

Chapter 6

Clark County, Washington

**REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN
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Introduction

The Metro Charter, adopted by the voters within the Metro boundary, requires that the Regional Framework Plan address:

" . . . coordination, to the extent feasible, of Metro growth management and land use planning policies with those of Clark County, Washington . . . "

The Future Vision Commission recognized that decisions made in the Metro area could have a much wider impact. The Future Vision Commission concluded that:

"The bi-state metropolitan area has effects on, and is affected by, a much bigger region than the land inside Metro's boundaries. Our ecologic and economic region stretches from the Cascades to the Coastal Range, from Longview to Salem."

Established frameworks for planning coordination exist between Clark County jurisdictions and the Metro region. Representatives from the County and Vancouver, Washington are members of several Metro policy advisory committees including the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) as well as two technical committees (Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC). The Future Vision Commission, required by the Metro Charter to complete a broad vision statement about the region, also included the past Chair of the Clark County Commissioners. Metro and representatives of the City of Vancouver and Clark County serve on the Bi-State Coordination Committee, which makes recommendations to local governments in the larger region on land use, economic development, transportation and environmental justice. Representatives from Metro and ODOT are also full voting members on the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC).

This chapter documents policies and coordination efforts addressing bi-state issues. Only after review and discussion with representatives from Clark County can new actions, if any, be considered.

Policies

6.1 Coordination with Clark County

It is the policy of the Metro Council to:

- 6.1.1 Communicate on a regular basis with Clark County and its cities to ensure coordination regarding growth management issues.

- 6.1.2 Work with Clark County governments and agencies to involve citizen groups and promote public outreach and education with respect to regional growth management.
- 6.1.3 Include Clark County and its cities' parks departments and citizen groups in an ongoing parks forum to develop a regional bi-state natural areas system.
- 6.1.4 Continue and strengthen coordination and cooperation in regional transportation planning.
- 6.1.5 Encourage cooperative efforts to promote business location throughout the region, including Clark County, in order to improve the job/housing balance in the metropolitan area.
- 6.1.6 Include Clark County and its cities in all emergency preparedness planning and coordination strategies for the region.