



Priorities for our transportation future

Public comment summary

The region is looking ahead to how our transportation system will accommodate future growth and change – and what investments we should make over the next 25 years to build a safe, reliable, healthy and affordable transportation system.

From March 3 through 28, 2017, Metro hosted an online comment opportunity in support of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update. The online survey asked participants two policy-related questions:

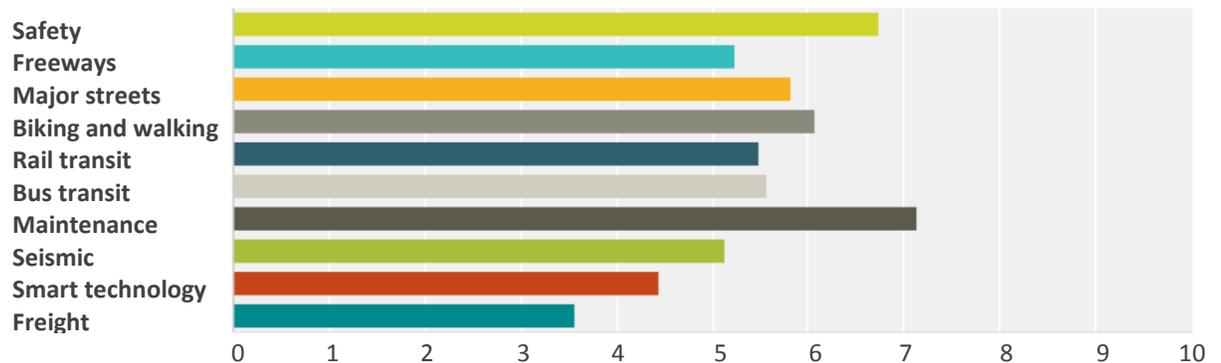
1. Given a list of 10 types of transportation projects – that Metro has heard are important through prior engagement efforts – how would they rank what the region needs soonest?
2. Given the gap between the investment strategy of the previous Regional Transportation Plan and current funding levels, should the region increase funding levels or reduce our planned investments to match current funding levels?

More than 2,640 people responded to the survey.

People have told Metro that these types of projects are the biggest needs for our transportation system. How would you rank what we need soonest?

Participants were asked to rank 10 project types, presented in a random order for each user.

To offer a summary of responses visually, the options were assigned point values. Choice 1 was given 10 points, choice 2 given 8 points, choice 3 given 7 points, and so on, through choice 10 given 1 point. The point totals were then averaged across all responses. A higher score in the chart below reflects a higher ranking by participants.



What people are saying

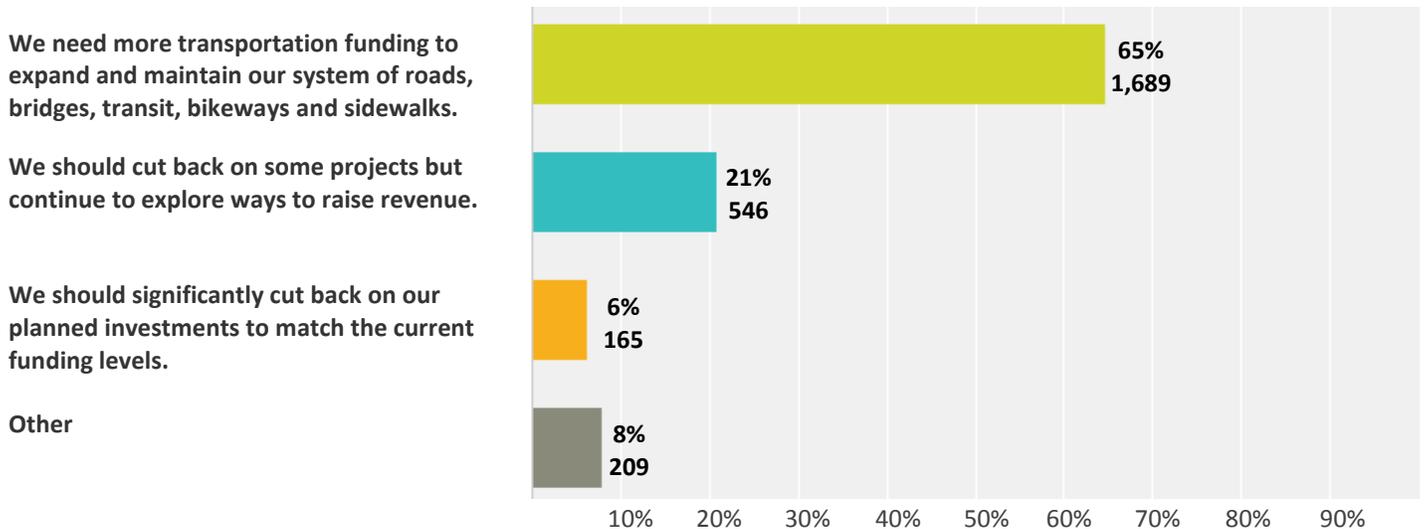
“Street repair is urgent.” – *Gresham*

“Until we can allocate the money to maintain the infrastructure that we have, we shouldn't build any more of it.” – *Southwest Portland*

“I personally would prefer to see fewer bikers, old people, and walkers killed when trying to cross streets... Every single death is preventable.” – *Southeast Portland*

We know we need to be efficient with the money we have, but we still have a gap between what is needed and current funding. Based on that, which is closest to your view?

Participants were offered a chart showing the gap between the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan to improve the region's system of roads, bridges, transit, bikeways and sidewalks by 2040 and when that system would actually be built based on current funding levels. They were then asked to choose which statement best reflected their view. The bar chart below shows the percentage and number of respondents for each option.



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“It seems like population is increasing at a fast rate and unless transportation options increase along with it the quality of life will greatly diminish.” – *Southwest Portland*

“We're long past due to make the investment to create the transportation system we need in the 21st century.” – *Washington County*

“Please! Raise my taxes! I'll either pay for transportation with my tax dollars or with the headaches of trying to get around the city or by sacrificing my safety or my child's safety. Please just take my money now!” – *Southeast Portland*

“Be more efficient with the dollars already allocated and re-allocate funding from other programs that do not provide long term benefits to society.” – *Beaverton*

“We need a balanced transportation funding package that will allow all users, regardless of the strength of their lobbying community, to participate in building and maintaining an efficient network of roads and bridges.” – *Clackamas County*

More information

Find out more about the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update at oregonmetro.gov/rtp.

The full comment summary report is expected to be available on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update page in April 2017. It will include key themes from the comments and participant demographic information.

