

What is Metro?

- •Voters created Metro in 1979
- •Serves 1.3 million people, 25 cities and 3 counties in the Portland metropolitan area
- •Metro officials are directly elected by voters
- Manages growth, transportation, regional parks, solid waste, and regional facilities



Can we keep our economy healthy?



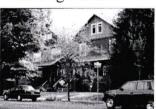
and protect fish and wildlife habitat . . .



... and farmland and forests?



Can we have affordable housing choices . . .



... while avoiding long commutes?



Can we live near where we work, play and shop?



Or do we want to?



How do we pay for infrastructure?



Should we guide growth to new communities . . .

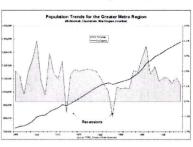


... Or to existing ones?



Is it better to plan for growth or ignore it?

The challenge today.



Question to the class...

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How we got here...

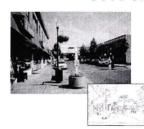
Oregon's history of planning



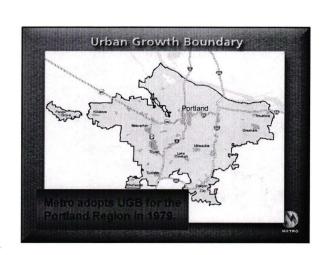
... We are in dire need of a state land use policy, new subdivision laws, and new standards for planning and zoning ... we must respect another truism: That unlimited and unregulated growth leads inexorably to a lowered quality of life."

Governor Tom McCall's opening address to the Legislature January 8, 1973

History of Planning... Good or Bad?



- · Downtown Plan
- · Columbia Corridor
- Washington County high-tech
- · Interstate system
- Transit investments MAX and transit mall

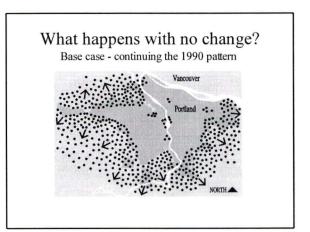


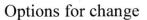
Early 1990s It was time to make a choice

Expand the UGB to allow current patterns to continue . . .

. . . or make a change









Concept A -

growing out



cities



Concept B -

growing up



Residents shape the final strategy



Making the tough choices



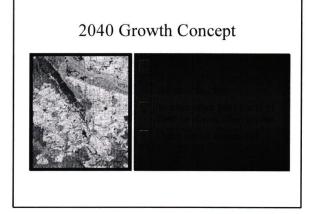
Long-range planning questionnaire sent to every household in the region

Finding the balance

Region 2040 Adoption: 1995



Concepts for growth Base Case Concept A Concept C Concept C



2040 Elements Commercial and cultural hubs

- Central city downtown Portland
- · Regional centers
- · Town centers



2040 Elements Protecting economic vitality

- Industrial areas
- · Freight terminals
- Airports



2040 Elements: Protected Rural Reserves





Urban Growth Boundary Expansion

- ✓ 1998 3500 acres for 23,000 housing units and 14,000 jobs
- ✓ 1999 380 acres "subregional need"
- ✓ 2002 18,638 acres to provide 38,657 housing units and 2,671 acres for jobs
- ✓ 2004 1900 acres for industrial use

Let the voters decide...

In 2002, two opposing ballot measures were introduced:

- Ballot measure, introduced by Oregonians in Action, 26-11 would have prohibited Metro from assigning minimum densities to jurisdictions within its boundaries.
- 26-29 was introduced by the Metro Council preserved Metro's ability to increase density in town centers and corridors.
- · 26-29 passed, 26-11 failed.

Question to the class...

Could Metro have adopted a better plan?

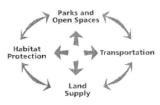
The challenge today...

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- · Continued Growth
 - Population/JobsTravel/Freight
- 20-year land supply
- Endangered species
- Endangered species
- Environment
- Economy
- A new generation
 - Public
 - Elected officials

The challenge today



Where do we grow from here?

Recent survey results say...

- 67% of Oregonians believe protecting the rights of property owners is important.
- 64% of Oregonians believe protecting farmland is very important.
- 58% believe protecting wildlife habitat is important.

Recent survey results say...

- 69% of Oregonians say that growth management has made the state a more desirable place to live.
- 52% of Oregonians are more likely to side with the right of landowners to reasonable use their property. 44% of Oregonians believes that reasonable land use planning serves the public good.

Transportation Challenge: Impacts on business in 2020 without modifications





The challenge today



- · Regional Transportation Plan
 - August 2000 adoption
 - 693 projects
 - \$8 billion cost
 - Implements 2040
 - Multi-modal
 - · Connected systems
 - Efficient/safe
 - · Integrated with land use

The challenge today Transportation



Implementing the RTP

- · Public/private partners
- Regional Business Alliance on Transportation (RBAT)
- · Innovative finance approaches
- Focused, short-term action
 plan

The challenge today Natural resources



Natural Resources

Cooperative, interconnected regional system of parks, natural areas, trails and greenways for fish, wildlife and people.

The challenge today Natural resources



Natural resource toolbox

- · Open space acquisition
- · Environmental education
- · Habitat restoration
- · Volunteer stewardship
- · Regulation
- · "Green Ribbon" Committee

The challenge today Natural resources



Implements State Goal 5: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection

Process

- · Science
- · Data Collection
- Inventory/Significance Determination

The challenge today Natural resources

Economic, social, environmental and energy (ESEE) Analysis:

• Determined the economic, social, environmental, and energy tradeoffs of allowing, limiting, or prohibiting activities that harm fish and wildlife habitat.

The challenge today



Process (continued)-

- ESEE analysis
- Program development
 - Acquisition
 - · Stewardship
 - Regulatory
 - Incentive
- Exceptions

 Decision late 2002

The challenge today 20-year Land Supply



- State "Periodic Review" of Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
- · Addresses jobs/housing
- Develop a 2022 Forecast (demand)
- Supply to 2022

The challenge today 20-year Land Supply



Key Issues:

- 2040 Centers
- Employment/Industrial Lands
- · Complete Communities
- · Jobs/Housing Balance

Program Adoption Late 2002

- How much UGB expansion
- · Where to expand

State Law: ORS 197,296

- Passed in 1995, this law requires many Oregon cities to include a 20-year supply of residential land within their urban growth boundaries.
- Created a hierarchy of lands to help cities decide where to develop:
 - Urban reserves
 - Exception lands
 - Worst farmland
 - Best farmland



Question to the class...

Can we maintain a healthy economy and accommodate travel while we protect fish and wildlife habitat and preserve open space and farmland?

