to reflect House Bill 2017 underway.** Metro staff is working with ODOT staff to update the state transportation revenue forecast in response to HB 2017. An updated forecast is anticipated in early 2018. TPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council will discuss the updated forecast when available, tentatively in March.
- **Update to RTP implementation chapter to begin in 2018.** Metro staff will begin work to update the implementation chapter in early 2018. This chapter outlines future studies and other work needed to advance implementation of the RTP or resolve issues that could not be fully addressed during the update. This will include updating sections on needed regional mobility corridor refinement plans, planned project development activities (e.g., Southwest Corridor and Division Transit Project), performance monitoring, and other implementation activities to be undertaken post-RTP adoption. TPAC and MTAC will discuss staff recommendations for updates to this chapter in April and May 2018. The Metro Council and policy advisory committees will discuss this chapter in late-Spring 2018, in advance of the final public review and adoption process.
- **Development of a transportation recovery and disaster preparedness element underway.** Metro staff will partner with Portland State University and the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RPDO) to map previously identified regional emergency transportation routes and prepare recommendations for future work and partnerships needed to more fully address this issue prior to the next RTP update (due in 2023).

In early December, staff participated in a 2-day training on the development of an All-Hazards Transportation Recovery Plan for the Portland metropolitan region. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded a research grant to develop a recovery plan for the City of Portland that includes transit and travel demand management (TDM) strategies, intelligent transportation system (ITS) technologies, and use of social media as an integral part of a recovery plan. The project included the development of this two-day training program to be pilot tested in Portland and offered to six other metropolitan regions nationwide. The training will be useful for developing recommendations for future work to be undertaken post-RTP adoption.

Regional advisory committees and the Metro Council will discuss the existing regional emergency transportation routes and recommendations for future work in summer/fall 2018.

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Modal and topical strategies development

- **Development of the Regional Transit Strategy continues.** Staff continue to work with the Transit Work Group to develop a draft strategy, update the System Expansion Policy and define Enhanced Transit Concept (ETC) pilot corridors to advance to project development funded by the 2019-21 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA). TPAC discussed a proposed approach to the ETC pilot work at the October meeting, including working with County Coordinating Committees to identify the potential universe of Enhanced Transit locations to inform upcoming jurisdictional workshops. TPAC and MTAC will discuss a technical review draft transit strategy at their April 2018 meetings and receive periodic updates on the ETC work. The Metro Council and regional policy committees will discuss the draft strategy in April and May 2018, respectively. Staff are available to provide briefings, if desired.
- **Update to the Regional Transportation Safety Strategy continues.** Staff finalized work with the Safety Work Group to develop a draft strategy for technical review. TPAC and MTAC discussed a technical review draft safety strategy at their November 2017 meetings. The Metro Council and regional policy committees will discuss the draft strategy in April 2018. Staff are available to provide briefings, if desired.
- **Update to the Regional Freight Strategy continues.** Staff continue to work with the Freight Work Group to develop a draft strategy. TPAC and MTAC will discuss a technical review draft freight strategy at their April 2018 meetings. The Metro Council and regional policy committees will discuss the draft strategy in April and May 2018, respectively. Staff are available to provide briefings, if desired.
- **Development of a policy framework and strategy for emerging transportation technology (RTX) continues.** Council discussed a proposed approach to this work at the October 10 work session and provided further direction to staff in February 2018. Staff is working with TPAC and MTAC and other interested stakeholders to draft policies and strategies for the RTP. The regional policy committees will discuss a draft strategy in May 2018. Staff are available to provide briefings, if desired.
- **Update to Designing Livable Streets and Trails Guide continues.** Staff continue to work with the Design Work Group to update existing design practices. Staff are available to provide briefings, if desired.

Final public review and adoption process

- **Planning of the final 45-day public review period and adoption process is underway.** In June, staff will seek Council direction to release the Draft 2018 RTP and draft strategies for freight, transit, and safety for public review and comment. The comment period is planned for June 29 to Aug. 13. The comment period will include a public hearing and consultation with tribes and federal and state agencies.

In early fall TPAC and MTAC will be asked to identify remaining policy issues to be discussed by MPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council prior to adoption of the 2018 RTP and strategies for freight, transit, and safety. The 2018 RTP will be adopted by Ordinance as a land use action to meet federal and state requirements. The strategies for freight, transit, safety and emerging technology will be adopted by Resolution.

MTAC and TPAC will be requested to make final recommendations to MPAC and JPACT, respectively, in September. MPAC and JPACT will be requested to make final recommendations to the Metro Council in October. The Council is anticipated to consider final action on 2018 RTP (by Ordinance) and strategies for freight, transit, safety and emerging technology (by separate Resolutions) on December 6, 2018.

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.



Construction Career Pathways Project (C2P2)

March 13, 2018

Metro's racial equity plan



Strategic plan to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion

Goal A - Metro convenes and supports regional partners to advance racial equity

Objective 4: Work with regional partners to increase the utilization of local minority, women, and emerging small businesses and the number of skilled construction tradespeople of color.

CHALLENGE	ACTION	START YEAR
There is insufficient data on regional conditions regarding the racial demographic makeup of the construction trades workforce.	Conduct a market study to better understand the current composition of the construction trades workforce.	Fiscal year 2016/2017
There is no coordinated regional effort to create a pipeline to increase the number of skilled construction tradespeople of color.	Convene regional partners to discuss solutions to increase the number of skilled construction tradespeople of color available to work on large projects. This would include the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancing apprenticeships identifying technical and resources needs continuing to invest in and convene the Workforce Diversity Summit 	Fiscal year 2016/2017
Local minority, women and emerging small businesses (MWESB) firms are persistently underutilized in governmental contracts throughout the region.	Convene regional partners to discuss solutions to increase the participation of local minority, women and emerging small businesses (MWESB) in government contracts (e.g. create joint workshop to advance COBID certification of these firms).	After 2017/2018 fiscal year

Regional Construction Workforce Market Study



PORTLAND METRO REGION
CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE
MARKET STUDY

