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Draft Regional Framework Plan Amendments

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About Metro

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.

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PART 1. DRAFT REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN AMENDMENTS

This is one of three parts of the draft implementation recommendations being presented for public review and comment from Sept. 15 to Oct. 30, 2014

This document includes proposed policy amendments that are limited to Chapter 1 (Land Use) and Chapter 2 (Transportation) of the Regional Framework Plan and reflect policy changes that will guide how Metro will implement the draft approach. The proposed amendments are detailed in the attached strikethrough/underscore versions of the chapters.

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BACKGROUND

The Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project responds to a 2009 mandate from the Oregon Legislature for our region to develop a strategy to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks by 2035. Metro is the regional government and federally-designated metropolitan planning organization for the Portland metropolitan area, serving a population of 1.5 million people. In that role, Metro has been working together with community, business and elected leaders across our region to shape a draft Climate Smart Strategy that meets the state mandate while supporting economic prosperity, community livability and protection of our environment.

After a four-year collaborative process informed by research, analysis, community engagement and deliberation, a draft Climate Smart Strategy that meets the state target is being presented for your review and comment. The draft strategy relies on policies and investments that have already been identified as local priorities in communities across the region and in the region's long-range transportation plan.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

- Take an on-line survey at www.makeagreatplace.org.
- Submit comments by mail to Metro Planning, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232, by email to climatescenarios@oregonmetro.gov, or by phone at 503-797-1750 or TDD 503-797-1804 from Sept. 15 through Oct. 30, 2014.
- Testify at a Metro Council hearing on Oct. 30 at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232 in the Council Chamber.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Metro Policy Advisory Committee and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation are working to finalize their recommendation to the Metro Council on the draft approach and draft implementation recommendations.

Sept. 15 to Oct. 30 Public comment period on draft approach and draft implementation recommendations

Nov. 7 MPAC and JPACT meet to discuss public comments and shape recommendation to the Metro Council

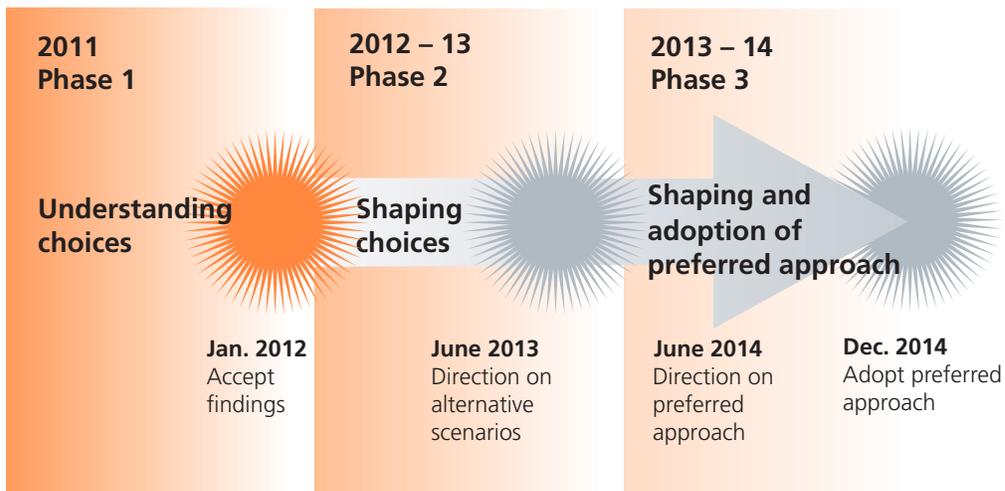
December 10 and 11 MPAC and JPACT make recommendation to Metro Council

December 18 Metro Council considers adoption of preferred approach

January 2015 Metro submits adopted approach to Land Conservation and Development Commission for approval

2015 and beyond Ongoing implementation and monitoring

Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project timeline



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Public review materials and other publications and reports can be found at oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios. For email updates, send a message to climatescenarios@oregonmetro.gov.

EXCERPT FROM

Regional Framework Plan Chapter 1 Land Use

Introduction

The Metro Charter requires that Metro address growth management and land use planning matters of metropolitan concern. This chapter contains the policies that guide Metro in such areas as development of centers, corridors, station communities, and main streets; housing choices; employment choices and opportunities; economic vitality; urban and rural reserves; management of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB); urban design and local plan and policy coordination.

This chapter also addresses land use planning matters that the Metro Council, with the consultation and advice of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), determines will benefit from regional planning, such as affordable housing.

