

## **Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)**

### **agenda**

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**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/95889916633> (Webinar**

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#### **1. Call To Order, Declaration of a Quorum & Introductions (5:00PM)**

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#### **3. Council Update (5:10PM)**

#### **4. Committee Member Update (5:20)**

#### **5. Consent Agenda (5:25PM)**

- 5.1 Consideration of the December 11, 2024 MPAC Meeting Minutes

[25-6188](#)

Attachments: [121124 MPAC Minutes](#)

#### **6. Action Items (5:30PM)**

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**6.1 MPAC Leadership Action (5:30PM)**

**7. Information/Discussion Items (5:40PM)**

7.1 Cooling Corridors Introduction (5:40PM)

[COM](#)  
[24-0859](#)

Presenter(s): Andre Lightsey-Walker, Transportation Planner, Metro  
Joe Gordon, Principal GIS Specialist, Metro

Attachments: [MPAC Worksheet - Cooling Corridors](#)  
[Cooling Corridors Factsheet](#)

7.2 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: next steps  
(6:10PM)

[COM](#)  
[25-0876](#)

Presenter(s): Eryn Kehe, she/her  
Ted Reid, he/him

Attachments: [MPAC worksheet - UGB decision next steps](#)

**7. Adjourn (7:00PM)**

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# 2025 MPAC Work Plan

Updated 1/8/25

<p><b><u>January 22, 2025- online</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the December 11, 2024 MPAC Meeting Minutes (consent)</li> <li>• MPAC Leadership Action (Commissioner Treece, MPAC Chair; 10 min)</li> <li>• Cooling Corridors (Andre Lightsey-Walker, Metro; 30 min)</li> <li>• Follow up on UGB process (Eryn Kehe, Metro; 30 min)</li> </ul> <p>Send by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- Annual compliance Report</p>	<p><b><u>February 26, 2025- online</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPAC intro/workplan review (Malu Wilkinson, Metro; 30 min)</li> <li>• 82nd Avenue Transit Plan LPA (Melissa Ashbaugh; 30 min)</li> <li>• Future Vision: Scoping and workplan (Jess Zdeb, Metro; 30 min)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>March 19, 2025- in person</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Housing Coordination Strategy - scope of work and engagement plan (Emily Lieb and Eryn Kehe, Metro; 45 min)</li> <li>• Comprehensive Climate Action Plan: greenhouse gas inventory and targets (Eliot Rose, Metro; 30 min)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>April 23, 2025- online</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Funding Update</li> <li>• Community Connections Transit Study</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>May 28, 2025-online</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue LPA (action)</li> <li>• Regional Housing Coordination Strategy - engagement themes; categories of preliminary list of strategies (Emily Lieb and Eryn Kehe, Metro; 45 min)</li> <li>• CPRG</li> <li>• Montgomery Park Streetcar LPA discussion (Alex Oreschak, Metro; 30 min)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>June 25, 2025- in person</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooling Corridors</li> <li>• Future Vision</li> <li>• Housing Funding Update</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>July 23, 2025- online</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montgomery Park Streetcar LPA (action)</li> <li>• CPRG</li> <li>• Future Vision</li> <li>• State Legislative Update</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>August 27, 2025 cancelled</u></b></p>

## **5.1 Consideration of the December 11, 2024 MPAC Minutes**

*Consent*

Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2024**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sharon Meieran  
Vince Jones-Dixon  
Keith Kudrna  
Terri Preeg Riggsby  
Mark Shull  
Joe Buck  
Ed Gronke  
Pam Treece  
Allison Tivnon  
Luis Nava  
Tim Rosener  
Luis Nava  
JT Flowers  
Kristin Greene  
Mary Nolan  
Duncan Hwang  
Gerritt Rosenthal  
Sherry French

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Ted Wheeler  
Omar Qutub  
Denyse McGriff  
Brett Sherman  
Miles Palacios  
Susan Greenberg  
Glen Yung  
Ty Stober  
Dan Eisenbeis  
Brian Hodson  
James Fage