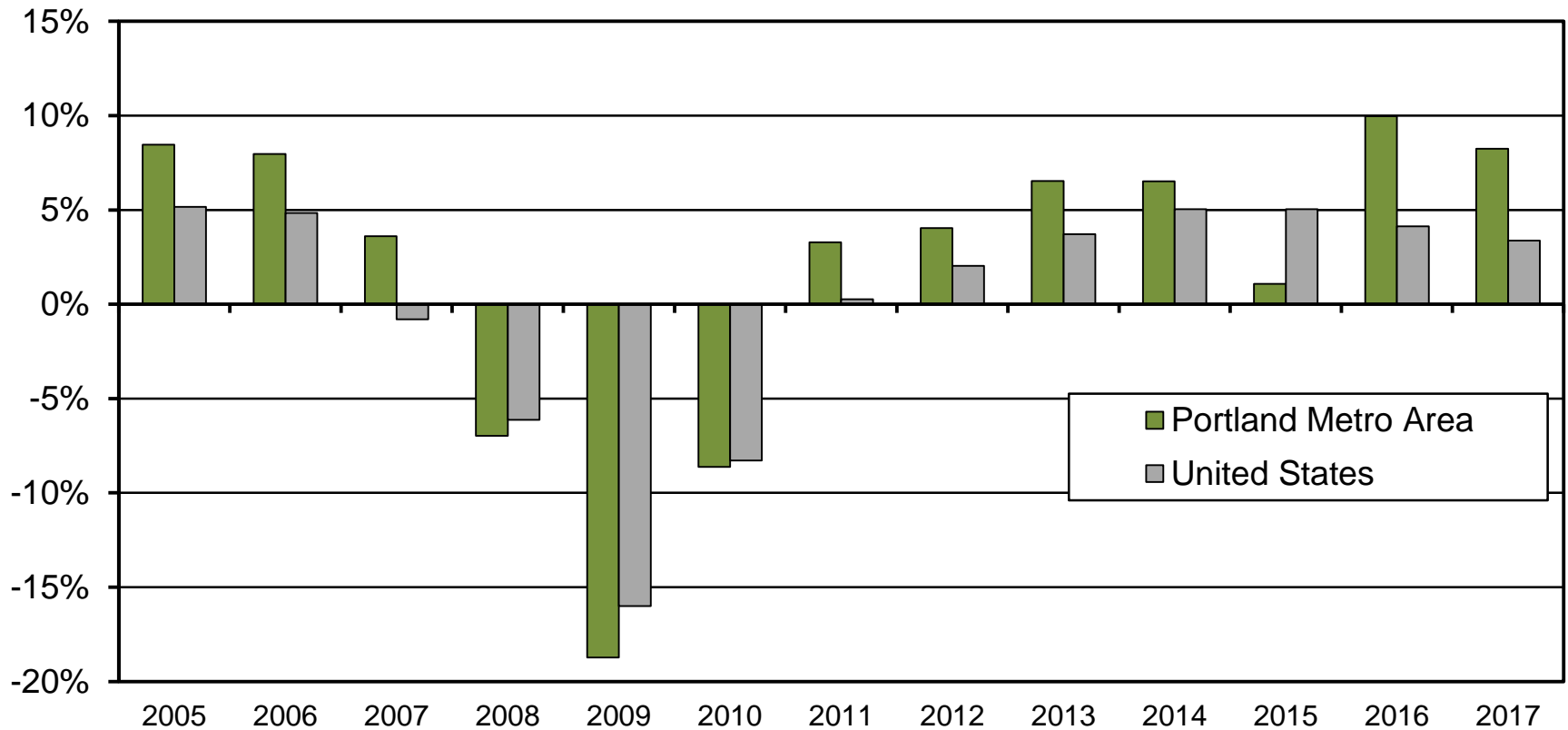
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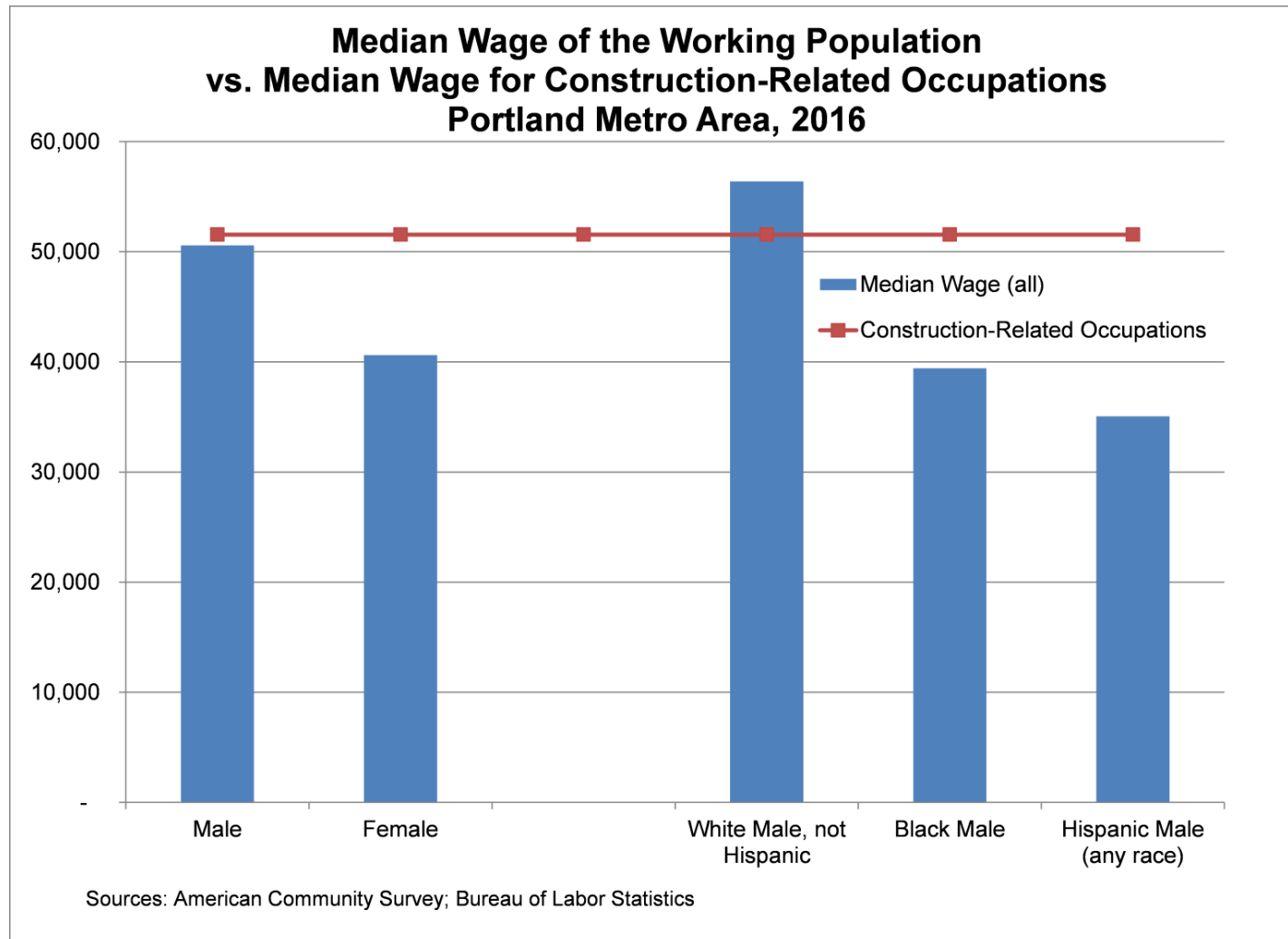