A livable region is an economically strong region. This chapter contains policies that supports a strong economic climate through encouraging the development of a diverse and sufficient supply of jobs, especially family wage jobs, in appropriate locations throughout the region.

Six Outcomes, Characteristics of a Successful Region

It is the policy of the Metro Council to exercise its powers to achieve the following six outcomes, characteristics of a successful region:

1. People live, work and play in vibrant communities where their everyday needs are easily accessible.
2. Current and future residents benefit from the region's sustained economic competitiveness and prosperity.
3. People have safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life.
4. The region is a leader in minimizing contributions to [global warming climate change](#).
5. Current and future generations enjoy clean air, clean water and healthy ecosystems.
6. The benefits and burdens of growth and change are distributed equitably.

(Added 12/16/10, Metro Ord. 10-1244B.)

Performance Measures and Performance Targets

It is also the policy of the Metro Council to use performance measures and performance targets to:

- a. Evaluate the effectiveness of proposed policies, strategies and actions to achieve the desired Outcomes;

- b. Inform the people of the region about progress toward achieving the Outcomes;
- c. Evaluate the effectiveness of adopted policies, strategies and actions and guide the consideration of revision or replacement of the policies, strategies and actions; and
- d. Publish a report on progress toward achieving the desired Outcomes on a periodic basis.

(Added 12/16/10, Metro Ord. 10-1244B.)

The Metro Code provisions, the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, a background discussion and policy analysis for this chapter are included in the Appendices of this plan.

Policies

The following section contains the policies for land use. These policies are implemented in several ways. The Metro Council implements the policies through its investments in planning, transportation and other services. The Council also implements the policies by adopting and occasionally revising Metro's functional plans for local governments. The functional plans themselves are implemented by the region's cities and counties through their comprehensive plans and land use regulations.

1.1 Compact Urban Form

It is the policy of the Metro Council to:

- 1.1.1. Ensure and maintain a compact urban form within the UGB.
- 1.1.2. Adopt and implement a strategy of investments and incentives to use land within the UGB more efficiently and to create a compact urban form.
- 1.1.3. Facilitate infill and re-development, particularly within Centers, Corridors, Station Communities, Main Streets and Employment Areas, to use land and urban services efficiently, to support public transit, to promote successful, walkable communities and to create equitable and vibrant communities.
- 1.1.4. Encourage elimination of unnecessary barriers to compact, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly and transit-supportive development within Centers, Corridors, Station Communities and Main Streets.
- 1.1.5. Promote the distinctiveness of the region's cities and the stability of its neighborhoods.
- 1.1.6. Enhance compact urban form by developing the Intertwine, an interconnected system of parks, greenspaces and trails readily accessible to people of the region.
- 1.1.7. Promote excellence in community design.

1.1.8 Promote a compact urban form as a key climate action strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

(RFP Policy 1.1 amended 12/16/10, Metro Ord. 10-1244B.)

1.10 Urban Design

It is the policy of the Metro Council to:

1.10.1 Support the identity and functioning of communities in the region through:

- a. Recognizing and protecting critical open space features in the region.
- b. Developing public policies that encourage diversity and excellence in the design and development of settlement patterns, landscapes and structures.
- c. Ensuring that incentives and regulations guiding the development and redevelopment of the urban area promote a settlement pattern that:
 - i) Links any public incentives to a commensurate public benefit received or expected and evidence of private needs.
 - ii) ~~Is pedestrian “friendly,”~~ Makes biking and walking safe and convenient, encourages transit use and reduces auto dependence and related greenhouse gas emissions.
 - iii) Provides access to neighborhood and community parks, trails and walkways, and other recreation and cultural areas and public facilities.
 - iv) Reinforces nodal, mixed-use, neighborhood-oriented design.
 - v) Includes concentrated, high-density, mixed-use urban centers developed in relation to the region’s transit system.
 - vi) Is responsive to needs for privacy, community, sense of place and personal safety in an urban setting.
 - vii) Facilitates the development and preservation of affordable mixed-income neighborhoods.
 - viii) Avoids and minimizes conflicts between urbanization and the protection of regionally significant fish and wildlife habitat.

1.10.2 Encourage pedestrian-, bicycle- and transit-supportive building patterns in order to minimize the need for auto trips, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to create a development pattern conducive to face-to-face community interaction.

(RFP Policy 1.10.1 (c)(viii) added 9/29/05, Metro Ord. 05-1077C, Exb. B, Amend. 4.)

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Chapter 2 Transportation

Introduction

In 1992, the region's voters approved a charter for Metro that formally gave responsibility for regional land use planning to the agency, and requires adoption of a Regional Framework Plan that integrates land use, transportation and other regional planning mandates. The combined policies of this framework plan establish a new framework for planning in the region by linking land use and transportation plans. Fundamental to this plan is a transportation system that integrates goods and people movement with the surrounding land uses.