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Carmen Rubio  
Anthony Martin  
Jim Duggan  
Laura Kelly

**AFFILIATION**

Multnomah County  
City of Gresham  
City of Fairview  
Special Districts  
Clackamas County  
Largest City in Clackamas County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Largest City in Washington County  
Second Largest City in Washington County  
Other Cities in Washington County  
Citizen of Washington County  
TriMet  
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Clackamas County Special Districts

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
Citizen of Multnomah County  
Second Largest City in Clackamas County  
Other Cities in Clackamas County  
Special Districts Washington County  
School Districts  
Clark County  
City of Vancouver  
Port of Portland  
City in Clackamas County Outside the UGB  
City in Washington County

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
Largest City in Washington County  
Special Districts Washington County  
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Torres, Jessica Pelz, Kevin Cook, Kevin McGrane, Medha Pulla, Joe Gordon, Barry Manning, Mike Williams, Patricia Diefenderfer, Ryan Singer, Tom Armstrong

**STAFF:** Catherine Ciarlo, Jaye Cromwell, Eryn Kehe, Ted Reid, Emily Lieb, Georgia Langer, Sam Hart, Tom Kloster, Glen Hamburg, Kim Ellis, Roger Alfred, Andre Lightsey-Walker, Eric Engstrom, Nick Christensen, Melissa Ashbaugh

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

MPAC Chair Pam Treece called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro staff Georgia Langer (she/they) called the role.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

MPAC Chair Pam Treece read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

With no further discussion, Chair Pam Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

**3. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

**3.1 Housing Funding Update**

Chair Treece introduced Council President Lynn Peterson (she/her), Metro, to present on the topic.

*Presentation summary*

President Peterson outlined a comprehensive proposal to ensure stability and accountability for addressing homelessness and affordable housing in the region. She provided updates on progress made since July, including stakeholder engagement, work sessions, and refinements to policy proposals, emphasizing Metro's ongoing commitment to collaboration and transparency. The plan focuses on avoiding funding cliffs by expanding allowable uses for Supportive Housing Services (SHS) taxes to include affordable housing, extending the SHS tax sunset with a phased rate reduction, and prioritizing predictable allocations for counties and cities. Peterson also introduced a proposed oversight structure, including a new Housing and Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee, chaired by a Metro Councilor, to guide regional planning, track performance, and align local implementation with strategic goals. Final direction on the proposals is expected before the end of the year.

*MPAC Member Discussion*

Commissioner Sharon Meieran expressed outrage at the plan, asserting that, despite receiving a large amount of money, the region has failed to solve the problem and has eroded public trust. She asked where behavioral healthcare is included in the plan, and President Peterson explained how that is being offered.

Councilor Allison Tivnon described some of the positive impacts that these funds have had in Beaverton.

She also expressed worry about the City of Beaverton's budget issues and how that could affect their ability to use affordable housing funds if the plan is made more complicated. President Peterson agreed and suggested a potential transition period to make sure the process goes smoothly.

Commissioner Mark Shull expressed concern that this extension would take the region's foot off the gas in making its 2030 goals. President Peterson reassured him and explained the benefit of the extension.

Mayor Rosener suggested an improved governmental structure to increase oversight and reduce unintended consequences to costs.

Mayor Steve Callaway asked about the structure of oversight is for this plan, and President Peterson described the process of committees that will approve each step. He also asked what changes are being made based on input from the counties and other stakeholders, and President Peterson listed some of the changes that have been proposed so far. Mayor Callaway also suggested taking more time on this campaign to show the public what progress has already been made on this issue.

Mayor Joe Buck expressed support for all the work that has been done, but also noted the benefits of a shorter timescale of this project in order to pressure leaders to work together.

Mayor Rosener thanked President Peterson and applauded her leadership.