Annual Growth Rates - Construction



Source: Oregon Employment Department; Bureau of Labor Statistics

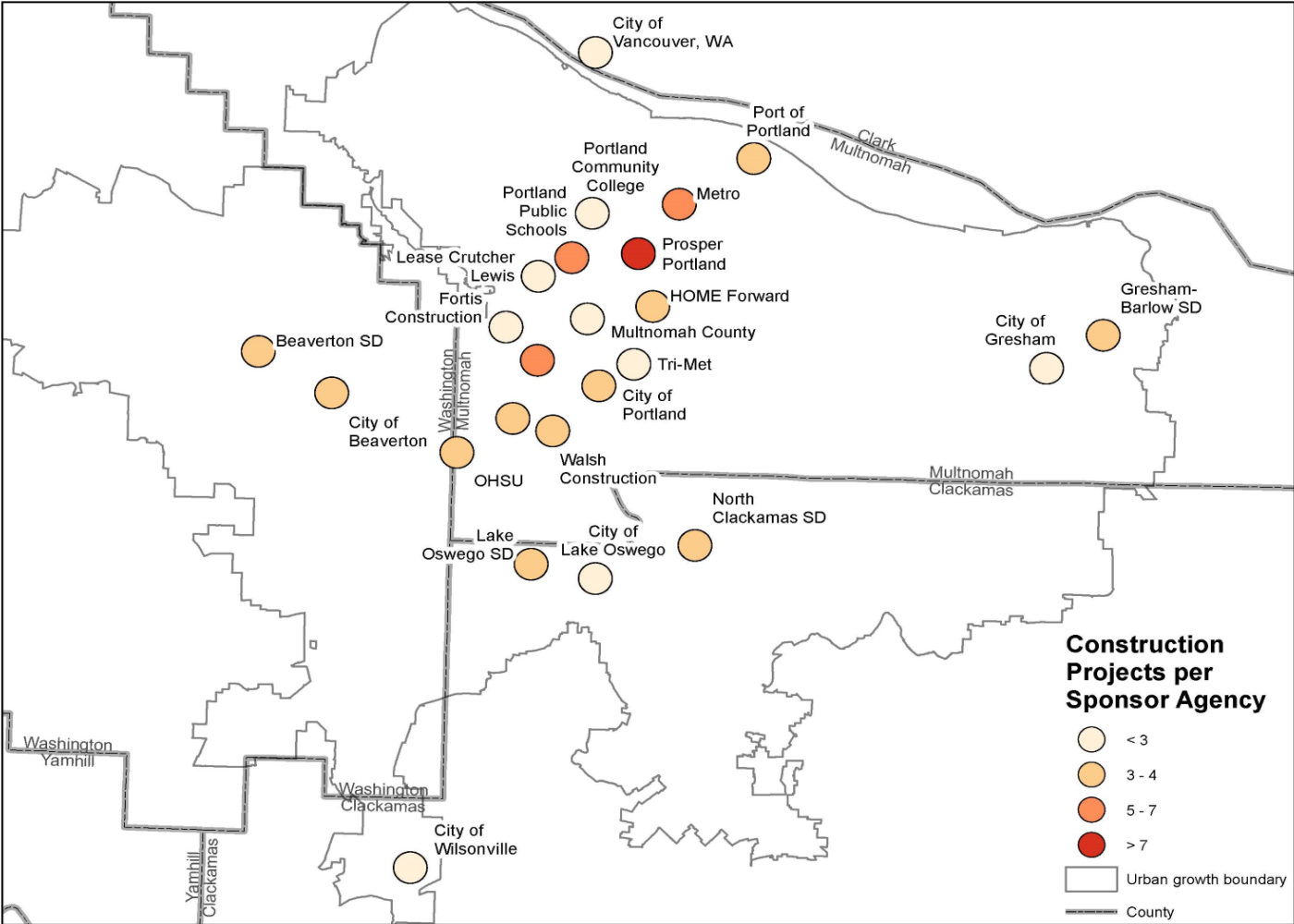
Construction income



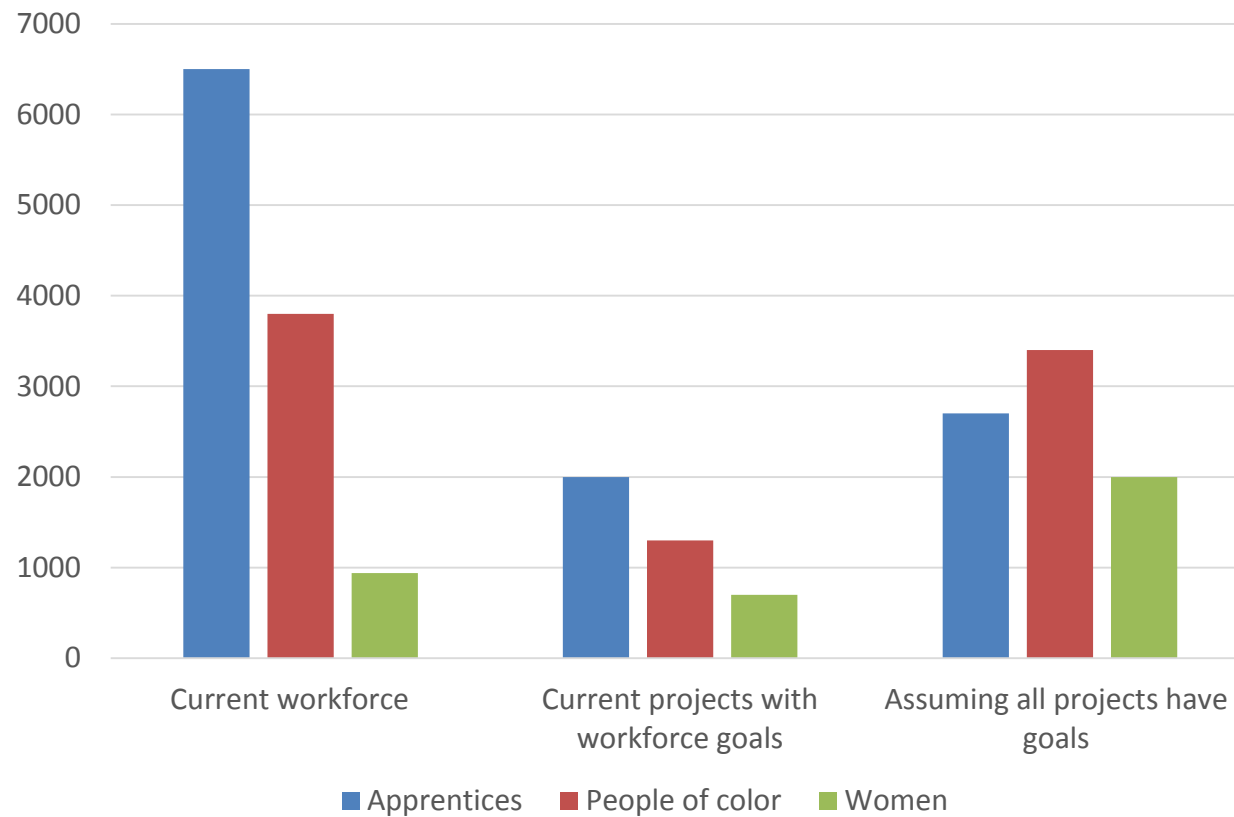
Our opportunity (public projects)

81 projects
= \$7.8
billion

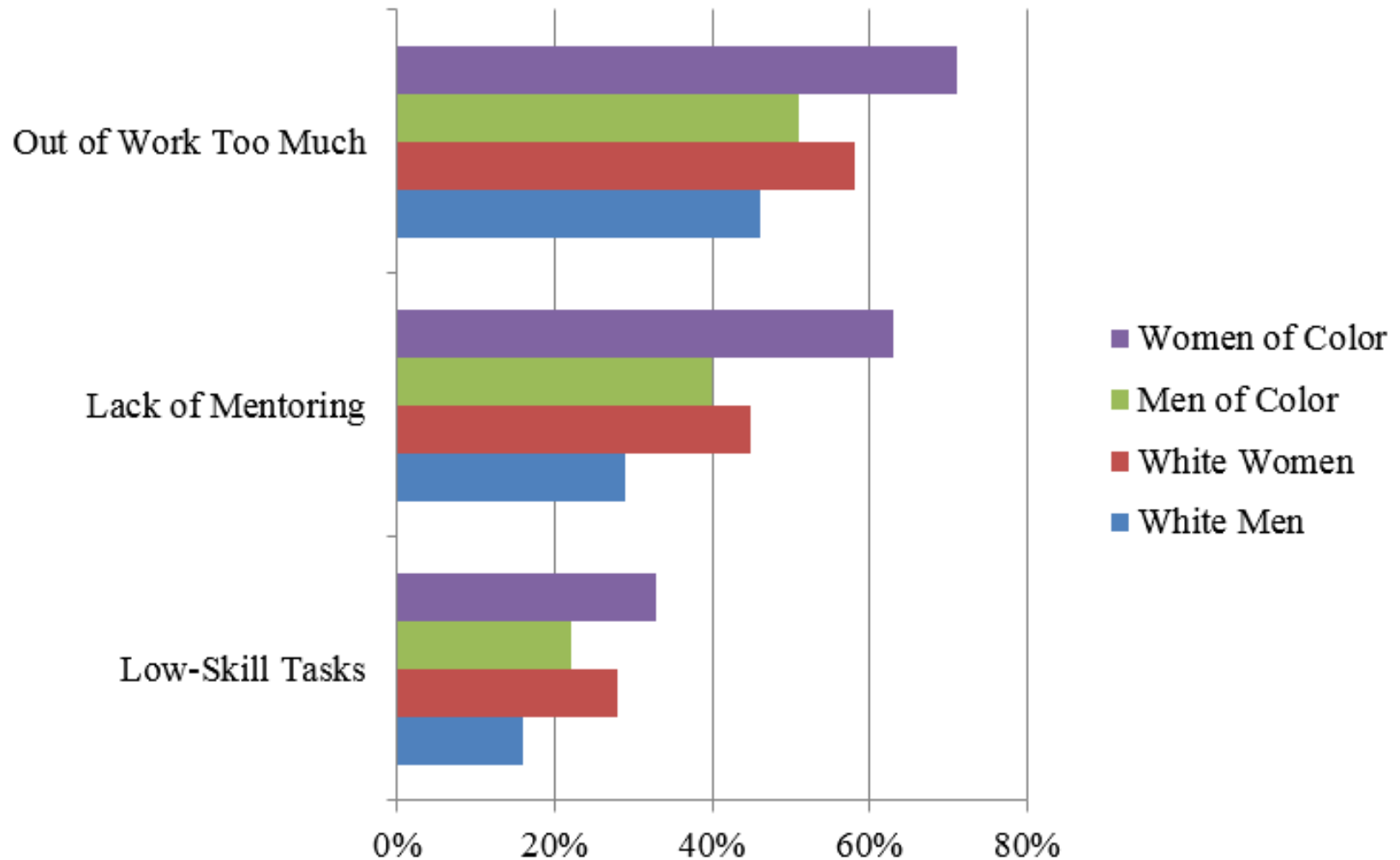
*Includes commercial projects, **NOT** residential or private sector projects



Labor supply



Apprentice challenges



Seattle-area best practices



2017 Diversity in the Construction Trades Summit



Oregon Tradeswomen



**Welcome to the 3rd Annual
Diversity in the Construction
Trades Summit!**

November 9, 2017

Apprenticeship 101



Bureau of Labor and
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Apprenticeship and Training Division

Apprenticeship 101

January 19, 2018



Public Owner Workgroup

1. Metro
2. Port of Portland
3. OHSU
4. Prosper Portland
5. Portland Public School District
6. Trimet
7. City of Portland
8. Multnomah County
9. PCC
10. PSU
11. City of Beaverton
12. Home Forward
13. BOLI

Community Construction Training Program

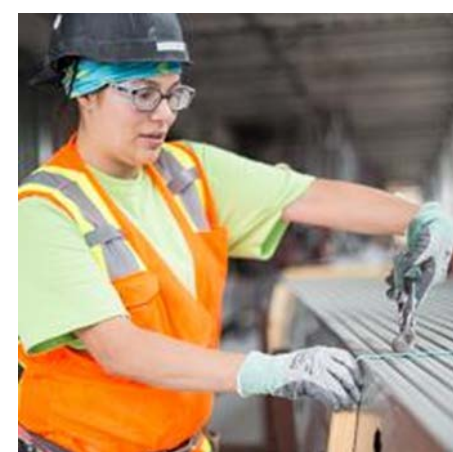
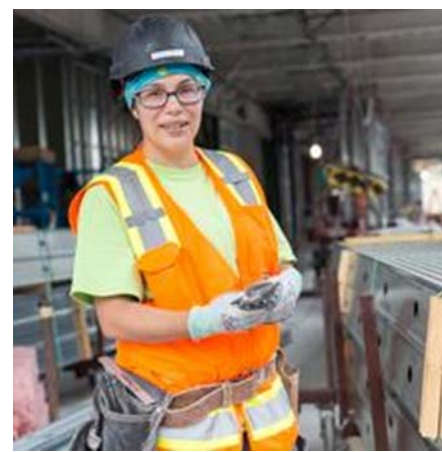


Community Construction Training Program



Journey level tradeswoman

“Don’t be afraid to go out and try something new, and don’t let society’s little molded views on what a woman should do stop you from doing anything.”



Questions?

