



# 2023 Regional Transportation Plan

*Every five years, Metro brings together communities across the greater Portland region to update the region’s shared vision and investment strategy for transportation. The Regional Transportation Plan is the blueprint that guides investments in all forms of travel throughout greater Portland—driving, taking transit, biking and walking—and the movement of goods and services. This plan update will be completed by December 2023.*

## Why plan?

How people get around shapes their communities and everyday lives. The economic prosperity and quality of life in greater Portland depend on a transportation system that provides every person and business with access to safe, reliable and affordable ways to get around.

The Regional Transportation Plan coordinates long-range transportation planning in the Portland metropolitan area. It is required by the State of Oregon and the Federal Government and it is an opportunity for all levels of government to work together to deliver a better transportation future for the greater Portland region.

## Draft vision and goals

The 2023 Regional Transportation Plan is guided by a draft vision and five goals that have been shaped by public input and decision-makers.

## Vision

Everyone in the greater Portland region will have safe, reliable, affordable, efficient, and climate-friendly travel options that allow people to choose to drive less and that support equitable, resilient, healthy and economically vibrant communities and region.

## Equitable transportation

Transportation system disparities experienced by Black, Indigenous and people of color and people with low incomes, are eliminated. The disproportionate barriers people of color, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, older adults, youth and other marginalized communities face in meeting their travel needs are removed.

## Climate action and resilience

People, communities and ecosystems are protected, healthier and more resilient and carbon emissions and other pollution are substantially reduced as more people travel by

transit, walking and bicycling and people travel shorter distances to get where they need to go.

## Thriving economy

Centers, ports, industrial areas, employment areas and other regional destinations are accessible through a variety of multimodal connections that help people, communities, and businesses thrive and prosper.

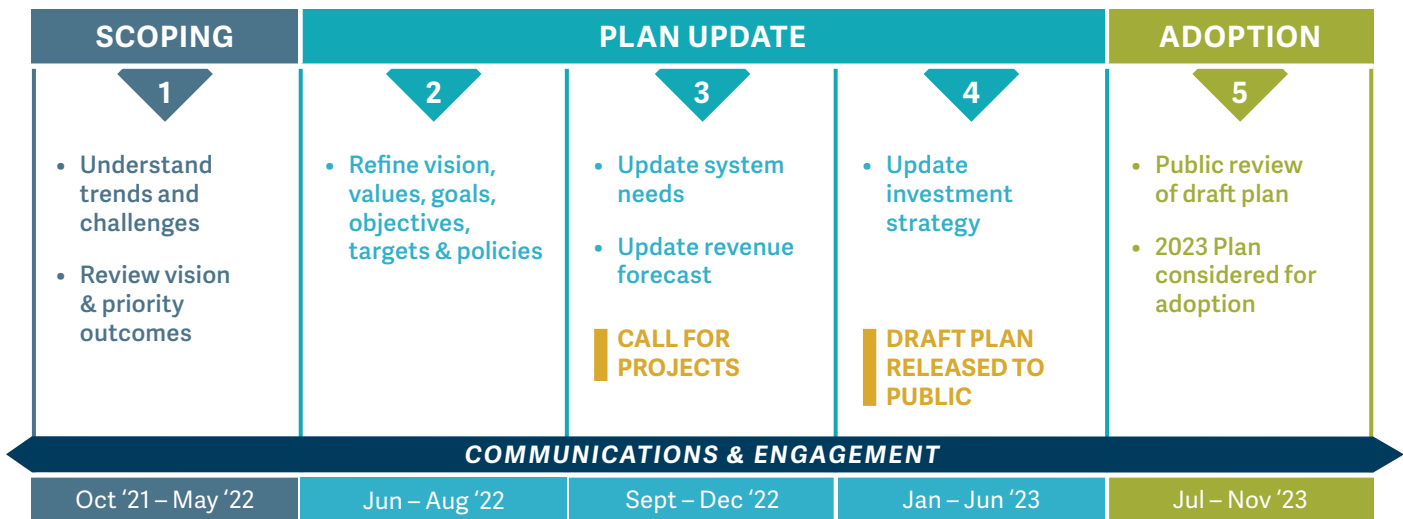
## Safe system

Traffic deaths and serious crashes are eliminated and all people are safe and secure when traveling in the region.

## Mobility options

People and businesses can reach the jobs, goods, services and opportunities they need by well-connected, low-carbon travel options that are safe, affordable, convenient, reliable, efficient, accessible, and welcoming.

## 2023 Regional Transportation Plan timeline



Regional Transportation Plan decisions are made together by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Metro Council. The update must be completed by December 6, 2023.

To achieve the vision and goals, the region needs to work together to address these key questions:

1. What do we need most from our transportation system – today and in the future?
2. How do we pay for new projects while taking care of our existing roads, bridges, bikeways, sidewalks and transit services?
3. How do we make progress toward shared climate, safety, equity, mobility and economic goals?

### What is in the plan?

The plan identifies urgent and long-term transportation needs, investments to meet those needs and the funds the region expects to have available over the next two decades.

The policies in the Regional Transportation Plan provide guidance for transportation providers that design and manage roadways, transit and trails. These agencies include cities, counties, the Oregon Department of Transportation, transit agencies and the Port of Portland. This guidance is informed by research, community

engagement, technical analysis, and Federal and State regulations.

New and updated strategies and policies being developed for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan include:

- [Climate Smart Strategy](#)
- [High Capacity Transit Strategy](#)
- [Regional Mobility Policy](#)
- [Regional Pricing Policy](#)

The Regional Transportation Plan also includes an investment strategy, often called the project list, that identifies major local, regional and state transportation investment priorities for the next 20+ years. This list will include investments such as transit, sidewalk, bridge, bikeway and roadway projects as well as transit service and road maintenance and operations. Among these projects, some will be prioritized for funding within the next seven years (by 2030).

A financial plan in the Regional Transportation Plan identifies how the region will pay for transportation investments.

**Transportation planning is about more than deciding where to build and operate roads, transit, sidewalks and bikeways. It is about connecting people with their families and friends and to schools, jobs, parks and other important places, no matter where a person lives or where they are going.**

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