

REGIONAL MOBILITY POLICY

Summary of input from historically marginalized communities on transportation priorities for greater Portland

Introduction

The engagement processes for the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and more recently the development of the Transportation funding measure, have been guided by [Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#). Both processes were anchored by engagement with communities and leaders from around the region and included specific strategies for engaging communities of color to ensure that marginalized voices and experiences shape the plans. This document summarizes input received from historically marginalized communities¹ through the 2018 RTP update, Transportation funding measure (Get Moving 2020) and Regional Mobility Policy Update scoping processes.

The importance of the input from historically marginalized communities was underscored by interviews with practitioners as part of the Regional Mobility Policy Update scoping process. Practitioners voiced universal support for striving for a more equitable transportation system, one that provides for all modes, ensuring transportation options that at a basic level allows people to access the people, places and things they need to thrive. They encouraged the project team to seek input from communities of color, people with low-incomes, people with disabilities and other underserved communities to define an equitable transportation system.

A regional mobility policy that advances an equitable transportation system will respond to the needs and priorities of greater Portland's historically marginalized communities. Metro defines equity as when, "race can no longer be used to predict life outcomes and outcomes for all groups are improved." Metro recognizes that by addressing the barriers experienced by Black, Indigenous and other communities of color and advancing racial equity, we will create a stronger Portland region for everyone.

¹ Groups who have been denied access and/or suffered past institutional discrimination in the United States. This includes people who are Black, Indigenous, multi-racial, and people of color, people who may speak a language other than English, people with low-income, youth, older adults, and people with disabilities, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services. –2018 Regional Transportation Plan.

Summary of community input

Community input themes	Community engagement activity where theme was emphasized
EQUITY.	
Focus on people and address racial, social and economic disparities and historic disinvestment and transportation decisions that have harmed communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 1 (May 25, 2016) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 3 (Dec. 2, 2016) • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Work Group Meetings and Evaluation (2016-18) • Transportation and Equity online questionnaire (Jan. – Feb. 2016) • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Evaluation • Get Moving 2020 Local Investment Teams • Get Moving 2020 community workshops
ACCESS. Increase access for underserved communities to...	
Travel options, including a variety of modes. ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro discussion groups (2015) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 1 (May 25, 2016)
A well-connected, integrated and seamless transportation system with a variety of travel options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 2 (Sept. 23, 2016)
Family wage jobs, education, and other community places. ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018)

² In some communities, multimodal infrastructure and “active transportation” are associated with gentrification. Historically marginalized communities need to have meaningful opportunities to provide input on the types of multimodal infrastructure that meet their transportation needs.

³ The 2018 RTP defines community places as: Key local destinations such as schools, libraries, grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals and other medical facilities, general stores, and other places which provide key services and/ or daily needs.

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Quality transit service, including fast, frequent and reliable transit service for all types of trips (including at off-peak travel times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Work Group Meetings and Evaluation (2016-18) • Transportation and Equity online questionnaire (Jan. – Feb. 2016)
Affordable transportation options, especially more affordable transit that connects people to the places and things they need to thrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leaders’ forum addressing RMP (August 2, 2019) • Oregon Metro transportation priorities survey (January 2019)
Accessible, reliable and convenient transportation options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated Community forums (April 2019) • Transportation Investment Measure Online Survey (Emerging trends across corridor comments) (Spring 2019) • Metro Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) meeting discussion on Get Moving 2020 (February 20, 2020)
Universally-designed transportation infrastructure and services that serves everyone, including people with disabilities and a growing aging population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Moving 2020 community workshops (Spring 2020) • Regional Mobility Policy Stakeholder Interviews (Oct. 2019)
Technology and data are tools, not solutions. Harness emerging technology for the connectivity and efficiencies while ensuring that it doesn’t make existing problems worse or leave some communities behind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 1 (May 25, 2016) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 2 (Sept. 23, 2016)
SAFETY. Improve safety and security on streets and roadways with...	
Connected and separated walking and biking infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Discussion groups (2015) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 4 (March 2, 2018)
Better conditions for walking and biking, including adequate street lighting, protected crossings and crossing signals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018)

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Street designs that slow traffic and make streets safe, comfortable, and efficient places for people to travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Work Group Meetings and Evaluation (2016-18) • Coordinated Community forums (April 2019) • Transportation Investment Measure Online Survey (ranked safety the highest) (Spring 2019) • Oregon Metro transportation priorities survey (January 2019)
PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. Increase opportunities for physical activity and reduce the impacts of transportation on....	
Climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Investment Measure Online Survey (Emerging trends across corridor comments) (Spring 2019) • Transportation Task Force (Get Moving 2020) • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • Regional Mobility Policy Stakeholder Interviews (Oct. 2019)
Air, water and noise pollution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • Transportation and Equity online questionnaire (Jan. – Feb. 2016) • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Work Group Meetings and Evaluation (2016-18)
VIBRANT COMMUNITIES. Support land use and housing goals of each community and the greater region with...	
Investments in communities underserved by the current transportation system while protecting against involuntary displacement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 4 (March 2, 2018)

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<p>Transportation investments that are coordinated with existing and planned community services, local businesses, economic opportunities and housing that is affordable to a range of incomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 4 (March 2, 2018) • Community leaders' forum addressing RMP (August 2, 2019) • 2018 RTP Transportation Equity Work Group Meetings and Evaluation (2016-18) • Coordinated Community forums (April 2019) • 2018 RTP Regional Leadership Forum 1 (May 25, 2016)
<p>Transportation investments that are context sensitive, contribute to a sense of place, support community identity, and enhance the attractiveness of the urban environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Periods (Winter 2016, April 2018) • Get Moving 2020 Local Investment Teams