



2024 growth management decision

Greater Portland is growing. How do we want to grow?

Metro manages the urban growth boundary under Oregon law and works with residents, elected leaders, community groups and researchers to plan for future population growth.

Oregonians believe in a better way to balance growth and urban sprawl. As families grow, people move here and businesses create jobs, greater Portland’s urban growth boundary provides room for development while also making new growth as efficient as possible. It protects high-quality farmland, forests and natural habitats.

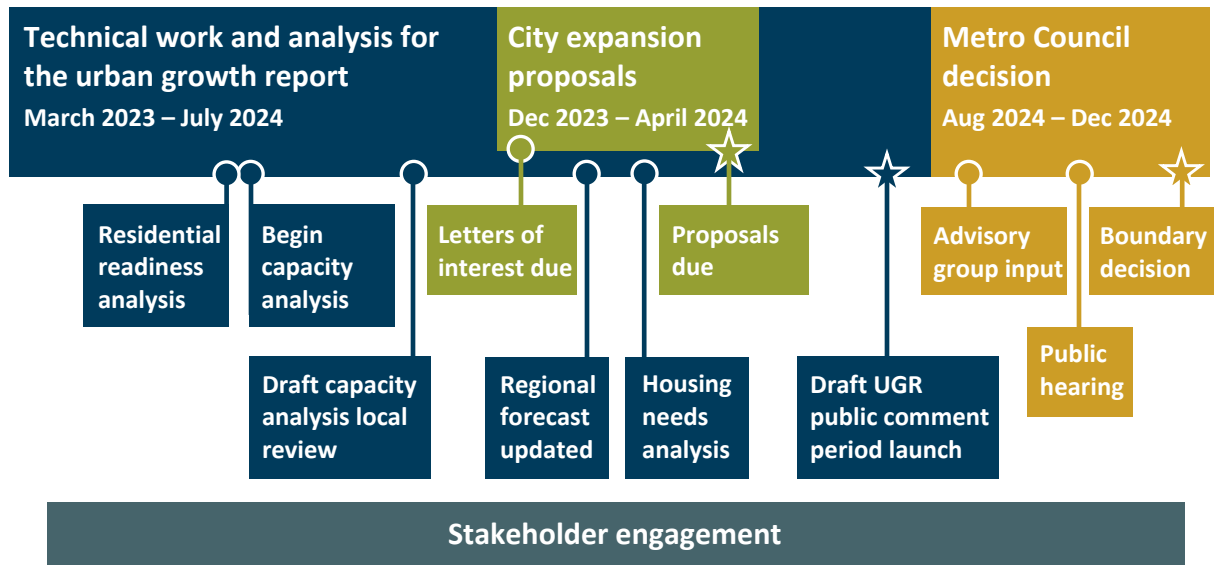
By focusing development in areas that have available and appropriate land within the boundary, it helps stretch limited public dollars that build and maintain the streets, pipes, schools and parks that every community needs.



Every six years, Metro assesses the land supply within the growth boundary to determine whether it is sufficient to meet 20 years of forecasted job and household growth. The land inventory must include vacant land as well as land that may provide redevelopment or infill opportunities.

If needed, Metro adjusts the boundary to add areas that are part of designated urban reserves and have commitments and concept plans from an adjacent city. The focus on city proposals and readiness helps ensure that any land added to the boundary has a clear path to development.

2024 growth management timeline



Urban growth management committees

DECIDE AND ADOPT

Metro Council

- 🎯 Makes urban growth management decisions every six years based on information from residents, elected leaders, community groups and researchers.
- 👤 Metro Council President is elected regionwide; Metro Councilors elected by residents of six council districts.
- 🕒 Convenes for weekly public work sessions and meetings; a public hearing will be held before the urban growth management decision.

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ADVISE AND RECOMMEND

CORE, Committee on Racial Equity

- 🎯 Advises the Metro Council on strategies to advance racial equity across Metro's work areas
- 👤 Appointed by the Metro Council.
- 🕒 Convenes for monthly public meetings.

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MPAC, Metro Policy Advisory Committee

- 🎯 Advises the Metro Council on land use issues, including the urban growth boundary.
- 👤 Established by the Metro Charter; 21 voting members represent cities, counties, special districts and the public, and six non-voting members; three Metro Councilors also participate as non-voting liaisons.
- 🕒 Convenes for monthly public meetings.

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ADVISE AND PROVIDE A RANGE OF PERSPECTIVES

MTAC, Metro Technical Advisory Committee

- 🎯 Provides technical feedback to MPAC on regional land use issues including the urban growth boundary.
- 👤 Established by the Metro Charter, with 35 members comprising planners, residents and business representatives.
- 🕒 Convenes for monthly public meetings.

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Land use technical advisory group

- 🎯 Provides Metro staff with technical advice on the 2024 Urban Growth Report methods and analysis, with a particular focus on estimates of housing and job capacity based on local knowledge.
- 👤 Comprises local land use planners from jurisdictions within the Metro jurisdictional boundary and other technical experts from interested organizations.
- 🕒 Convenes as needed, fall 2023 through spring 2024.

Stakeholder roundtable

- 🎯 Members contribute perspectives to the content of the 2024 Urban Growth Report.
- 👤 Range of stakeholders representing a variety of industries and work or live in different parts of the region.
- 🕒 Convenes for monthly public meetings, fall 2023 through spring 2024.

Youth cohort

- 🎯 Members learn about regional urban growth management in Oregon and how to participate in decision-making.
- 👤 Comprises 15 young people from across the region, ages 14 to 25.
- 🕒 Convenes for eight meetings, fall 2023 through fall 2024.