Chair Treece also thanked President Peterson's work, and discussed the ways that Clackamas and Washington County have succeeded at spending the funds they were allocated.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item

### **3.2 Councilor Communication**

4. Councilor Duncan Hwang provided an update on several key initiatives. For Visitor Venues, the Expo Future project aims to honor the historical significance of the Expo Center while redeveloping it into a major sports tourism hub, driving economic impact and creating an inclusive space for both cultural and athletic opportunities. In Parks and Nature, Metro is preparing to open applications for the *Nature in Neighborhoods* Capital Grants Program, offering \$5 million for community-led projects, with pre-applications due January 21, 2025. Highlights from the Parks and Nature Annual Report include over \$67 million invested in local projects, expanded education and stewardship programs, and life jacket distribution to regional communities. For Planning, Development, and Research, Metro launched an online open house and survey to gather input on the region's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, open through January 6th. Additionally, the Council approved an Urban Growth Boundary expansion in Sherwood to meet future housing and employment needs. In Waste Prevention and Environmental Services, Metro shared updates on the Recycling Modernization Act, set to streamline recycling statewide beginning in July 2025, and plans to present a revised Regional System Facilities Plan for final approval in early 2025.

### **5. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE**

There were none.



With no further discussion, Chair Pam Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

## 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Treece noted that there were five items on the consent agenda: Consideration of the September 11, 2024 MPAC Minutes, consideration of the September 25, 2024 MPAC Minutes, consideration of the October 23, 2024 MPAC Minutes, consideration of the November 13, 2024 MPAC Minutes, and Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Nominations for Member/Alternative Member Positions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Director Terri Preeg Rigsby and seconded by Mayor Tim Rosener

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the consent agenda passed.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

## 7. **ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Montgomery Park Title 4 Map Update**

Chair Treece introduced Glen Hamburg, Senior Regional Planner, Metro, and Patricia Diefenderfer, Chief Planner, City of Portland, to present on the topic.

#### *Presentation summary*

Hamburg outlined the Montgomery Park Area Plan, which includes a streetcar extension expected to add thousands of daily riders and significantly improve the area's transportation infrastructure, alongside new and reconstructed streets. The plan focuses on mixed-use development, with over 2,500 new housing units, including affordable options, and a commitment to middle-wage jobs. It also proposes a new public park and incorporates green building features, sustainable design, and multimodal transportation options. The plan is aligned with Metro's regional goals for infill development and creating accessible, transit-oriented neighborhoods. A proposed amendment to Title IV land use restrictions would allow for parks, schools, and retail in the area, supporting the development of a vibrant, walkable community.

#### *MPAC Member Discussion*

Mayor Callaway asked what the plans are to mitigate air quality issues in this industrial area, and Diefenderfer described some of the buffering and green requirements that will be implemented, adding that it is mostly light industrial uses in that area.

Councilor Tivnon expressed hesitancy for this plan, asserting that once industrial land is gone its gone, noting her trouble in Beaverton to find industrial land for them to use. She also asked about the necessity of spending transportation funds on increasing the streetcar in that neighborhood rather than going towards other transportation projects.

Mayor Rosener agreed with Councilor Tivnon on industrial land scarcity, but noted the size is relatively small in this case and applauded Metro for working with the City of Portland to consider code changes.

Mayor Callaway asked for clarification on what the vote tonight will do, and Catherine Ciarlo explained that this vote is only for a land use redesignation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilor Carmen Rubio and seconded by Commissioner Mark Shull.

**ACTION:** With 2 against and 10 in favor, the motion passed.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

**8. OUTGOING MEMBER APPRECIATION**

Chair Treece expressed thanks to outgoing MPAC members for their service and work.

*MPAC Member Discussion*

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item

**ADJOURN**

Chair Pam Treece adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sam Hart*

Sam Hart  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF December 11, 2024**

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
3.1	Presentation	12/11/2024	Housing Funding Update Presentation	121124m-01
6.1	Presentation	12/11/2024	Montgomery Park Title 4 Map Update Presentation	121124m-02
7.1	Presentation	12/11/2024	Cooling Corridors Introduction Presentation	121124m-03

## **7.1 Cooling Corridors Introduction**

*Information/Discussion Items*

Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
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# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Cooling Corridors Study – Overview and Introduction

**Presenters:** André Lightsey-Walker (he, him) and Joe Gordon (he, him)

**Contact for this worksheet/presentation:** Joe Gordon

## **Purpose/Objective**

The purpose of this presentation is to inform MPAC of Metro's Cooling Corridors study, including the project timeline, goals, and deliverables, and to seek feedback on who to engage in this work and how MPAC would like to be involved or informed as the project moves forward.