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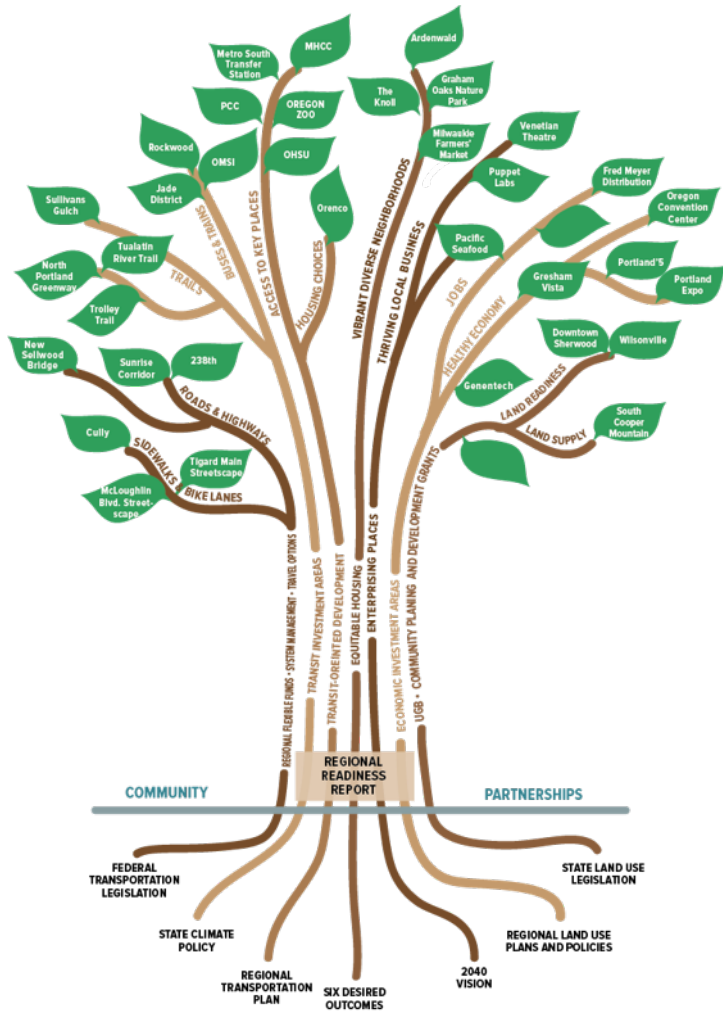




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**2018 Regional Transportation Plan
Refining RTP Investment Priorities
Council Work Session | March 13, 2018**

Goals for Council work session



Council shares observations from leadership forum

Staff reviews where we are and past Council direction on priorities for 2018 RTP

Council provides direction on refining investment priorities

Council forum observations?

Leadership forum discusses priorities and the future of regional transportation

- How has what you heard today changed your thinking about our priorities?
- What opportunities should we target to best align our investments to our priorities?



What we learned

Safety will be a priority in high injury corridors and communities of color

Congestion will not ease, but will be much worse without investments

The region will fall short of its adopted Climate Smart Strategy commitment

Affordability will improve with increased access to lower cost travel options

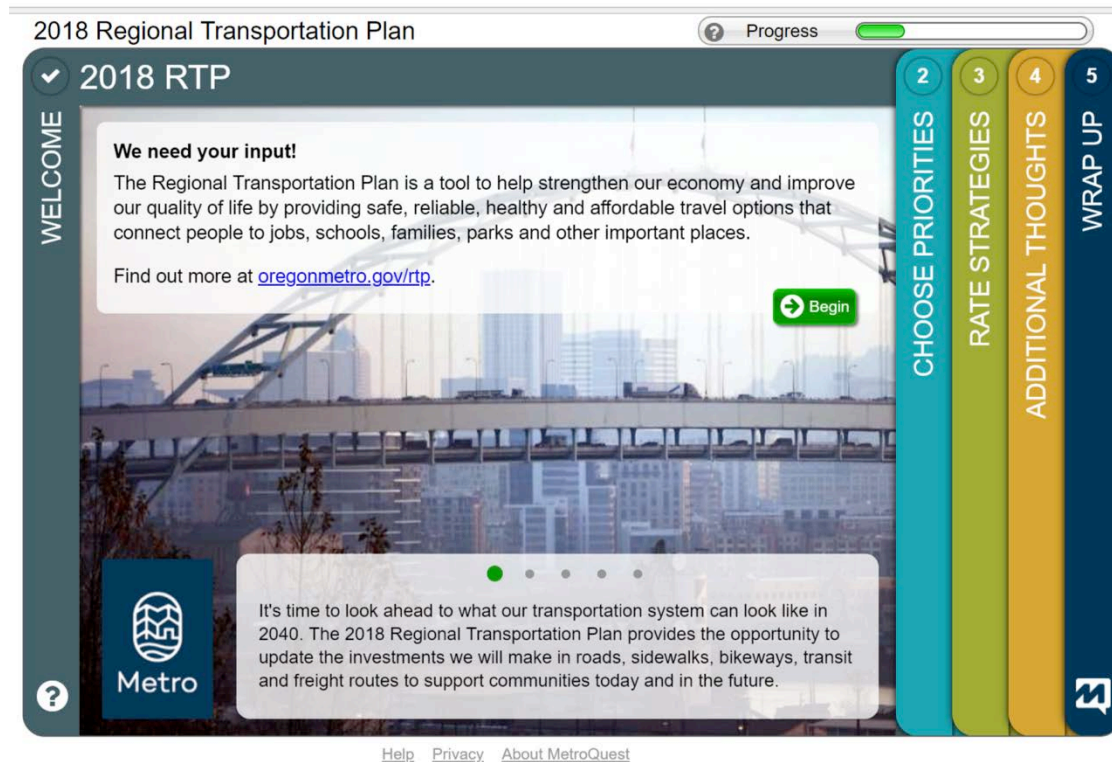
Not everyone will benefit equitably with improved access to jobs and community places



What we heard from the public

More than 2,900 responses from across the region

Safety, reliability and travel options are the priority outcomes



Based on responses Jan. 15 to Feb. 17, 2018

What we heard from community leaders



Lead with equity

Address housing and transportation affordability and displacement in an integrated manner



Prioritize safety, biking, walking, and transit projects in historically marginalized communities, with a focus on people of color and households of modest means

Regional Leadership Forum 4 Takeaways

Starting point for refining priorities

1. **Make more near-term progress on key regional priorities** – equity, safety, travel options and congestion.
2. **Reduce disparities and barriers** that exist for historically marginalized communities, especially people of color and households of modest means.
3. **Prioritize projects that focus on safety** in high injury corridors.
4. **Accelerate transit** service expansion.
5. **Tackle congestion and manage travel demand.**
6. **Prioritize completion of biking and walking network** gaps.
7. **Continue to build public trust** through inclusive engagement, transparency and accountability.

TPAC recommendation

Agencies are requested to **meaningfully review and refine their projects** to the extent practicable to help make more progress on key regional priorities

- **use the forum recommendations to inform refinements** and other changes
- submit changes by April 27
- **summarize how updated project list makes progress on key regional priorities** – equity, safety, travel options, Climate Smart and congestion – **and local priorities**

The mechanics of how projects could be improved or refined

Add projects to Constrained list with new HB 2017 revenues or by shifting project(s) from Strategic to Constrained list

Shift project timing

Update descriptions and intent to specify project features that will improve equity, safety, travel options and congestion

Provide more specificity for bundled projects so they can be evaluated



Examples of potential refinements...

Projects on high injury corridors – broaden description and purpose of project to specify safety elements to be included, if known, or state project will address high risk corridor using crash reduction features such as marked crossings, improved lighting, completing bike and sidewalk gaps, or reducing speeds

Projects in marginalized communities – broaden description and purpose of project to specify how project will address disparities and barriers such as improving safety, access to jobs and travel options, or travel reliability **for marginalized populations**



...Examples of potential refinements

Projects to complete active transportation network gaps – complete more in first 10 years and link to transit service additions in high injury corridors and marginalized communities

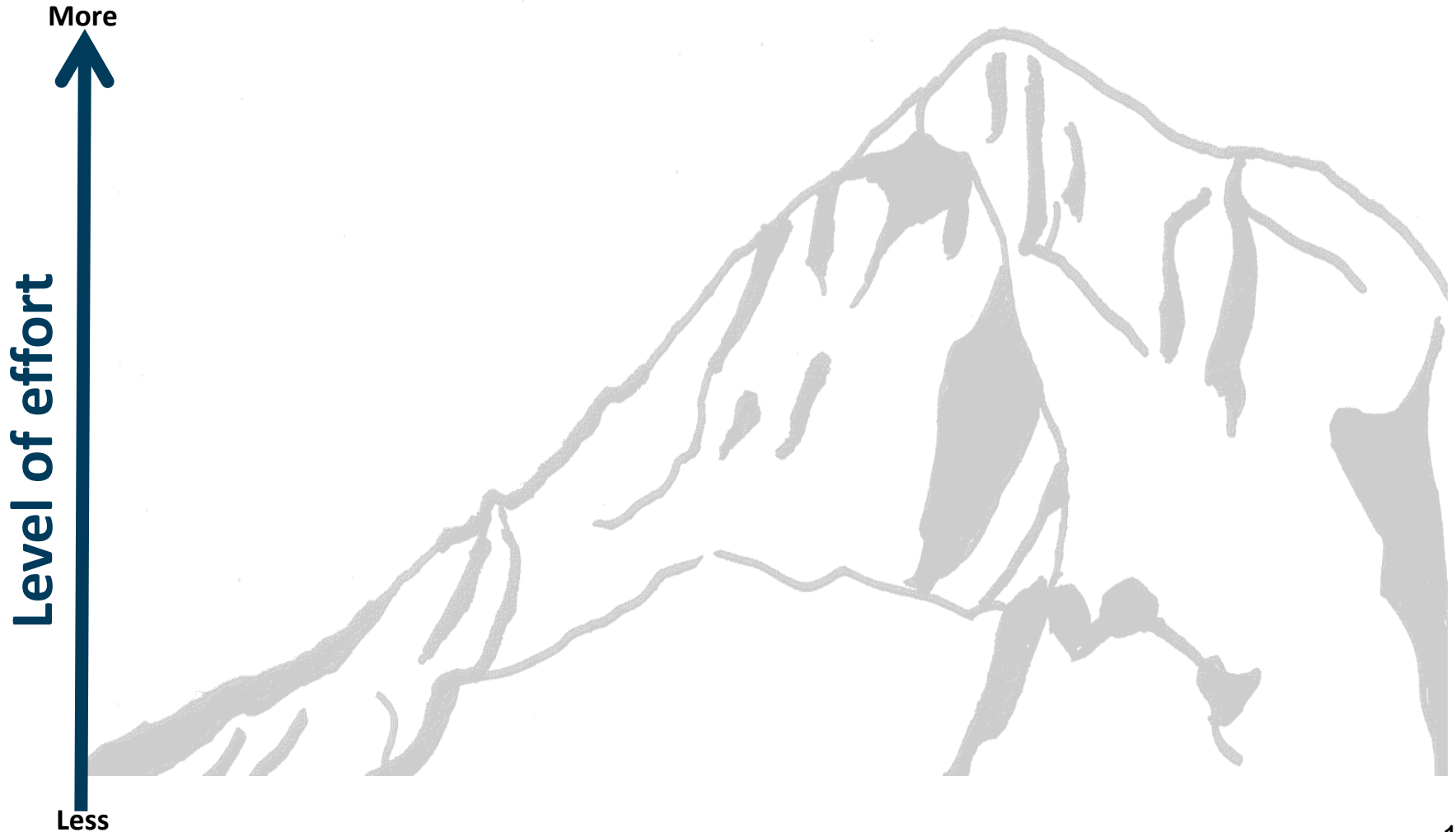
Projects in congested corridors – broaden description and purpose of project to specify how project will improve transit or freight operations and reliability, such as traffic signal priority and timing, dedicated bus or freight-only travel or intersection lanes, and other enhanced transit designs



