



APPENDIX D

2018 Regional Transportation Plan

Public and stakeholder engagement and consultation summary

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Introduction

Adopted by the Metro Council in December 2015, the [2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Participation Plan](#) was designed to ensure early and active participation throughout the updating process and bring together the communities of the greater Portland region to renew its shared vision and strategy for investing in the transportation system for decades to come. The work plan and public participation plan for the 2018 RTP update was developed with input from Metro's regional advisory committees.

Developed during and articulated in the 2018 RTP public engagement plan, the goal for outreach and engagement during the planning process was:

To strengthen existing and build new partnerships with local, regional, state and federal governments, business and community leaders, academic institutions, and historically underrepresented communities (people of color, people with low incomes, and people with limited English proficiency) as well as youth and older adults through a strategic engagement approach that builds support for and momentum to achieve the project goal and helps build public trust in Metro's transportation planning process.

Decision-making process for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

Metro's transportation planning activities are guided by a federally-mandated decision-making framework known as the metropolitan transportation planning process. Metro's jurisdictional boundary encompasses the urban portions of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Metro's planning partners include the 24 cities, three counties and affected special districts of the region, ODOT, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Port of Portland, South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART), TriMet and other interested community, business and advocacy groups as well as state and federal regulatory agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Metro also coordinates with the City of Vancouver, Clark County Washington, the Port of Vancouver, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC), C-Tran, the Washington Department of Transportation, the Southwest Washington Air Pollution Control Authority and other Clark County governments on bi-state issues. The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council is the federally-designated MPO for the Clark County portion of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region.

Metro led this process in consultation and coordination with federal, state and local governments, and engagement of other stakeholders with an interest in or who are affected by this planning effort. Metro facilitates on-going consultation and coordination through four Metro advisory committees – the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) – were forums for discussion, coordination, consultation and decision-making by elected officials and their staffs, representing cities and counties of the region, public agencies and transportation providers, including the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Port of Portland, the Port of Vancouver, TriMet and South Metro Regional Transit (SMART). Three of those committees – TPAC, MPAC and MTAC – have community representatives as regular members, bring their perspective to those discussions and make recommendations on decisions.

Decisions for the Regional Transportation Plan are shared between the Metro Council and JPACT. JPACT – comprising 17 members that serve as elected officials or representatives of transportation agencies across the region – is responsible for the direction and details of the plan, and the Metro Council either approves the plan without changes or refers the plan back to JPACT. To aid with technical details of the plan, JPACT is advised by the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee, or TPAC. TPAC’s 21 members consist of technical staff from the same governments and agencies as JPACT, plus a representative from the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council and six community members appointed by the Metro Council.

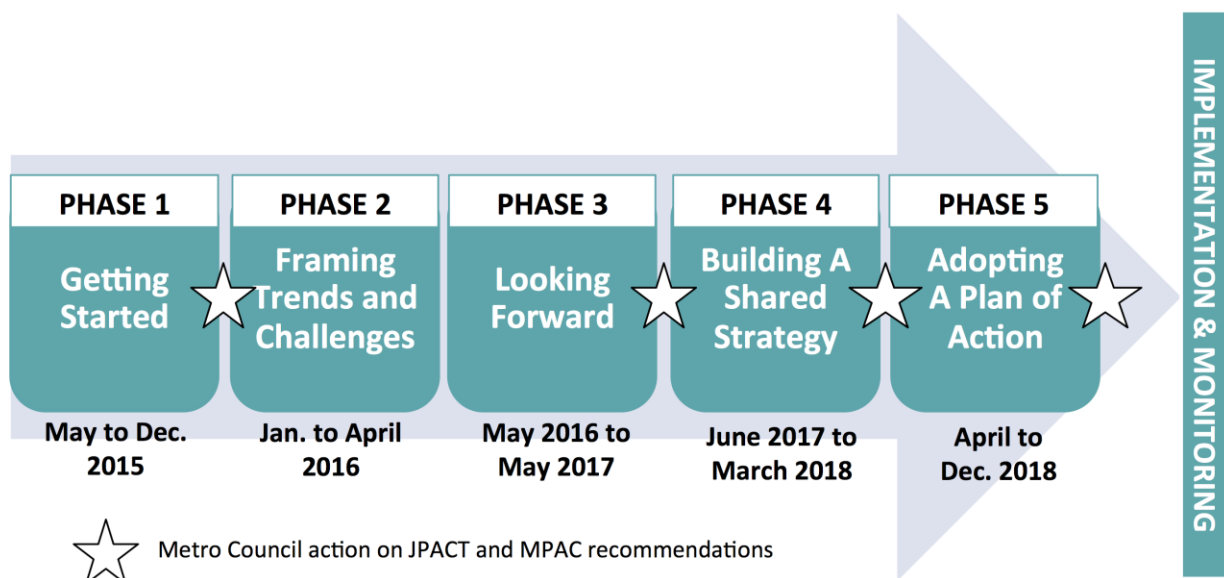
Because the Regional Transportation Plan has implications on the region’s land use, the Metro Council is also advised on the plan by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, or MPAC. MPAC comprises 21 voting members representing cities, counties, special districts and the public through three community representatives, as well as six non-voting members. While MPAC advises the Metro Council on growth management and land use issues at the policy level, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee, or MTAC, provides input to MPAC at the technical level.