This chapter of the Regional Framework Plan presents the overall policy framework for the specific transportation goals, objectives and actions contained in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). It also sets a direction for future transportation planning and decision-making by the Metro Council and the implementing agencies, counties and cities.

The policies aim to implement the 2040 Growth Concept and:

- Protect the economic health and livability of the region.
- Improve the safety of the transportation system.
- Provide a transportation system that is efficient and cost-effective, investing our limited resources wisely.
- [Make the most of the investments the region has already made in our transportation system by expanding the use of technology to actively manage the transportation system, providing traveler information and incentives to expand the use of travel options.](#)
- [Make transit more convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable.](#)
- Provide access to more and better choices for travel in this region and serve special access needs for all people, including youth, elderly and disabled.
- Provide adequate levels of mobility for people and goods within the region.
- Protect air and water quality ~~and~~, promote energy conservation, [and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.](#)
- Provide transportation facilities that support a balance of jobs and housing.
- [Make walking and biking safe and convenient.](#)
- Limit dependence on any single mode of travel and increase the use of transit, bicycling, walking and carpooling and vanpooling.
- [Make streets and highways safe, reliable and connected; pProvidinge](#) for the movement of people and goods through an interconnected system of highway, air, marine and rail systems, including passenger and freight intermodal facilities and air and water terminals.
- Integrate land use, automobile, bicycle, pedestrian, freight and public transportation needs in regional and local street designs.
- ~~[Use transportation demand management and system management strategies.](#)~~
- ~~[Limit the impact of urban travel on rural land through use of green corridors.](#)~~

- [Manage parking to make efficient use of land and parking spaces.](#)
- [Demonstrate leadership on climate change.](#)

Goal 1: Foster Vibrant Communities and Efficient Urban Form

Land use and transportation decisions are linked to optimize public investments, [reduce greenhouse gas emissions](#) and support active transportation options and jobs, schools, shopping, services, recreational opportunities and housing proximity.

Objective 1.1 Compact Urban Form and Design

Use transportation investments to ~~reinforce-focus~~ growth in and [provide](#) multi-modal access to 2040 Target Areas and ensure that development in 2040 Target Areas is consistent with and supports the transportation investments.

Objective 1.2 Parking Management

Minimize the amount and promote the efficient use of land dedicated to vehicle parking.

Objective 1.3 Affordable Housing

Support the preservation and production of affordable housing in the region.

Goal 2: Sustain Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services support the region’s well-being and a diverse, innovative, sustainable and growing regional and state economy.

Objective 2.1 Reliable and Efficient Travel and Market Area Access

Provide for reliable and efficient multi-modal regional, interstate and intrastate travel and market area access through a seamless and well-connected system of throughways, arterial streets, freight services, transit services and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Objective 2.2 Regional Passenger Connectivity

Ensure reliable and efficient connections between passenger intermodal facilities and destinations in and beyond the region to improve non-auto access to and from the region and promote the region’s function as a gateway for tourism.

Objective 2.3 Metropolitan Mobility

Maintain sufficient total person-trip and freight capacity among the various modes operating in the Regional Mobility Corridors to allow reasonable and reliable travel times through those corridors.

Objective 2.4 Freight Reliability

Maintain reasonable and reliable travel times and access through the region as well as between freight intermodal facilities and destinations within and beyond the region to promote the region’s function as a gateway for commerce.

Objective 2.5 Job Retention and Creation

Attract new businesses and family-wage jobs and retain those that are already located in the region.

Goal 3: Expand Transportation Choices

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services provide all residents of the region with affordable and equitable options for accessing housing, jobs, services, shopping, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities, and facilitate competitive choices for goods movement for all businesses in the region.

Objective 3.1 Travel Choices

Achieve modal targets for increased walking, bicycling, use of transit and shared ride and reduced reliance on the automobile and drive alone trips.

Objective 3.2 Vehicle Miles of Travel

Reduce vehicle miles traveled per capita.

Objective 3.3 Equitable Access and Barrier Free Transportation

Provide affordable and equitable access to travel choices and serve the needs of all people and businesses, including people with low income, children, elders and people with disabilities, to connect with jobs, education, services, recreation, social and cultural activities.

Objective 3.4 Shipping Choices

Support multi-modal freight transportation system that includes air cargo, pipeline, trucking, rail, and marine services to facilitate competitive choices for goods movement for businesses in the region.

