

Regional Transportation Funding Task Force | Charge

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We've worked for decades to create a transportation system that works for greater Portland, and been recognized the world over for our success. Yet as our growing communities grapple with congestion, cost of life, and climate change, we can't rest on these laurels any longer. Our region needs a systemic and equitable transportation action plan to make getting around easier, safer and more affordable – no matter where we live, who we are or how we travel.

This is our moment. There are many perspectives about solutions to our challenges, but we know we must work together. The Metro Council is working with partners and the community to create a transportation action plan for greater Portland, and shaping a potential 2020 regional investment measure to make it a reality. Instead of a piecemeal project list, this plan will focus on comprehensive investments in key travel corridors – the roads and transit routes tens of thousands of us depend on daily to get to work and school and home again.

As a member of the Metro Council's Transportation Funding Task Force, you and fellow community leaders will advise the Metro Council on this work, including these questions:

- The Metro Council has identified objectives and outcomes that the measure should advance. Are there additional objectives and outcomes that should be considered?
- What metrics should be used to measure our impact?
- The Metro Council has identified candidate corridors that could be considered for investment. Are there other places that the Metro Council should also consider?
- Based on identified objectives and outcomes, what criteria should the Metro Council use to prioritize these corridors and potential investments for inclusion in a regional investment measure?
- What programs to support this vision should the Metro Council consider for an investment measure?
- What revenue mechanisms should the Metro Council consider for these investments?
- What accountability and oversight measures should the Metro Council consider?

These are serious questions. To answer them, the Task Force will rely on honest, solutions-focused dialogue. You will represent the needs and interests of your constituency and community by sharing the Task Force's deliberations regularly with those you work with and represent, and by receiving their input to guide you in these deliberations.

By early 2020, the Task Force will be asked to make a final investment measure recommendation to the Metro Council. We hope every member of the Task Force can wholeheartedly support this recommendation.

Together, we can improve the lives of millions of people, moving forward to create the transportation system that serves our residents' needs for generations to come. Let's get moving.

Sincerely,
Metro Council President
Lynn Peterson