## **Outcome**

MPAC has an opportunity ask questions about the study and provide feedback on these questions:

1. Has your agency or organization done work in this area?
2. Do you have suggestions for who to engage in this study?
3. How would you like to continue to be involved or informed about this project?

## **What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?**

This is the first time that MPAC is receiving information about this project.

## **What packet material do you plan to include?**

Cooling Corridors study factsheet (see attached).

# Cooling Corridors Study

*This project offers the opportunity to develop a data informed approach on ways to increase regional resilience to extreme heat in future work, including an updated 2040 Vision.*

## Introduction

The Portland-Vancouver region, like many places in the world, is experiencing the impact of global climate change in the form of more frequent and longer periods of extreme heat at higher temperatures, with higher impacts to people of color, older adults, and low-income and unhoused people. These effects on people are compounded by damage to the natural environment and critical infrastructure, such as buckling roads and transit rail lines, and heat-related power outages.

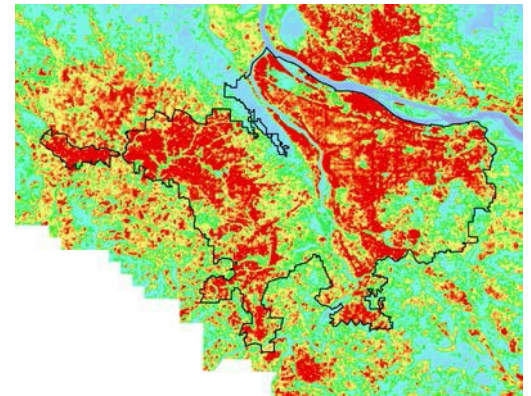
## Project description

The project team will engage and partner with subject matter experts, community-based organizations, and other jurisdictions to learn how other places across the country and the world are addressing more frequent, intense and prolonged extreme heat events. The project team will identify areas of heat risk, paired with potential intervention strategies. The strategies will be identified through best practices research, a review of federal guidance and governmental tools and programs, and engagement with expert panels and community-based organizations. This work will identify the benefits of a regional approach and how it could guide future policies and investment decisions.

## Project outcomes

Research findings and recommendations will be summarized in a final report that includes:

- **Research on existing efforts and best practices** in the region and among peer regions, including cost-effectiveness and benefits of different approaches.



*Metro heat mapping analysis*

- **Regional geographic information system (GIS) analysis** (e.g., heat island mapping, topography, hydrology, meteorology, land cover, tree canopy) to visualize heat risk areas, existing cooling corridors and potential opportunities to connect existing cooling corridors.
- **Equity analysis** to understand which geographic areas and communities in the region are disproportionately affected by urban heat.
- **Implementation recommendations** on opportunities to help make the region cooler and provide relief during extreme heat events.
- **A network of subject matter experts, community-based organizations, and jurisdictions** to engage in heat resiliency projects and strategies for funding.

## Timeline for Cooling Corridors study



## **7.2 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: next steps**

*Information/Discussion Items*

Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025



# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: next steps

**Presenters:** Eryn Kehe, she/her; Ted Reid, he/him

**Contact for this worksheet/presentation:** Ted Reid

## **Purpose/Objective**

Under state law, Metro must assess – at least every six years – whether there is a regional need to expand the urban growth boundary (UGB) to ensure adequate room for 20 years of expected housing and job growth. UGB expansions are only allowed if there is a demonstrated regional need for more land.

After extensive involvement and input from MPAC and others, the Metro Council made its most recent decision in December 2024. The Metro Council's decision has been submitted to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for review.