The 2018 RTP update process relied on this existing decision-making structure for development, review and adoption of the plan. MPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council made recommendations at key decision points based on input from TPAC, MTAC, seven technical work groups and the public participation process.

THE 2018 RTP UPDATE PROCESS AND DECISION TIMETABLE

Shown in Figure 1, the 2018 RTP update was completed in five phases. From May 2015 to December 2018, the Metro Council and staff engaged the public, community and business leaders and local, regional and state partners to update the Regional Transportation Plan.

Figure 1. Timeline for 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update



Public information

Information on progression of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update was communicated to the public and the RTP interested persons list (nearly 1,900 people) throughout the update process through email updates, electronic news articles, social media, including Facebook and Twitter, factsheets, discussion guides and partner outreach. The RTP project website posted information about new updates in the process, with a timeline indicating key decision points and public comment opportunities.

Public engagement overview

The public engagement plan supporting the 2018 RTP update guided the strategic direction, approach and desired outcomes for sharing information with and seeking input from residents of the region, local partners and stakeholders throughout the three-year process.

There were nearly 19,000 individual touch points from 2015-18 through public engagement activities for the plan. A quick summary of activities is below:

- Periodic County Coordinating Committee briefings
- 2 Community Leaders' Forums
- 5 TPAC/MTAC workshops
- 5 online surveys
- 17 equity discussion groups
- 61 stakeholder interviews
- 64 technical work group meetings
- 76 regional advisory committee meetings
- 22 Metro Council meetings
- 3 public hearings
- 4 Regional Leadership Forums
- 10 community and business briefings
- 4 consultation meetings with tribes and resource agencies
- 3 Bi-State Coordination Committee briefings
- 2 Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council briefings

Agency and jurisdictional outreach and coordination

Metro staff worked with cities, counties and agencies, such as TriMet and the Port of Portland, on targeted outreach and communication efforts to address specific needs of each agency or jurisdiction and facilitated collaboration among the agencies and jurisdictions in the RTP process. Throughout the process, staff presented to Metro regional advisory committees, standing County Coordinating Committees (as well as their technical advisory committees), as well as leading several Regional Leadership Forums, more than 64 technical work group meetings and five joint MTAC/TPAC workshops covering various topics.

As noted previously, Metro also coordinated with the City of Vancouver, Clark County Washington, the Port of Vancouver, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC), C-Tran, the Washington Department of Transportation, the Southwest Washington Air Pollution Control Authority and other Clark County governments on bi-state issues.

In addition, the project lists included in the 2018 RTP are priority projects from local, regional or state planning efforts that included opportunities for public input. Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and cities within each county recommended priority projects for their jurisdictions at county coordinating committees. ODOT, the Port of Portland, TriMet, SMART and other agencies worked with county coordinating committees and the City of Portland to recommend priority projects. The City of Portland recommended projects after reviewing priorities with its community advisory committees.

Community and business outreach

As laid out in the 2018 RTP public engagement plan, staff were intentional in developing and creating engagement strategies and tactics that sought to gain insight from communities that have not been historically represented in planning processes. In addition to engaging with our local agency and jurisdictional partners, community partnerships were also built and nourished, aiming to strengthen public trust and be more inclusive of historically underrepresented communities, youth, older adults and people with disabilities. A sampling of the agencies, neighborhood associations and organizations that participated in the planning process is below.