Goal 4: Emphasize Effective and Efficient Management of the Transportation System

Existing and future multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services are well-managed to optimize capacity, improve travel conditions [for all users](#) and address air quality [and greenhouse gas emissions reduction](#) goals.

Objective 4.1 Traffic Management

Apply technology solutions to actively manage the transportation system.

Objective 4.2 Traveler Information

Provide comprehensive real-time traveler information to people and businesses in the region.

Objective 4.3 Incident Management

Improve traffic incident detection and clearance times on the region's transit, arterial and throughways networks.

Objective 4.4 Demand Management

Implement services, incentives and supportive infrastructure to increase telecommuting, walking, biking, taking transit, and carpooling, and shift travel to off-peak periods.

Objective 4.5 Value Pricing

Consider a wide range of value pricing strategies and techniques as a management tool, including but not limited to parking management to encourage walking, biking and transit ridership and selectively promote short-term and long-term strategies as appropriate.

Goal 5: Enhance Safety and Security

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services are safe and secure for the public and goods movement.

Objective 5.1 Operational and Public Safety

Reduce fatal and severe injuries and crashes for all modes of travel.

Objective 5.2 Crime

Reduce vulnerability of the public, goods movement and critical transportation infrastructure to crime.

Objective 5.3 Terrorism, Natural Disasters and Hazardous Material Incidents

Reduce vulnerability of the public, goods movement and critical transportation infrastructure to acts of terrorism, natural disasters, [climate change](#), hazardous material spills or other hazardous incidents.

Goal 6: Promote Environmental Stewardship

Promote responsible stewardship of the region's natural, community, and cultural resources.

Objective 6.1 Natural Environment

Avoid or minimize undesirable impacts on fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, wildlife corridors, significant flora and open spaces.

Objective 6.2 Clean Air

Reduce transportation-related vehicle emissions to improve air quality so that as growth occurs, the view of the Cascades and the Coast Range from within the region are maintained.

Objective 6.3 Water Quality and Quantity

Protect the region's water quality and natural stream flows.

Objective 6.4 Energy and Land Consumption

Reduce transportation-related energy and land consumption and the region's dependence on unstable energy sources.

Objective 6.5 Climate Change

Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions [and meet adopted targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicle travel](#).

Goal 7: Enhance Human Health

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services provide safe, comfortable and convenient options that support active living and physical activity, and minimize transportation-related pollution that negatively impacts human health.

Objective 7.1 Active Living

Provide safe, comfortable and convenient transportation options that support active living and physical activity to meet daily needs and access services.

Objective 7.2 Pollution Impacts

Minimize noise, impervious surface and other transportation-related pollution impacts on residents in the region to reduce negative health effects.

Goal 8: Ensure Equity

The benefits and adverse impacts of regional transportation planning, programs and investment decisions are equitably distributed among population demographics and geography, considering different parts of the region and census block groups with different incomes, races and ethnicities.

Objective 8.1 Environmental Justice

Ensure benefits and impacts of investments are equitably distributed by population demographics and geography.

Objective 8.2 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Needs

Ensure investments in the transportation system provide a full range of affordable options for people with low income, elders and people with disabilities consistent with the Tri-County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP).

Objective 8.3 Housing Diversity

Use transportation investments to achieve greater diversity of housing opportunities by linking investments to measures taken by the local governments to increase housing diversity.

Objective 8.4 Transportation and Housing Costs

Reduce the share of households in the region spending more than 50 percent of household income on housing and transportation combined.

Goal 9: Ensure Fiscal Stewardship

Regional transportation planning and investment decisions ensure the best return on public investments in infrastructure and programs and are guided by data and analyses.

Objective 9.1 Asset Management

Adequately update, repair and maintain transportation facilities and services to preserve their function, maintain their useful life and eliminate maintenance backlogs.

Objective 9.2 Maximize Return on Public Investment

Make transportation investment decisions that use public resources effectively and efficiently, using performance-based planning approach supported by data and analyses that include all transportation modes.

Objective 9.3 Stable and Innovative Funding

Stabilize existing transportation revenue while securing new and innovative long-term sources of funding adequate to build, operate and maintain the regional transportation system for all modes of travel at the federal, state, regional and local level.

Goal 10: Deliver Accountability

The region's government, business, institutional and community leaders work together in an open and transparent manner so the public has meaningful opportunities for input on transportation decisions and experiences an integrated, comprehensive system of transportation facilities and services that bridge governance, institutional and fiscal barriers.

