



# Getting there with a connected region

## 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

*Metro is working with local, regional and state partners and the public to update our region's shared vision and strategy for investing in the transportation system for the next 25 years.*

The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan will be a key tool for strengthening the region's economy and connecting the people who live, work and visit here to jobs, schools, families, parks, and other important destinations.

The 2018 RTP will define a vision and policies to guide near-term and future investments in the transportation system for all forms of travel – motor vehicle, transit, bike, and pedestrian – and the movement of goods and freight throughout our metropolitan area.

### Why is the 2018 RTP important?

Investment in a transportation system to provide safe, healthy, accessible and reliable options for getting around is important for our region's long-term prosperity and quality of life.

As the region continues to grow, the 2018 RTP will help us respond to the changing transportation needs of our communities and businesses. The new plan will establish priorities for state and federal funding and help set the stage for the options available for people and products to get where they need to go based on what's most important to people today.

### What will be included in the 2018 RTP?

The 2018 RTP will include a financial plan of local, regional, state and federal transportation funds expected to be available over the next 25 years to meet the region's needs. It will also have a shared strategy of local, regional, state and federal transportation investment priorities to accomplish the plan's goals. Finally, it will have an action plan for how the region will work together to get this all done and monitor progress.

### Who has a role in developing the 2018 RTP?

As a federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Metro is responsible for leading and coordinating updates to the RTP on a regular basis in cooperation with each of the region's 25 cities and 3 counties, transit providers, ports, the Oregon Department of Transportation and other transportation providers. The next update is due in 2018.

Business and community groups and the people who live and work in the region will also play an important role in shaping the 2018 RTP.

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and sustainable transportation and living choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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## Components that will be updated during development of the 2018 RTP



**2004 Designing Livable Streets** policies, tools and best practices for making streets safe for all travelers



**2010 Regional High Capacity Transit Plan**, as part of development of the **Regional Transit Strategy** for providing community and regional transit connections and other actions needed to support expanded service



**2010 Regional Freight Plan** for supporting the efficient movement of freight and goods and enhance access to markets, reliable supply chains and industrial areas and intermodal facilities



**2010 Transportation System Management and Operations Plan** for providing information to expand use of travel options and using technology to improve the operation of existing facilities and services



**2010 Atlas of Regional Mobility Corridors** for monitoring congestion and mobility for all travelers



**2012 Regional Transportation Safety Plan** for improving the safety of the transportation system for all travelers and reducing transportation-related deaths and injuries



The 2018 RTP will also address new state and federal requirements and recommendations from the last RTP update related to transportation equity, and implement the region's active transportation plan and strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks.

### Timeline of 2015 activities

**May to August** Outreach to identify priority topics or issues and ideas for how to address them during development of the 2018 RTP

**September to October** Metro Council and regional advisory committees discuss draft 2018 RTP work plan and outreach strategy

**November to December** JPACT and Metro Council consider approval of 2018 RTP work plan and outreach strategy

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