



2023 Regional Transportation Plan

Summary of public survey #1: Vision and goals

Metro hosted an online public survey from February 14 to April 4, 2022, during the scoping phase of the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The survey collected input from 1,372 participants. This is a high-level summary of the input received on the vision and goals.

Vision

The 2018 RTP vision continues to be aligned with many people’s vision for the future of transportation in the greater Portland region.

Vision: Everyone in the Portland metropolitan region will share in a prosperous, equitable economy and exceptional quality of life sustained by a safe, reliable, healthy, and affordable transportation system with travel options.

Most survey respondents (65% people) indicated that the 2018 RTP vision matches their vision for transportation well or very well. Twenty percent (20%) of respondents indicated that the vision does not or does not very well match their vision. The most frequent comments made about the vision were related to:

- **Elevating addressing the climate impacts of transportation** (30 comments)
- **The vision being too vague or all-encompassing to be effective** (26 comments)

Goals

People are supportive of the all RTP goals indicating that they remain important goals for the region.¹

2023 RTP Goals

1. **Vibrant communities**
2. **Shared prosperity**
3. **Transportation choices**

4. **Reliability and efficiency**
5. **Safety and security**
6. **Healthy environment**
7. **Healthy people**
8. **Climate leadership**
9. **Equitable transportation**

There is especially high support for:

- **Safety and security** (84% of respondents rated important)
- **Healthy environment** (81% of respondents rated important)
- **Vibrant communities** (78% of respondents rated important)

However, most people think **the region is *not* making good progress on achieving the goals.**

Safety and security are a top concern. It was the most important goal to the highest number of survey respondents. **The region is also performing the lowest on safety and security, according to survey respondents.** Sixty-nine (69%) of respondents indicated that greater Portland is not doing very well toward meeting this goal.

Most of the more than 100 survey comments about safety and security focused on traffic safety including crashes and driving behavior.

“I think about safety for our kids who have to walk on the sides of the roads because our streets don't have sidewalks, or how I'm forced to use my vehicle out of the safety of my kids because I don't want us to get hit while walking half a mile to our destination.”

– Survey participant

¹ The survey did not include the two process goals: fiscal stewardship and transparency and accountability.

These comments most often referred to concerns about **speed, lack of enforcement and the vulnerability of people walking, biking and living near roadways.**

Commenters also voiced concerns about safety on transit and in public spaces related to crime and violence. There were several comments that requested a distinction be made between the security of goods and the safety of people. Respondents also indicated that **the region is not making good progress toward meeting the following goals:**

- **Shared prosperity** (58% indicated that we are not doing very well)
- **Vibrant communities** (58% indicated that we are not doing very well)
- **Climate leadership** (58% indicated that we are not doing very well)
- **Equitable transportation** (56% indicated that we are not doing very well)

Respondents indicated that the **region is doing ok on:**

- **Reliability and efficiency** (52% indicated that we are not doing very well)
- **Transportation choices** (48% indicated that we are not doing very well)
- **Healthy environment** (48% indicated that we are not doing very well)

The survey asked **how transportation in greater Portland could be more equitable.** There were 502 comments. Some of the themes include:

- Affordable transit
- Increase transit accessibility
- Increase transportation choices
- Involve communities experiencing inequities in decision-making
- Equitable funding sources for transportation

Additional analysis of the equity responses is forthcoming.

Survey participants

The survey was provided in English, Spanish and a screen-reader accessible version. Upcoming 2023 RTP surveys will be bolstered by outreach through community liaisons with the goal of increasing participation in under-represented communities. Groups that are underrepresented in respondent information by 4 percent or more are indicated **in red.**

Table 1. County of residence (1,066 respondents)

County	Survey Percent	2020 Census
Clackamas	17%	19%
Multnomah	58%	47%
Washington	24%	34%
Clark	1%	--
Other	17.1%	

Table 2. Race/ethnic identity (1,066 respondents)

Racial or ethnic identity	Survey Percent*	2020 census
American Indian/Native American or Alaska Native	2%	3%
Asian or Asian American	4%	11%
Black or African American	3%	5%
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin	5%	14%
Pacific Islander	1%	1%
White	74%	66%
Other	3%	--
An ethnicity not included here	4%	--
Prefer not to answer	12%	--

* Participants could select as many race/ethnicity identities as applicable. Therefore, the total is greater than 100%.

Table 3. Income (1,024 respondents)

Annual household income	Survey Percent*	2020 census
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2%	5%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2%	6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3%	7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4%	14%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7%	17%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	15%	13%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14%	19%
\$150,000 or more	19%	20%
Don't know/prefer not to answer	19%	--