Objective 10.1 Meaningful Input Opportunities

Provide meaningful input opportunities for interested and affected stakeholders, including people who have traditionally been underrepresented, resource agencies, business, institutional

and community stakeholders, and local, regional and state jurisdictions that own and operate the region's transportation system in plan development and review.

Objective 10.2 Coordination and Cooperation

Ensure representation in regional transportation decision-making is equitable from among all affected jurisdictions and stakeholders and improve coordination and cooperation among the public and private owners and operators of the region's transportation system so the system can function in a coordinated manner and better provide for state and regional transportation needs.

Goal 11: Demonstrate leadership on climate change

It is the policy of the Metro Council to:

- 11.1 Adopt and implement a regional climate strategy to meet adopted targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicle travel while creating healthy and equitable communities and a strong economy. The strategy shall include:
- Implementing the 2040 Growth Concept through regional plans and functional plans adopted by the Metro Council for local governments;
 - Making the most of investments the region has already made in the transportation system by using technology to actively manage the transportation system and providing information and incentives to expand the use of travel options;
 - Expanding the use of low carbon transportation options across the region by:
 - investing in new transit connections and expanding and improving existing transit services to make transit convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable; and
 - making biking and walking safe and convenient by completing gaps in the region's network of sidewalks and bike paths that connect people to their jobs, schools and other destinations;
 - Investing strategically in streets and highways to make them safe, reliable and connected and to support the movement of people and goods;
 - Managing parking to make efficient use of land dedicated to parking and parking spaces;
 - Supporting and building upon Oregon's transition to cleaner, low carbon fuels and more fuel-efficient vehicles;
 - Securing adequate funding for transportation investments; and
 - Demonstrating leadership on climate change.
- 11.2 Take actions recommended in the regional climate strategy to help meet adopted targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicle travel, including:
- Implement the 2040 Growth Concept through regional plans and functional plans;

- Work with local, state and federal governments, community and business leaders and organizations, and special districts to implement the strategy;
- Build a diverse coalition that includes elected official and business and community leaders at local, regional and state levels to secure adequate funding for transportation investments in the region;
- Provide technical assistance, best practices and grant funding to local governments and other business and community partners to support implementation of the strategy; and
- Through the Oregon Modeling Steering Committee, collaborate on appropriate tools and methods to support greenhouse gas reduction planning and monitoring.
- Report on the potential light vehicle greenhouse gas emissions impacts of policy, program and investment decisions.

11.3 Encourage local, state and federal governments and special districts to take actions recommended in the regional climate strategy to help meet adopted targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicle travel, including:

- implement plans and zoning that focus higher density, mixed-use zoning and development near transit;
- implement capital improvements in frequent bus corridors (including dedicated bus lanes, stop/shelter improvements, and intersection priority treatments) to increase service performance;
- complete gaps in pedestrian and bicycle access to transit;
- build infrastructure and urban design elements that facilitate and support bicycling and walking (e.g., completing gaps, crosswalks and other crossing treatments, wayfinding signs, bicycle parking, bicycle sharing programs, lighting, separated facilities);
- link active transportation investments to providing transit and travel information and incentives;
- adopt “complete streets” policies and designs to support all users;
- invest in making new and existing streets “complete” and connected to support all users;
- integrate multi-modal designs in road improvement and maintenance projects to support all users;
- expand use of intelligent transportation systems (ITS), including active traffic management, incident management and travel information programs and coordinate with capital projects;
- partner with transit providers to expand deployment of transit signal priority along corridors with 15-minute or better transit service;
- partner with businesses and/or business associations and transportation management associations to implement demand management programs in

employment areas and centers served with active transportation options, 15-minute or better transit service, and parking management;

- expand local travel options program delivery through new coordinator positions and partnerships with business associations, transportation management associations, and other non-profit and community-based organizations;
- prepare community inventory of public parking spaces and usage;
- adopt shared and unbundled parking policies;
- provide preferential parking for electric vehicles, vehicles using alternative fuels and carpools;
- adopt policies and update development codes to support private adoption of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), such as streamlining permitting for fueling stations, planning for access to charging and compressed natural gas (CNG) stations, allowing charging and CNG stations in residences, work places and public places, providing preferential parking for AFVs, and encouraging new construction to include necessary infrastructure to support use of AFVs;
- prepare and periodically update a community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory;
- adopt greenhouse gas emissions reduction policies and performance targets; and
- develop and implement local climate action plans.

11.4 Monitor and measure the progress of local and regional efforts in meeting adopted targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicle travel, report the results to the region and state on a periodic basis, and guide the consideration of revision or replacement of the policies and actions, if performance so indicates, as part of updates to the Regional Transportation Plan.