## **Outcome**

Staff will review the decision that the Metro Council made and will describe the next steps for the process.

Staff will also describe potential elements of future work programs intended to address issues raised by MPAC and others.

## **What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?**

The Metro Council completed its 2024 urban growth management decision and Metro staff has submitted the decision record to DLCD for review.

## **What packet material do you plan to include?**

None

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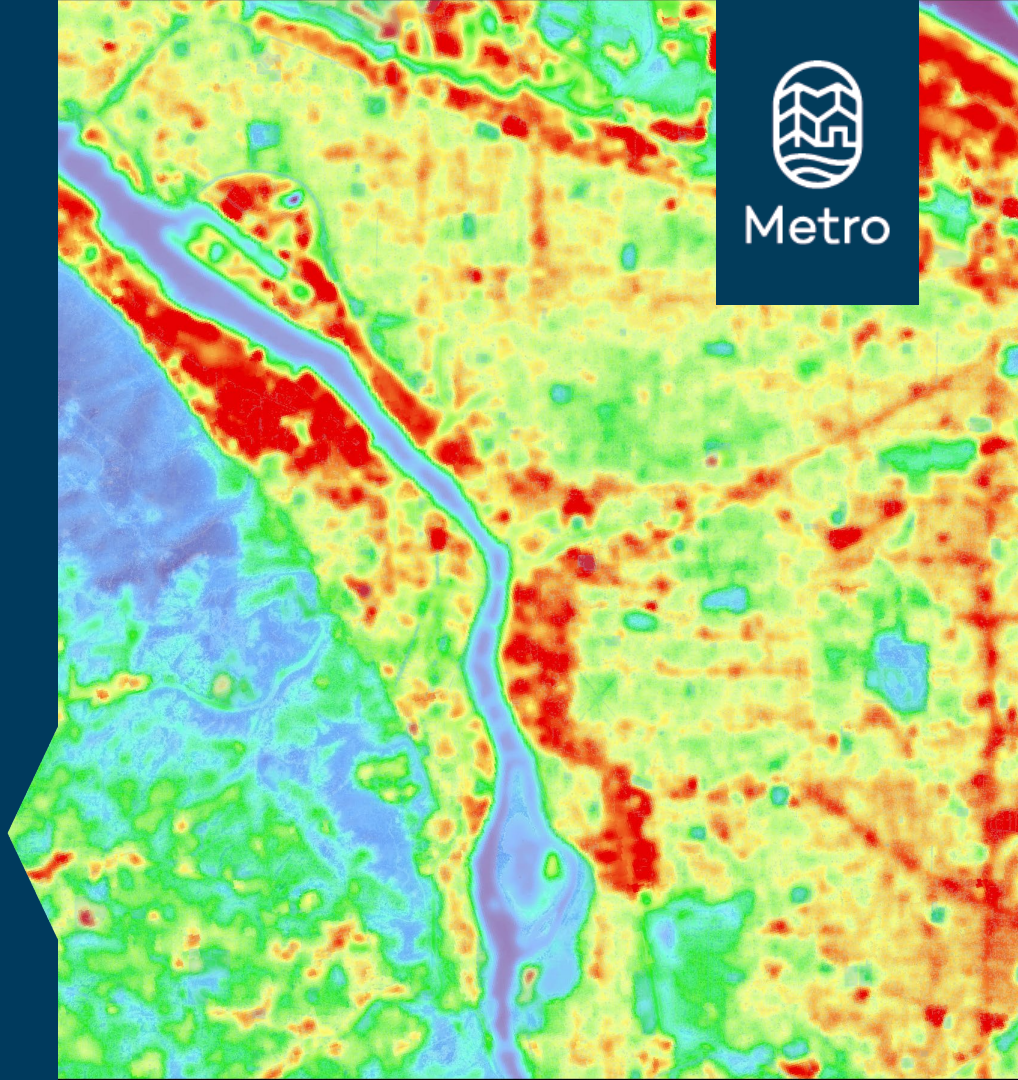
# Cooling Corridors Study

Metro Policy Advisory  
Committee

January 22nd, 2025



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# Why cooling corridors?