Accomplishments so far implementing previous Council direction

- ☑ Use development of the plan to **realistically communicate region's transportation funding outlook and align project lists to realistic forecast** (Dec. '16)
- ☑ Develop plan, project lists and strategies in a transparent way that **supports regional coalition building and emphasizes equity, safety and climate change** (Feb. '17)
- ☑ **Incorporate Vision Zero target and framework** in plan (Feb. '17)
- ☑ **Use vision statement**, as approved by MPAC and JPACT, to **guide** development of the **draft project lists** (May '17)
- ☐ **Emphasize safety, racial equity, and managing congestion** through specific actions as the plan is finalized (Nov. '17)

Work underway to address Council direction on value pricing, Vision Zero and equity



Value Pricing

11/7/17 Council direction

More
↑
Level of effort
↓
Less

Identify a process to further explore policy choices for value pricing to support future implementation *(in progress)*

Identify additional analysis needed to make policy decisions around value pricing to support future implementation *(in progress)*

Identify preparation needed for value pricing in the RTP *(in progress)*

Communicate to stakeholders how RTP investment strategy addresses congestion *(in progress)*

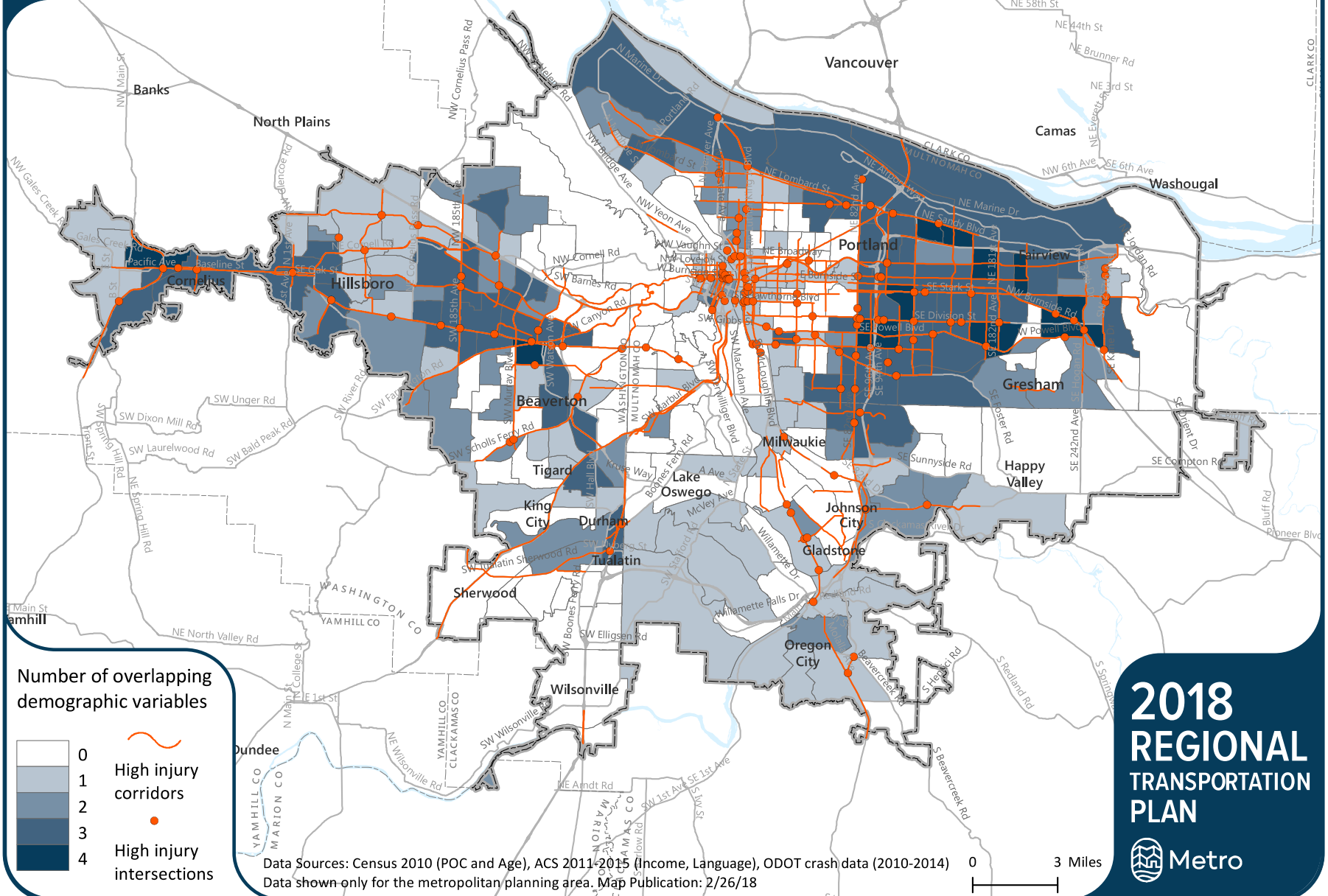
Vision Zero

11/7/17 Council direction



Safety and Equity in the Greater Portland Region

This map shows the overlap of regional high injury corridors and road intersections with census tracts with communities above regional rates for people of color, people with low income, English language learners, youth and older adults.