- 1000 Friends of Oregon
- Beaverton Neighborhood Program
- Bike Portland
- Clackamas County Business Alliance
- Clackamas County Community Planning Organizations Program
- Clackamas County CPOs
- Clackamas Workforce Partnership
- Columbia Corridor Association
- Community Cycling Center
- East Metro Economic Alliance
- East Portland Action Plan
- GoLloyd (TMA)
- Gresham Citizen Involvement Committee
- Gresham neighborhood associations
- Happy Valley Community Services and Public Safety
- Intertwine Alliance
- Lake Oswego neighborhood association program
- Milwaukie Community Services Program
- Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Program
- OPAL
- Oregon City Citizen Involvement Council
- Oregon Environmental Council
- Oregon Walks
- Portland Business Alliance
- Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- RTO partners
- Safe Routes to Schools

- The Street Trust
- Tigard neighborhood association program
- Transportation Justice Alliance
- TriMet
- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
- Tualatin Citizen Involvement Organization Program
- Washington County Citizen Participation Program
- Washington County Coordinating Committee
- Washington County CPOs
- Washington County Land Use and Transportation
- West Linn citizen advisory program
- Westside Economic Alliance
- Westside Transportation Alliance
- Wilsonville Committee for Citizen Involvement

Organizations who participated in Community Leaders' Forums:

- AARP
- Bus Riders Unite/OPAL
- Clackamas County Resolutions Services
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
- Committee on Racial Equity
- Independent Living Resources
- IRCO
- Mercy Corps
- Momentum Alliance
- MTAC and MPAC representatives
- Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
- OPAL
- Oregon Walks
- Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC)
- Providence Health and Services
- Rosewood Initiative
- The Street Trust
- Transportation 4 America
- Urban League of Portland

Notices with requests to share

During key comment opportunities, notices with requests to share were sent to neighborhood associations, citizen participation organizations and community planning organizations. Because of the number of neighborhood associations and CPOs in the region, Metro employed a “phone tree” technique, sending the notice to city and county contacts and asking them to distribute to the individual associations and organizations in their jurisdictions. Metro sent notices to:

- City of Beaverton Neighborhood Program manager
- City of Forest Grove Community Development director
- City of Gresham Office of Neighborhoods and Community Engagement
- City of Happy Valley Community Services & Public Safety director
- City of Lake Oswego Long Range Planning
- City of Milwaukie Community Programs coordinator
- City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- City of Oregon City Community Development director
- City of Tigard Neighborhood Program coordinator
- City of Tualatin Office of the City Manager
- City of West Linn Citizen Engagement coordinator
- City of Wilsonville Community Development director
- Clackamas County Public and Government Affairs manager
- Multnomah County Office of Citizen Involvement
- Washington County Citizen Participation Organization Program coordinator

In addition, Metro sent notices to local agency newsletter and transportation management association partners and contacts:

- Ride Connection, Inc.
- TriMet
- Westside Transportation Alliance
- Intertwine Alliance
- GoLloyd
- Washington County Land Use and Transportation Department

Metro also sent notices to community-based organization partners, usually through individual relationships built through ongoing partnerships and other engagement activities, asking them to distribute RTP information to their organization and constituencies. These organizations included:

- 1000 Friends of Oregon
- AARP
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
- Bike Portland
- Building Trades
- Center for Intercultural Organizing
- Centro Cultural

- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Community Cycling Center
- EcoDistricts
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- Latino Leadership Network of Washington County
- Latino Network
- Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity
- Momentum Alliance
- Native American Youth and Family Center
- OPAL
- Oregon Environmental Council
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Oregon Sierra Club
- Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.
- Oregon Walks
- Rosewood Initiative
- Safe Route to Schools
- Self Enhancement, Inc.
- Street Trust
- Transportation for America
- Urban League of Portland
- Unite Oregon
- Washington County Citizen Action Network
- Verde

Consultation activities

In addition to on-going consultation that occurred with public officials and jurisdictional partners through Metro's regional advisory committees and the Bi-State Coordination Committee, Metro invited four Native American Tribes and more than 30 federal, state, and local historic and natural resource, wildlife, Port and land management agencies to consult on the public review draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and strategies RTP and strategies in accordance with [23 CFR 450.316](#). Invited agencies included:

- Bonneville Power Administration
- Clean Water Services
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Transit Administration

- National Park Service (Pacific West Region)
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
- Oregon Water Resources Department
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Port of Portland
- Port of Vancouver
- South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART)
- TriMet
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management (Northwest Oregon district office)
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- USDA Forest Service

2015 engagement activities

- As part of Metro's Regional Snapshot Series, Mark Fenton, a national public health, planning and transportation expert, held a discussion on how cities of all sizes can use investments in walkability to design livable streets and create thriving business districts and healthy communities.
- In partnership with Metro's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) program, Metro staff held a series of discussion groups with communities of color and youth on priorities and issues related to racial equity from June through September 2015. Three high-level takeaways in the [report](#) were:
 - For many participants, while they may have had equity discussions within their organizations, this was the first time they had the opportunity to discuss equity with Metro;
 - Culturally specific discussion groups do not know very much about Metro's services, programs and roles in regional policy;
 - There is a wide variation in needs, priorities and how communities are talking and delivering services for equity, housing, transportation, parks and natural areas and community engagement.

- Metro staff contracted with public involvement consultant, JLA, to help scope key concerns that stakeholders wanted to see address through the 2018 RTP update, key trends and choices facing the region, how the region should work together to address them and desired process outcomes. JLA interviewed over 30 stakeholders representing elected officials and staff of local jurisdictions, businesses and community organizations from across the region. A few recurring themes heard during the interviews (and documented in the [report](#)) are:
 - The shortage in transportation funding is a key challenge that affects all modes of travel.
 - Congestion is the top concern particularly for regional commuters and the freight industry. A strong economy depends on an effective transportation system and the effective movement of goods and employees.
 - The link between land use and transportation needs to be stronger
 - There is a need to think regionally and have a robust conversation about our true regional priorities; however, the planning process should also recognize that one size does not fit all.
 - We must also be sure to make equitable investments that support the travel needs of low-income populations and avoid gentrification.
- In June 2015, the Center for Public Service at Portland State University awarded Metro and 1000 Friends of Oregon its inaugural [Oregon Innovation Award](#) to help develop a public engagement approach to better reach underrepresented communities. The award aims to improve Metro’s public engagement approach by focusing on how to reach communities in the region who historically have not been adequately represented in the decision-making process. The entire model is designed to be co-created with community leaders and be replicable by other public and nonprofit organizations.
- Metro’s Planning and Development department undertook a research project to summarize feedback from communities of color on transportation planning and project development from July 2015 through February 2016. While not an RTP-specific engagement activity, the research helped gain insight into how Metro can more effectively communicate with communities of color through our website pages, engagement materials and other platforms during the 2018 RTP update.

In September 2015, Metro staff hosted an [online “quick poll”](#) to get feedback on the region’s top transportation issues. The two main questions were designed to identify which transportation issues most impact quality of life and what Metro should consider when developing the 2018 RTP. More than 1,800 people submitted responses to the poll. The top three transportation issues identified were safety, traffic congestion and maintenance of the existing system.
- In December 2015, the Metro Council formally adopted the work plan and public engagement plan for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan update after review and input from the regional technical and policy advisory committees.

2016 engagement activities

- As part of Metro’s Regional Snapshot Series, several national leaders were brought in to host discussions on a variety of topics, including transportation safety, funding coalitions, affordability and livable communities.