- Interest in climate resilience, ventilation corridors, strategies for adapting to extreme heat
- Inform Metro Future Vision and 2028 Regional Transportation Plan update
- Could include different types of corridors
  - Land acquisition for greening
  - Targeted street interventions

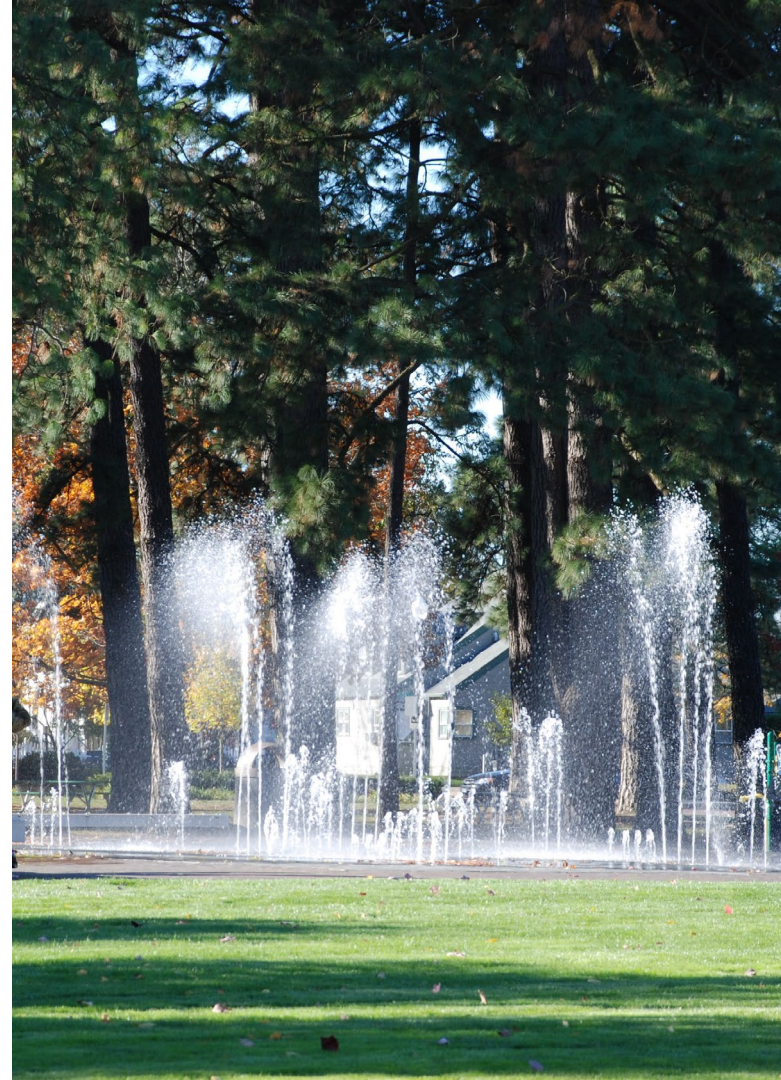


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# Project outcomes

- Understand current cooling resources and opportunities to reduce impacts of extreme heat on people and places
- Develop a network of subject matter experts, CBOs, and governmental partners to engage in urban heat resiliency projects
- Share best practices and use them to inform regional planning, policies and investments



# Identifying Cooling Corridors

- Assess distribution of tree canopy
- Assess distribution of cool corridors and urban heat islands
- Identify options for connecting corridors
- Identify areas without existing cool corridors
  - Including assessment of geographic “system”

# Pairing analysis with implementation

- What are the tools?
  - Green infrastructure, pavements, roofs, shade, water, parks, wind?
- What is Metro's role?
  - MPO, funder, technical assistance, trails, parks and nature conservation