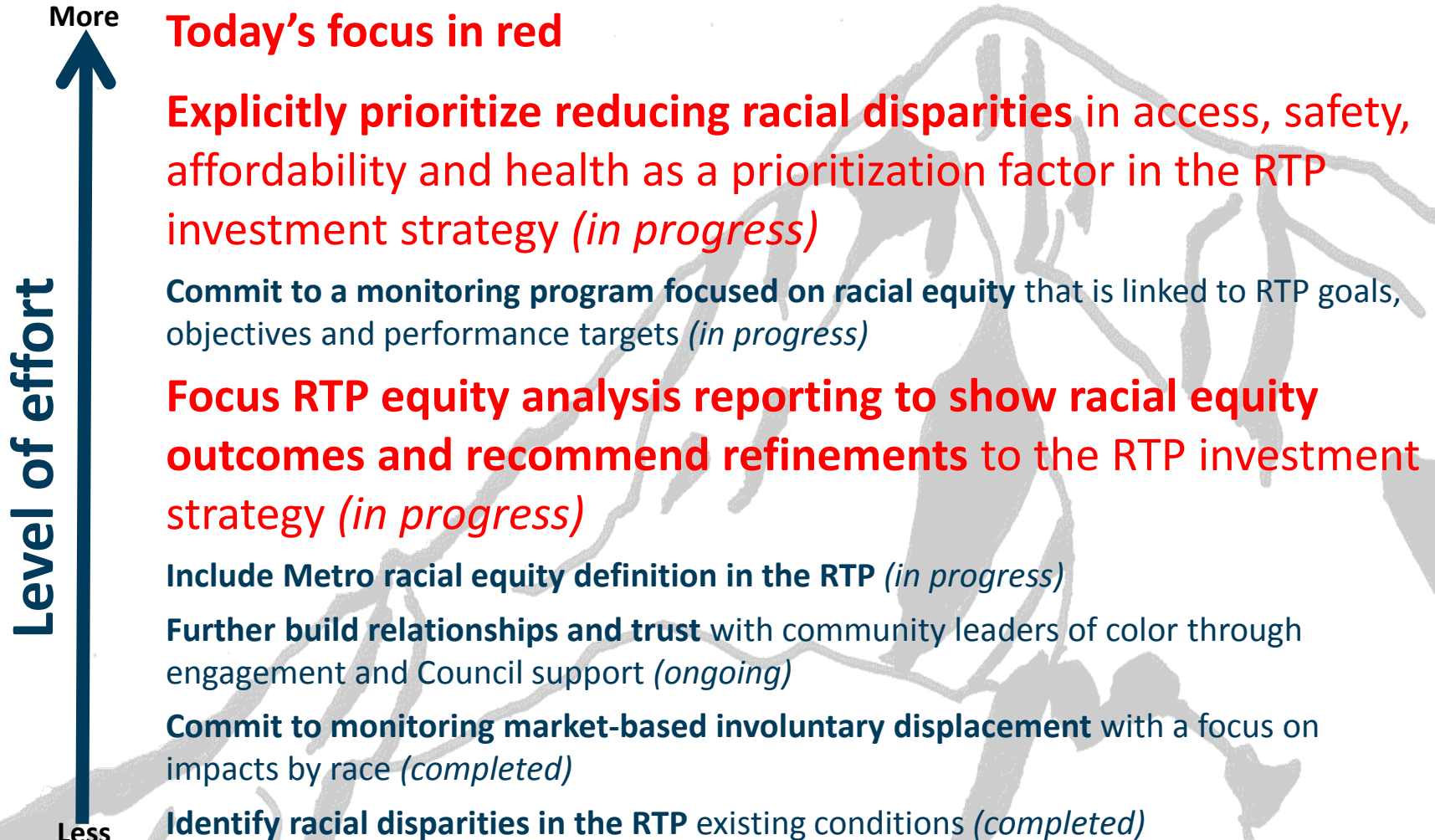


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Racial Equity

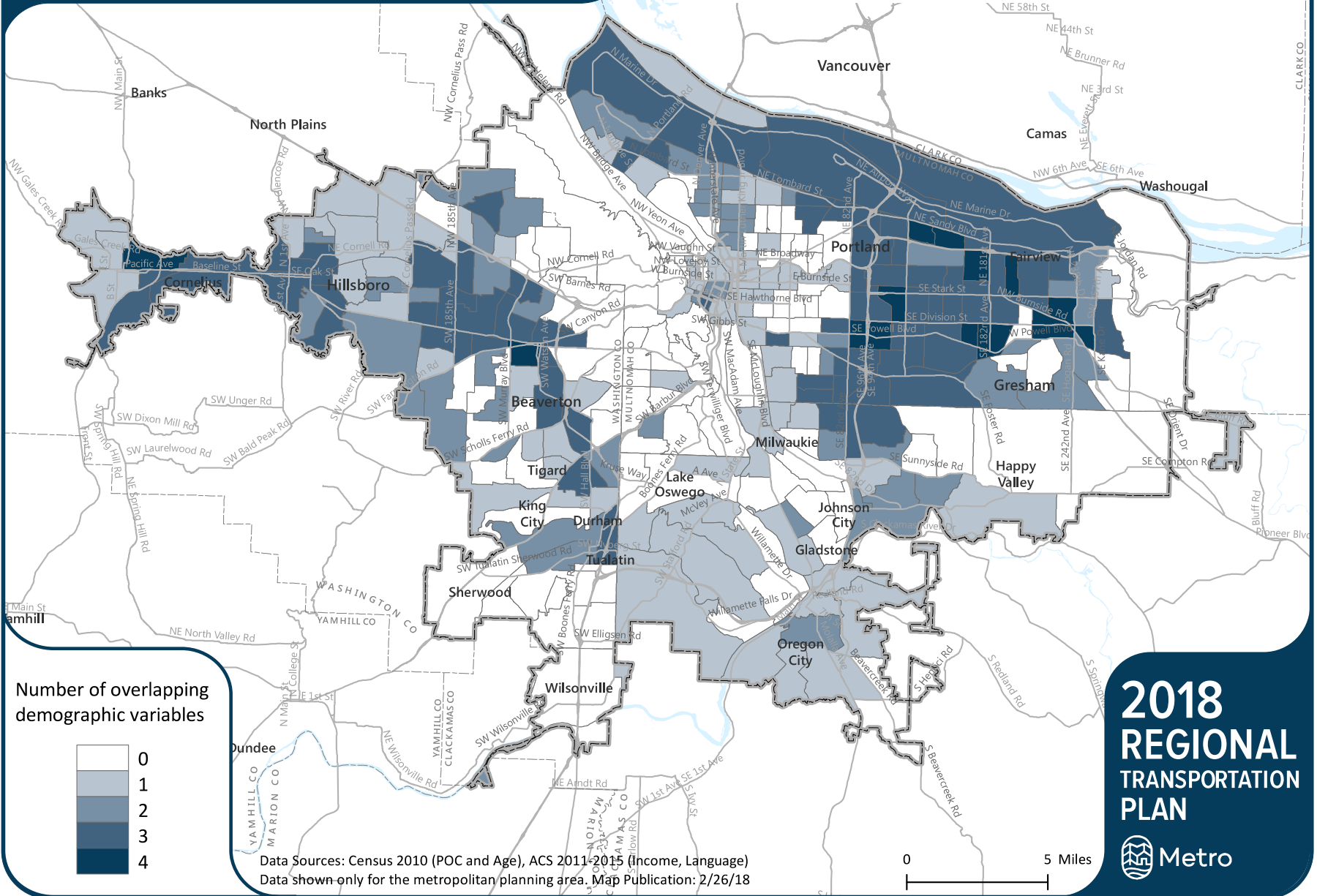
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Historically Marginalized Communities in the Greater Portland Region

This map shows census tracts with higher than the regional average concentrations of one or more of these populations: people of color, people with low income, English language learners, youth and older adults.

Historically marginalized communities (Round 1 analysis geography)

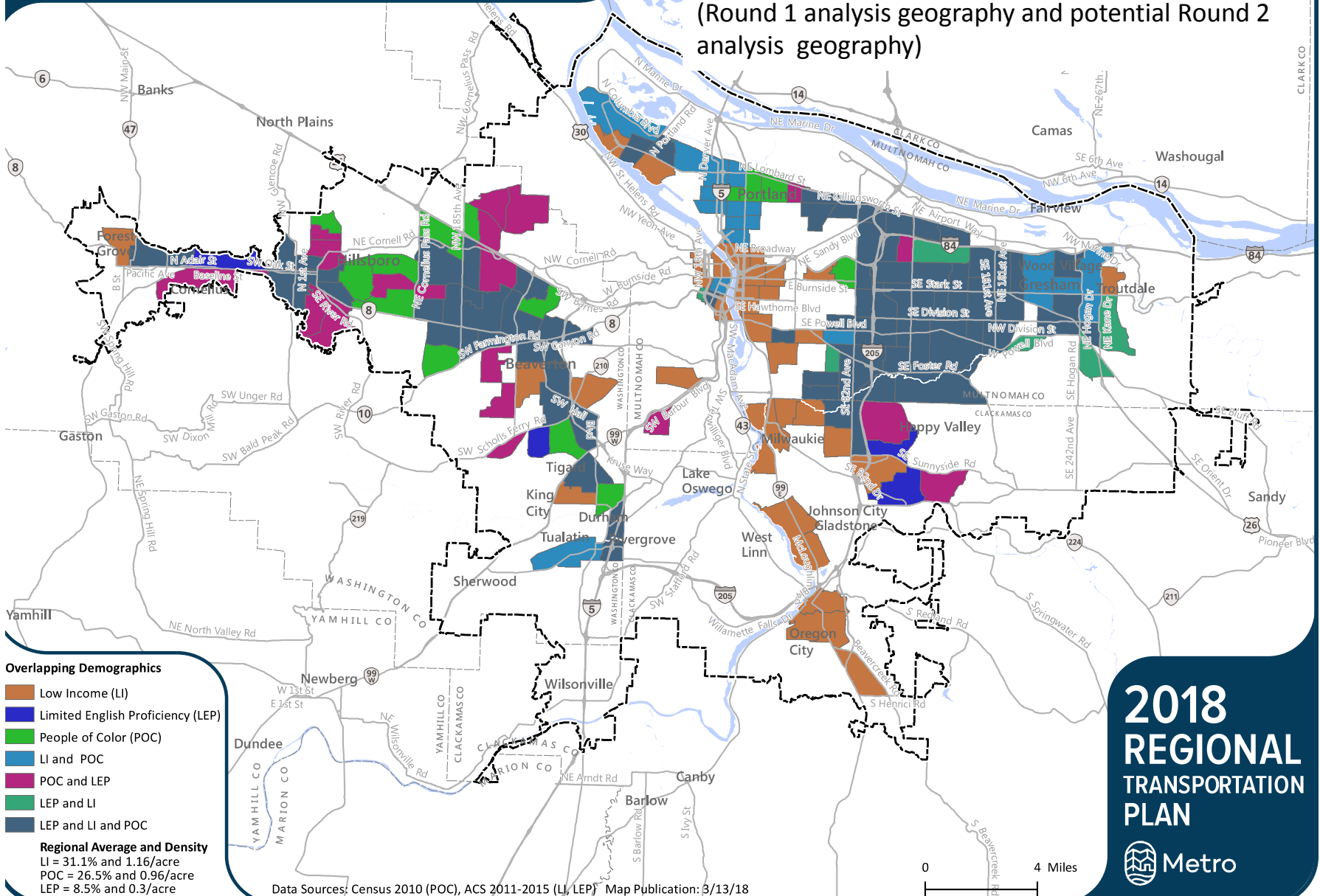


Income and Race-Focused Marginalized Communities

This map shows census tracts with higher than regional average concentrations and double the density of one or more of the following: people of color, people with low income, and English language learners. Census tracts where multiple demographic groups overlap are identified.