- In January 2016, Metro staff developed an [online survey](#) focused on emerging trends, challenges and opportunities. Participants were asked questions on transportation trends and challenges, ways to measure performance and ways to measure performance as it relates to social equity outcomes.
 - 5,746 people participated in the survey. The top answers that participants indicated were the emerging trends that will most affect the future of travel were disaster preparedness, travel demand and population growth.
 - Participants' top three answers for how we've created the best transportation system were more frequent transit; people spend less time in traffic; and housing and transportation costs are manageable for households of all incomes.
 - Participants' top three answers for considering social equity in the context of the transportation system were housing and transportation costs are manageable for households of all incomes; more frequent and flexible transit services; and it's easier for older people and people of color, with low incomes or living with disabilities to access stores and services.
- On April 22, 2016, the Metro Council hosted [Regional Leadership Forum #1: Exploring Big Ideas for Our Transportation Future](#). The forum brought together more than 60 leaders from across the Portland metropolitan area to begin shaping a bold vision for the future of travel in the region. City, county, regional and state policymakers and business and community leaders offered their views on current big issues around transportation, emerging big trends that will affect future travel and big solutions that can come from an RTP update. Six takeaways from the forum included:
 - our region is growing and changing and so is the world around us;
 - the region's transportation system is a shared experience and a shared responsibility;
 - we need to define a bold vision for the future of transportation and the role it should play in our communities
 - our transportation system must be inclusive and benefit all families, communities and our economy;
 - technology and data will be transformational and are key to a bold vision; and
 - we need partnerships and leadership to create a great future.
- As part of Metro's Regional Snapshot Series, this [snapshot](#) focused on transportation and how the Portland region gets around. The snapshot highlighted how the region's growing population is affecting the transportation system, growing congestion and its effect on buses, truck freight and individual drivers and how people that need inexpensive transportation options often have the least access to them.
- In June 2016, in partnership with Metro's DEI program, staff held 8 discussion groups with communities of color and youth to review actions and priorities identified in the racial equity strategy. The discussions (documented in the [final report](#)) helped inform the transportation equity analysis and identification of transportation needs and priority outcomes that should be considered during development of the 2018 RTP.
- In August 2016, Metro staff developed an online survey focused on gathering input from communities of color to ensure that Metro heard from people with a broad range of experiences in our region. The results helped inform the transportation equity analysis for the RTP. You can read this report in [Appendix E](#).

- On Sept. 23, 2016, the Metro Council hosted [Regional Leadership Forum #2: Building the Future We Want](#). The forum brought together more than 70 leaders and 80 stakeholders from across the Portland metropolitan region to discuss the role of technology in our transportation system and to learn about successful transportation funding campaigns in Los Angeles, the Bay Area and Seattle. Five takeaways from the forum included:
 - technology and data are tools, not solutions;
 - we need to keep people and goods connected and moving with smart investments and measurable results;
 - we must take steps to strengthen public confidence and demonstrate the benefits of transportation investments;
 - coalitions need strong leadership and leaders need strong coalitions; and
 - people will help support what they help create.
- On Dec. 2, 2016, the Metro Council convened [Regional Leadership Forum #3: Connecting our Priorities to our Vision](#). The forum brought together nearly 60 city, county, regional and state policymakers, business and community leaders to offer their views on a shared vision for the region's transportation future, the current funding landscape on the federal and state level, priority challenges to address in the next 10 years and beyond and building a path to future funding. Six takeaways from the forum included:
 - everything is intrinsically tied together – congestion relief can't be achieved without safer streets;
 - better transit and fixing aging infrastructure;
 - we need to develop an equitable, inclusive transportation system;
 - we need to focus on funding first;
 - we need a big vision with specific projects that show how everyone will benefit from the region's transportation package;
 - we need to build a coalition, with new and diverse voices, to make their visions a reality;
 - and we need to engage communities in the process, build trust and be accountable to those we represent.

2017 engagement activities

- In March 2017, Metro hosted an [online comment opportunity](#) focused on investment priorities and funding. Participants were asked questions on which investments should be prioritized and if the region should increase its funding levels or reduce planned investments.
 - 2,640 people participated in the survey.
 - Participants' top three answers for which investments should be prioritized first were maintenance, safety and biking and walking projects.
 - Nearly two thirds of participants articulated that the region needs more transportation funding to expand and maintain our system of roads, bridges, transit, bikeways and sidewalks.
- In May 2017, staff partnered with the DEI program to hold two discussion groups with communities of color on hiring practices and priorities related to department specific racial equity plans for the Planning and Development department.
- As part of Metro's Regional Snapshot Series, the June 2017 Transportation [snapshot](#) gave an update on how our growing region is impacting the transportation system and how we plan to

invest in it moving forward. The snapshot highlighted how previous generations' transportation investments still leave an imprint on the present system, our rapidly growing region and how planned investments for the future should benefit everyone in the region.

