

Going places

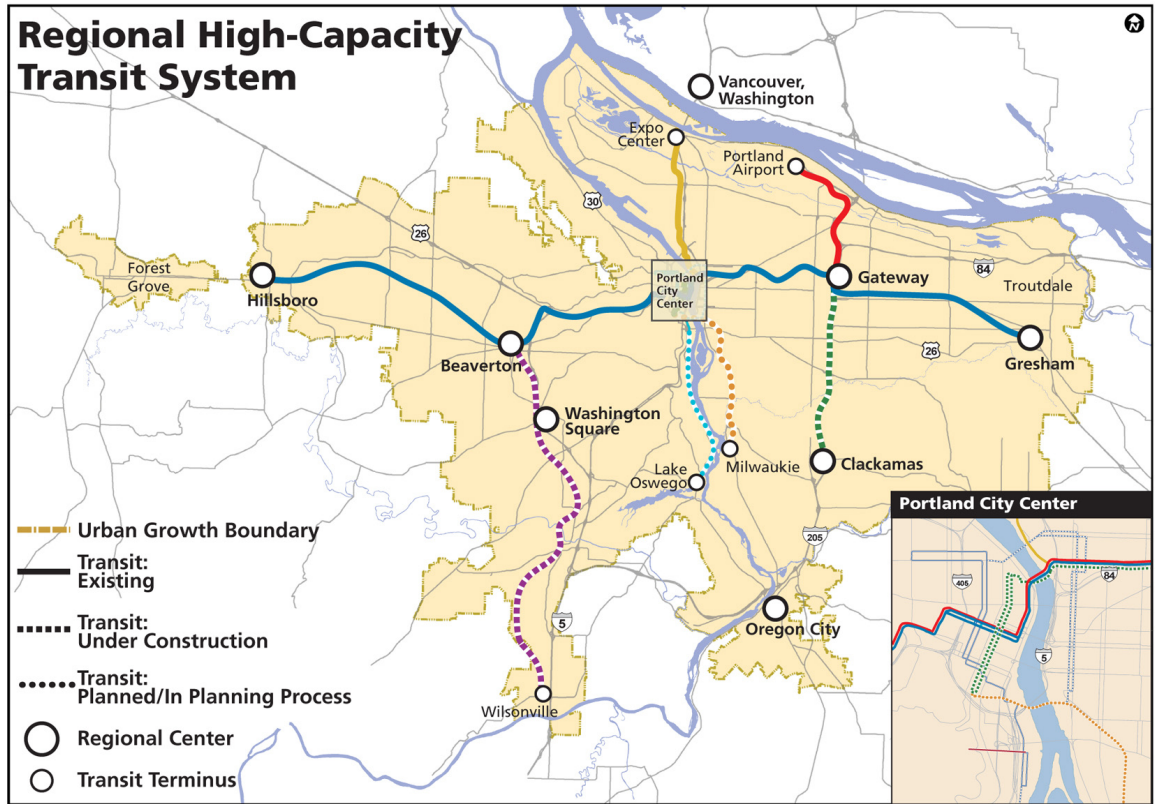
REGIONAL HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN

The High Capacity Transit System Plan will guide the region's investments in high capacity transit – light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit or streetcar. The plan, to be complete in spring 2009, will include a prioritized set of new high capacity transit corridors or improvements to the existing system.

This system plan will ultimately be adopted as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is the region's blueprint to guide projects, programs and policies related to all transportation modes – bikes and pedestrians, roadways, freight mobility, and transit. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/rtp for more information about Metro's ongoing process to update the RTP.

Pioneers in transit

The Portland metropolitan region is home to a pioneering transit system. Over 30 years ago, the region decided to grow differently than other places when elected leaders and citizens rallied against construction of freeways through developed neighborhoods and, instead, directed resources to a light rail project along I-84. Since then, the region has constructed 44 miles of light rail (Blue, Red and Yellow lines). An additional 6.5 miles of light rail (Green line) and 14.7 miles of commuter rail (WES) is currently under construction. These high capacity lines connect the far reaches of the urban area from Hillsboro to Gresham and from north Portland to Clackamas – and many neighborhoods in between.



In planning for future high capacity transit routes, we're not starting from scratch but building on a legacy of planning work that is captured in the 2040 Growth Concept and the Regional Transportation Plan. The 2040 Growth Concept, adopted in 1995 after an extensive public engagement process, calls for high capacity transit service to regional centers like Oregon City. The Regional Transportation Plan, updated every four years, identifies potential high capacity transit corridors that will serve as the starting point for this planning effort.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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For more information

To learn more about the project or get on the mailing list, call 503-797-1756 or send e-mail to trans@oregonmetro.gov. For information on High Capacity Transit System Plan, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces.

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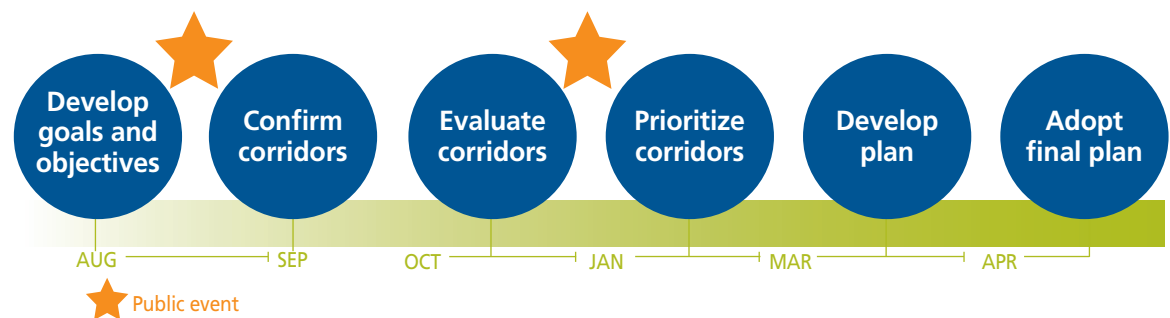
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Metro is launching a study to consider where the next 30 years of high capacity transit investments should go. High capacity transit is characterized by routes with fewer stops. HCT could include light rail, commuter rail, rapid streetcar or buses. The plan will also consider how the bus network connects to high capacity transit corridors and improvements to the existing light rail system. Metro, the agency responsible for regional planning, will complete the Regional High Capacity Transit Plan along with TriMet, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the 25 cities and three counties in the region. The plan will be closely coordinated with the City of Portland's Streetcar System Plan.

The High Capacity Transit System Plan will provide the region with a prioritized set of corridors and improvements to the existing system based on planned land uses, community values, environmental benefits and potential ridership and costs. The plan will be adopted by the Metro Council in spring 2009 after review by community members, elected officials and technical staff from around the region.

PROJECT TIMELINE



GET INVOLVED

Community members, planning experts, elected officials and staff will be involved in every step of developing the plan. Community members can participate in the project by:

- attending a community meeting or workshop
- visiting the project web site at www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces to join the study email list or learn more about the study.

ONLINE SURVEY – open until Sept. 30, 2008

What do you think? See the region's current high capacity transit system and take a survey on new transit connections to link regional activity centers and travel corridors. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces before Sept. 30 to let your preferences be heard.

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