Income and race-focused marginalized communities

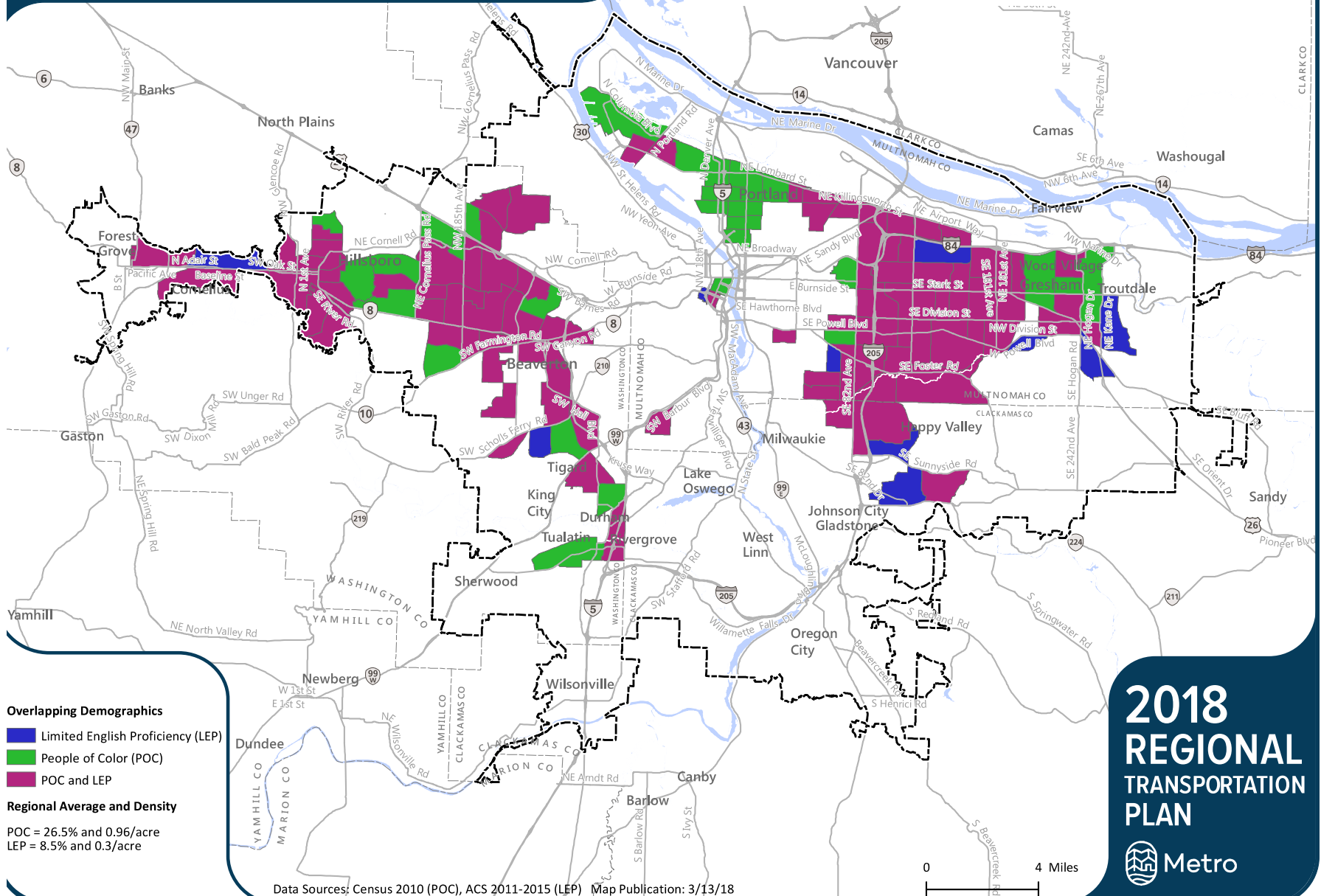
(Round 1 analysis geography and potential Round 2 analysis geography)



Race-Focused Marginalized Communities

This map shows census tracts with higher than regional average concentrations and double the density of one or more of the following: people of color and English language learners. Census tracts where multiple demographic groups overlap are identified. This map reflects communities of color as defined in Metro's adopted Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Race-focused marginalized communities (potential Round 2 analysis geography)



Next steps

March 14 and 15	MPAC and JPACT make recommendations to Council
March 20	Council provides direction on refining projects
March 26 to April 27	Regional partners refine project lists
April and May	Council, MPAC and JPACT review draft regional strategies for transit, safety, technology and freight and draft RTP (focus on policy and implementation chapters)
June 29 to Aug. 13	Public review and comment on draft plan, policies, strategies and project lists (45-day comment period)
Oct. 2018	Policy committees recommend 2018 RTP and regional strategies to the Metro Council for action
Dec. 6	Metro council considers final action on 2018 RTP and strategies

Council discussion and direction

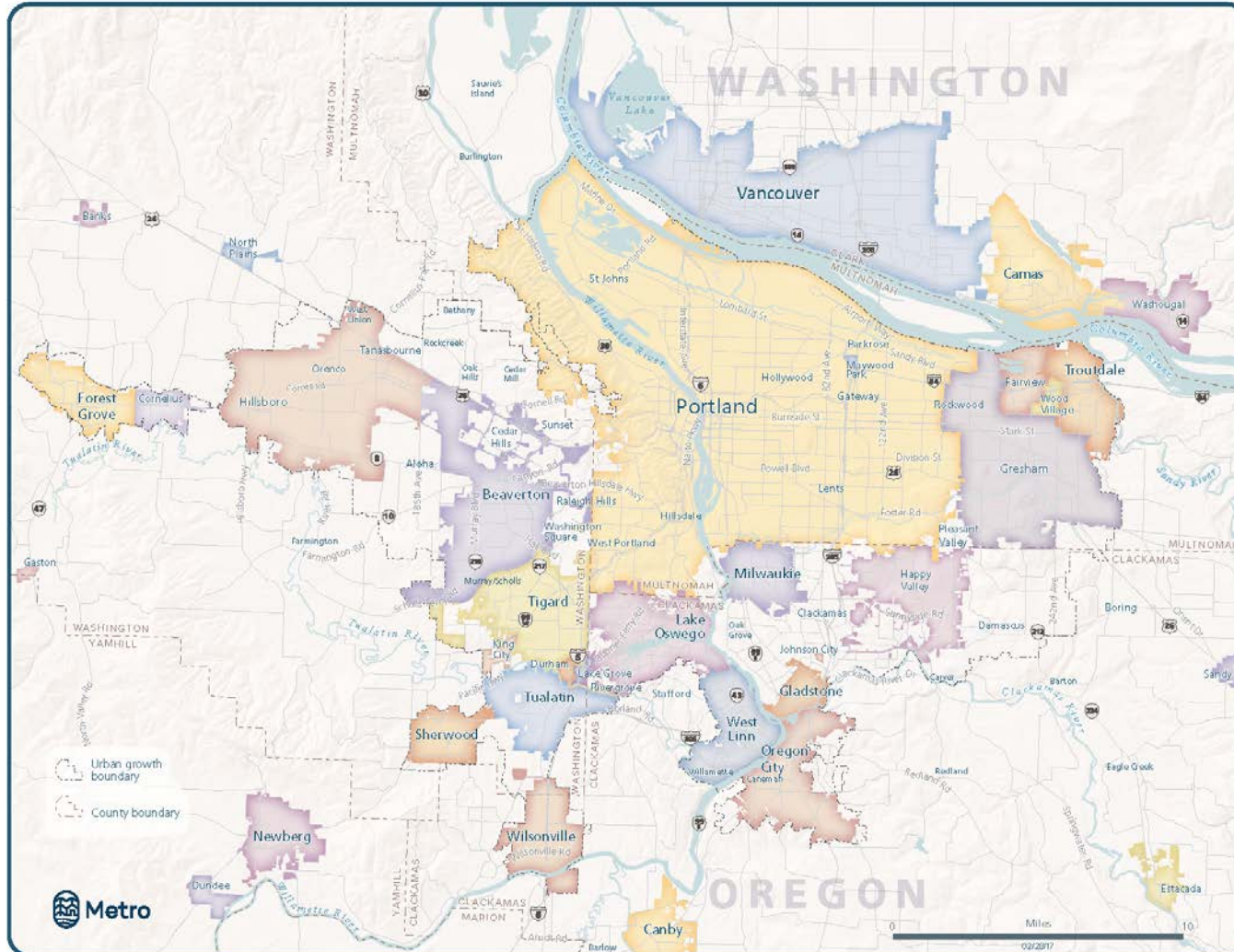


Questions about the process or progress on Council policy priorities?

Feedback regarding refining investment priorities?

Direction to staff and Council liaisons to MPAC and JPACT on advancing Council policy priorities?