2018 engagement activities

- On Jan. 19, 2018, Metro hosted a [community leaders' forum](#), bringing together community leaders focused on social equity, environmental justice, labor fairness and community engagement. Invitees included community representatives on MPAC, Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC), MTAC and TPAC, as well as previous participants in RTP regional leadership forums and those involved in discussions about an affordable housing measure. More than 90 community leaders were invited, and 23 leaders participated to learn about the current status of the RTP update, engage on the analysis of the draft project lists, understand priorities and tradeoffs and work together to determine the most important messages to the Metro Council.
- In January 2018, Metro staff developed an [online survey](#) that asked participants how they would prioritize outcomes and rate strategies to achieve those outcomes.
 - 2,900 people participated in the survey, providing over 10,000 comments.
 - One overarching theme heard throughout the engagement period is the plan is falling short in accomplishing the outcomes our region wants to see. People want investments in better street design to improve safety, more frequent MAX and bus service to address system reliability, and better walk and bike connections to have more travel options for going to work, school or shopping. Metro staff also heard that more investment in freight is needed to reliably and safely get goods to market.
 - Another theme heard is direction to focus investments equitably to ensure that communities of color and other historically marginalized communities don't continue to fall behind the rest of our region.
- On March 2, 2018, the Metro Council hosted [Regional Leadership Forum #4: Finalizing our shared plan for the region](#). The forum brought together over 100 city, county, and regional policymakers and business and community leaders to share their views on: priorities to address in the next 10 years and beyond; opportunities for aligning investments with priorities as draft project lists are refined by jurisdictions and building a shared path forward. Seven takeaways from the forum included:
 - we can make more near-term progress on key regional priorities – equity, safety, travel options, Climate Smart Strategy implementation and congestion;
 - this is an opportunity to reduce disparities and barriers that exist for historically marginalized communities;
 - prioritize projects that focus on safety in high injury corridors; accelerate transit service expansion;
 - tackle congestion and manage travel demand;
 - prioritize completion of biking and walking network gaps; and
 - we must continue to build public trust through inclusive engagement, transparency and accountability.

- On June 27, 2018, Metro hosted a [community leaders' forum](#), bringing together community leaders focused on social equity, environmental justice, labor fairness and community engagement. Invitees included community representatives on MPAC, Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC), MTAC and TPAC, as well as previous participants in RTP regional leadership forums and those involved in discussions about an affordable housing measure. More than 90 community leaders were invited, and 24 leaders participated to learn about the current status of the RTP update, provide feedback on the public engagement guide, understand the draft process for developing the potential future funding measure and activate their communities to provide feedback during the last comment period.

Final public comment period, hearings and notifications

A final 45-day public comment period was held from Friday, June 29 to Monday, August 13, 2018. Comments were received through September 6. A summary of engagement activities follows.

- **Notifications and notices** – Public notices of the comment period were provided to local neighborhood involvement and community outreach offices and community planning organizations in Washington County. Notices were published in the Portland Tribune, Gresham Outlook, Beaverton Valley Times, Tigard Times, Clackamas Review and on the Metro website. Notifications were sent to the RTP interested persons list (nearly 1,900 people) in addition to Metro's four regional advisory committees, their respective interested parties and seven technical work groups that were convened to support development of the draft RTP and strategies. Partner agencies and community and business organizations engaged throughout the RTP update posted notifications of the comment period through E-newsletters and other methods to inform their members and interested parties of the comment opportunity.
- **Online survey and public review draft materials** – An online survey, an interactive map of the draft projects and public review drafts of the 2018 RTP, project lists, appendices and four strategies were posted on the 2018 RTP web page at www.oregonmetro.gov/rtp. Members of the public, regional advisory committees, partner agencies and other interested parties were invited to comment on the draft materials. More than 200 emails and 50 letters were received proposing specific changes to the draft RTP and strategies. Nearly 900 people responded to the online survey. The emails, letters and verbatim responses to the online survey are included in the final public comment report.
- **Public hearings** – The Metro Council held a public hearing on August 2 and received testimony from 7 community members. The closed caption transcript of hearing testimony is included in the final public comment report. Two additional public hearings were held on November 6 and December.
- **Consultation** – Metro staff invited four Native American Tribes and several federal, state and local resource, wildlife, land management and regulatory agencies to consult on the public review draft RTP and strategies in accordance with [23 CFR 450.316](#). Metro convened four separate consultation meetings on August 6, 14 and 21 and September 6. The consultation meetings were also used to seek feedback on timing and best practices for future consultation efforts. Summaries of all consultation meetings are included in the final public comment report.

A [final public comment report](#) and [appendices to the public comment report](#) documenting all comments received were provided to the Metro Council and regional advisory committees to inform their final deliberations.

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