# Final report

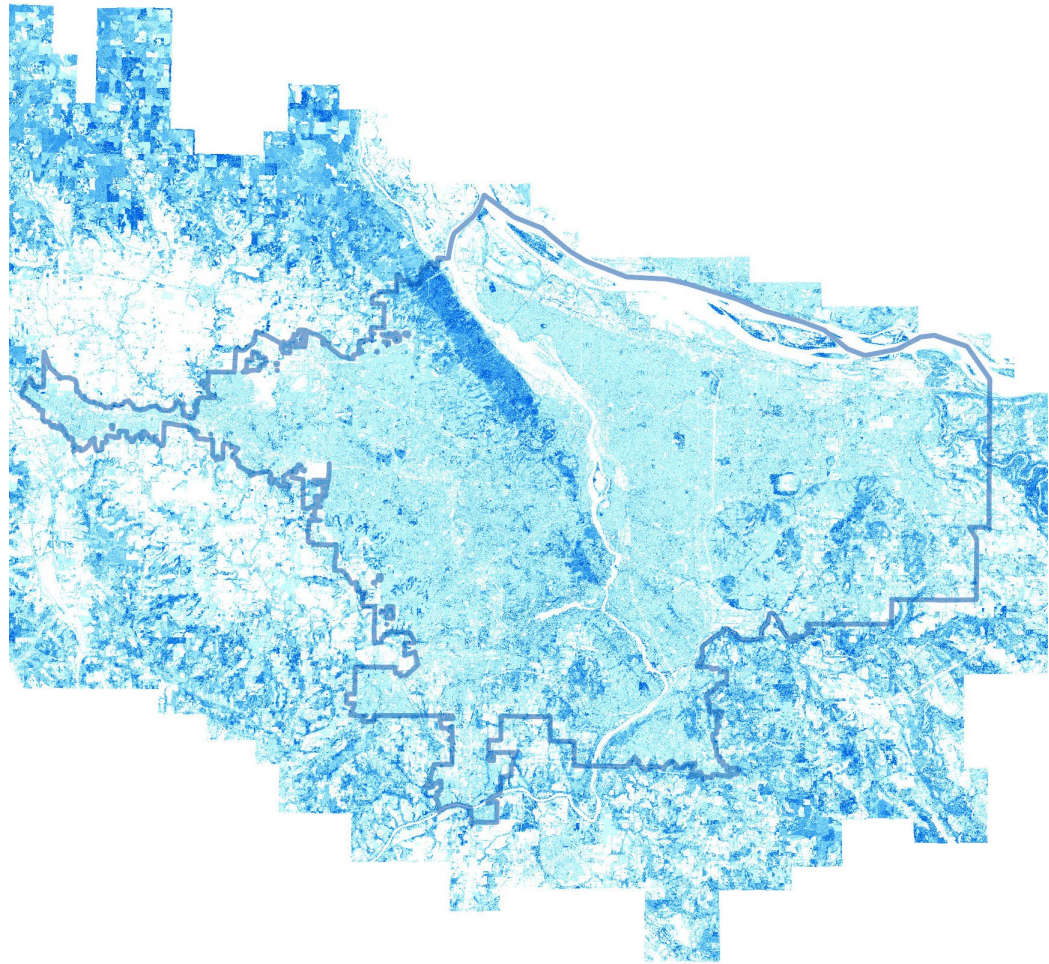
- Research on existing heat reduction and adaptation strategies (locally, nationally, and internationally)
- Analysis of cost-effectiveness, scalability, and potential funding sources
- Multi-layer Geographic information systems (GIS) analysis (tree canopy, temperature, water bodies, parks)
- Equity analysis (SVI)
- Implementation recommendations





# Engagement

- Metro staff
  - COO office
  - Planning, Development & Research
  - Parks and Nature
- Governmental partners
- Expert consultation
- Smart Surfaces Coalition (10 city cohort)
- Community-based organizations



# Project timeline

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# Questions for MPAC

- Has your agency or organization done work in this area?
- Do you have suggestions for who to engage in this study?
- How would you like to continue to be involved or informed in this project?

# Thank you!

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