Supplemental information



Draft 2018 RTP project priorities

submitted by cities, counties, ODOT, TriMet, SMART and other jurisdictions from adopted plans and studies



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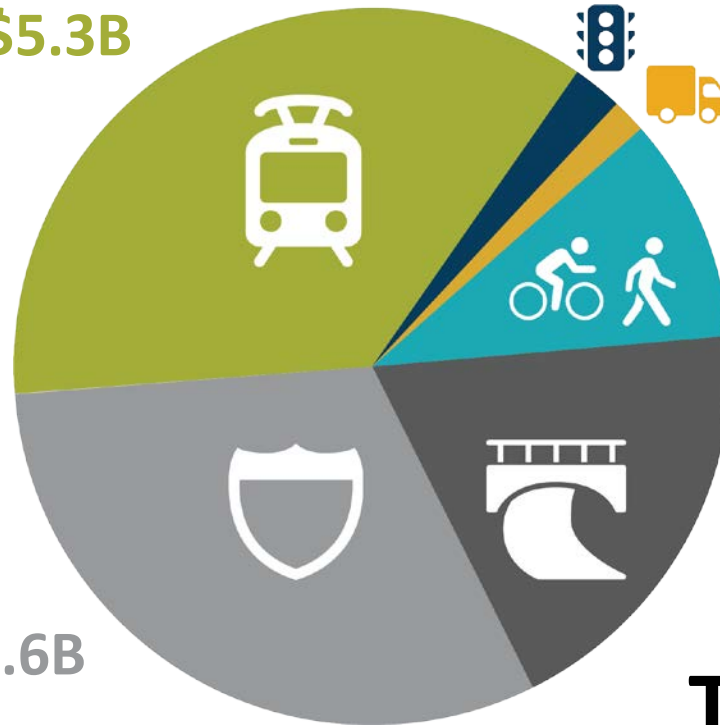
Information and technology \$0.26B

Transit capital \$5.3B

Freight access \$0.23B

Walking and biking \$1.6B

Roads and bridges \$2.8B



Total: \$14.8 billion

draft RTP constrained project list
(capital projects only)

Number of projects submitted

all projects

Nominating Agency	Total number nominated
Portland	225
Washington County	115
Hillsboro	100
Gresham	71
Clackamas County	47
Tigard	43
ODOT	39
TriMet	37
Beaverton	36
Multnomah County	33
Port of Portland	33
Milwaukie	33
Oregon City	33
Tualatin	32

Nominating Agency	Total number nominated
Happy Valley	25
Sherwood	24
Wilsonville	22
Lake Oswego	17
Forest Grove	15
Cornelius	14
THPRD	13
SMART	12
West Linn	11
Gladstone	3
King City	3

Durham, Fairview, Johnson City, Maywood Park, Rivergrove, Troutdale and Wood Village did not nominate projects. This does not include maintenance or transit service expansion.

Transportation Equity Work Group



Engagement and outreach

4 Regional Leadership Forums

- 45 community leaders
- 30 business leaders

18 discussion/focus groups

- Partnership with DEI team
- Culturally-specific, including focus on people of color

Community Leaders' Forum

- 27 community leaders

Councilor briefings (2018)

- 10 business and community groups

Transportation equity technical work group

- 11 meetings
- 25 organizations represented

Technical work groups also convened for safety, transit, freight, performance and design

General public engagement

- 4 online surveys; 1 focused on people of color
- Social media
- Project website

2014-15 Engagement & Equity Milestones

- June 2014: Adoption of the 2014 Civil Rights Assessment with Recommendations
- June – September 2015: Partnership with DEI on 10 discussion groups with communities of color on community priorities and other topics
- June – September 2015: RTP scoping and 31 stakeholder interviews
- July 2015 – February 2016: Planning department public involvement retrospective, community of color responses
 - Included 2014 RTP, Climate Smart Strategy, 2014 Civil Rights Assessment, 2014 Regional Active Transportation Plan, Division Transit Project and Southwest Corridor public comments
- August 2015: Launch of 2018 RTP Transportation Equity work program
- August 2015 – January 2016: Transportation Equity work group briefings and recruitment
- September 2015: 2018 RTP online quick poll/scoping survey top transportation issues
- September 2015: Metro and PSU receive National Institute for Transportation and Communities grant to conduct equity evaluation research and method design

2016 Engagement & Equity Milestones

- January 2016: Launch of Transportation Equity work group
- January – February 2016: 2018 RTP online survey on trends and challenges affecting travel in the region and priority outcomes related to equity and other topics
- April 2016: Regional Snapshot on Transportation #1 with community voices
- April 2016: Regional Leadership Forum # 1
- June 2016: Partnership with DEI on 3 focus groups and 2 discussion groups with communities of color on needs and priority outcomes
- August 2016: RTP online survey focused on gathering input from communities of color
- September 2016: Regional Leadership Forum #2
- December 2016: Regional Leadership Forum #3
- November 2016: Transportation Equity work group defines key evaluation measures for beta testing in MTIP and RTP (Round 1 analysis)
- November 2016 - April 2017: Beta test of draft transportation equity analysis measures on 2018-2021 MITP Projects

2017-18 Engagement & Equity Milestones

- March 2017: RTP online survey on investment priorities and funding
- May 2017: Partnership with DEI on three 3 discussion groups with communities of color
- June 2017: Regional Snapshot on Transportation #2 with community voices
- June 2017: Transportation Equity Work Group elevates the RTP-SPARDEI intersection question
- November 2017 - January 2018: 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Analysis analysis completed (Round 1)
- December 2017: Council direction that Equity be one of three focus areas as 2018 RTP is finalized
- January 2018: Community Leaders' Forum
- January-February 2018: Councilor briefings to business and community organizations
- January-February 2018: RTP online survey on priority outcomes and top strategies to get to priorities
- March 2018: Regional Leadership Forum #4



2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Finalizing Our Shared Plan for the Region

Regional Leadership Forum 4 summary

The region is looking ahead to how our transportation system will accommodate future growth and change – and what investments we should make over the next 25 years to build a safe, reliable, healthy and affordable transportation system with travel options.

On March 2, 2018, the Metro Council hosted Regional Leadership Forum 4, at the Oregon Convention Center. More than 100 city, county, and regional policymakers and business and community leaders from across the greater Portland area joined in bringing the perspectives of their constituents and communities to the conversation.

These leaders offered their views on:

- **priorities to address** in the next 10 years and beyond
- opportunities for **aligning investments with priorities** as draft project lists are refined by jurisdictions
- building a **shared path forward**.

What did leaders say?

Let's be bold.

Economic prosperity should not be at the expense of underserved communities.

We need to build public trust and be accountable.

It's time to pivot from information to action and leadership.

Report on community priorities

Several community leaders reported on priorities that emerged from the January 19 Community Leaders' Forum and other community transportation conversations.

Priorities include:

- Lead with equity.
- Address housing and transportation affordability and displacement in an integrated manner.
- Prioritize safety, biking, walking, and transit projects in historically marginalized communities, with a focus on people of color and households of modest means.



“At the end of the day, communities are on the ground and those same communities are the ones experiencing decisions being made.”

- María Hernández, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

“If we are prioritizing in a way to improve the quality of life for historically marginalized people, we, in fact, will be improving the quality of life of all people.”

- Martine Coblentz, member of Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)

Seven key takeaways

Leaders participated in table discussions to recommend ways for jurisdictions to refine their draft project lists to better meet the region's shared goals. What we heard follows.

1. We can make more near-term progress on key regional priorities – equity, safety, travel options and congestion.

Advancing projects that address these outcomes to the 10-year list will improve people's lives by making travel safer, easing congestion, improving access to jobs and community places, attracting jobs and businesses to the region, saving households and businesses time and money, and reducing vehicle emissions.

2. This is an opportunity to reduce disparities and barriers that exist for historically marginalized communities.

Advancing projects that improve safety and expand travel options to the 10-year list will reduce disparities and barriers, especially for people of color and households of modest means.

3. Prioritize projects that focus on safety in high injury corridors.

Advance projects in high injury corridors to the 10-year list and ensure all projects in high injury corridors address safety to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes for all modes.

4. Accelerate transit service expansion.

Increase transit service as much as possible beyond Climate Smart Strategy investment levels. Focus new and enhanced transit service to connect transit to underserved communities to jobs and community places, in congested corridors and in areas with more jobs and housing.

5. Tackle congestion and manage travel demand.

Advance lower cost projects to the 10-year list that use designs, travel information, technologies, and other strategies to support and expand travel options and maximize use of the existing system. This will help ease congestion and keep people and goods moving safely and reliably. It will be important to ensure that lower income households are not financially burdened by strategies to make road use more efficient.

6. Prioritize completion of biking and walking network gaps.

Advance projects that fill gaps for biking and walking in high injury corridors or that provide connections to transit, schools, jobs and 2040 centers to the 10-year list.

7. We must continue to build public trust through inclusive engagement, transparency and accountability.

Leaders agreed that it is important to continue engaging the region's diverse communities in the planning and implementation of projects to achieve desired outcomes, including equity, safety, reliability affordability and health. We should report back whether projects deliver (or don't deliver) anticipated outcomes and adjust course as needed. Improved participation, transparency and accountability with our investment decisions will help build broad support for more investment in our communities.



"We need leadership, and we need it from the people in this room. We need it from the elected officials, we need it from the business community, we need it from community leaders, and we need it from staff, because the stakes are so high."

*- Jessica Vega Pederson,
Multnomah County Commissioner*

More information

News coverage of the forum is available at oregonmetro.gov/leadershipforum4.

A report on the forum and other public engagement activities will be available in April 2018. Find out more about the 2018 RTP update at oregonmetro.gov/rtp.