



Getting there
with a connected
region

2018 Regional Transportation Plan

Metro brings together the communities of the Portland metropolitan region to plan the transportation system of the future by updating a shared the region's shared vision and investment strategy for the next 25 years.

Our region's economic prosperity and quality of life depend on a transportation system that provides every person and business with access to safe, reliable and affordable ways to get around.

To get there, we need to work together to address these key questions:

1. What do we need most from our transportation system – now and in the future?
2. What can we afford and how do we pay for new projects while taking care of our existing roads, bridges, bikeways, sidewalks and transit services?
3. How should we measure progress toward our goals?

More people – and more changes – are coming

A half-million new residents are expected to live in the Portland area by 2040. Our communities are becoming more culturally diverse, bringing rich cultural activity to neighborhoods. A new generation will grow to adulthood as others move toward retirement. To keep people connected and commerce moving, we need to work across interests and communities to bring innovative solutions to the challenges facing our changing region.



“There’s just so much you can’t do in this part of the region without getting in your car or riding on the bus for hours. I have relatives in Portland, I have grandkids in Gresham, and it can take over an hour just to get out there.”

–Susan, Tigard resident for 23 years



“Every morning I commute from Forest Grove to Portland... If there is no traffic, 40 to 45 minutes I’ll be downtown. But with traffic it takes at least an hour... If there will be anything faster, more reliable and affordable, I’ll take it.”

–Edna, Portland area resident for 20 years

Whether your roots in the region run generations deep or you moved to Oregon last week, you have your own reasons for loving this place – and Metro wants to keep it that way. Help shape the future of the greater Portland region and discover tools, services and places that make life better today.

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“Transit is a big issue, especially for youth – and even for adults, too. Some places, on the weekends, they need to do things – it takes forever. It took me two hours almost just to get, by bus, from here to the Expo Center... I have to have a car to just do anything around there because it takes forever just to go anywhere, you know?”

– *Jeremy, Clark County resident, works in Northeast Portland*

New challenges need new solutions

A history of leadership and collaboration has kept our system of roads, bridges, bikeways, sidewalks and transit ahead of the national curve. In general it serves us well, but there is more to be done. The system is aging and not keeping up with growth and changing travel needs. People and businesses are concerned about traffic congestion, safety, affordability, climate change and community health. Many residents – especially those of low income and communities of color – are underserved and have difficulty getting to jobs, training and other services.

Funding is tight, and we have multiple transportation priorities. But if not addressed, these challenges will compromise our region’s economic prosperity and quality of life.

“Prioritize investments that help the greatest number of people and reduce carbon emissions, while responding to income and racial equity.”

–*2015 stakeholder interview*



“Congestion is bad for everyone. People who commute far to work have less time with family. Cars idling on the roads produce pollution and greenhouse gases. And slow movement of goods is bad for the economy and affects all consumers.”

–*2015 stakeholder interview*

Partnerships and leadership will create a great future

The Regional Transportation Plan guides investments for all forms of travel – motor vehicle, transit, bicycle and walking – and the movement of goods and freight throughout the Portland metropolitan region. To stay ahead of future growth and take care of the transportation investments we have already made, our region’s elected, community and business leaders must work together to define what transportation investments are most needed, how much we can afford, and how we will pay for them over the next 25 years.

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