



Transit planning in the greater Portland region

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Get on board!

The greater Portland region is planning for more shuttles, vanpools and on-demand transit. As the region grows, more people will need transit service that gets them where they need to go quickly, conveniently and reliably. Learn more about the work underway and how you can get involved.

Metro Community Connectors Study

Metro is studying how flexible transit options, called community connectors, can enhance transit access and create a more equitable and efficient network. Community connector transit typically uses smaller vehicles (think shuttles or vans) and could be used to provide flexible shuttle services, low-cost vanpool services or on-demand rides. Metro and regional partners will be working with community organizations and members, mobility and business groups, educational institutions and tribal governments to rethink the vision for transit in the region with community connectors. Public feedback will be incorporated throughout the process, but is mainly taking place in early to mid-2025.

[Learn more](#)



Community Connectors help connect people to essential destinations that are not currently served by other transit lines.



The Washington County TDP Update includes community connector programs that offer both fixed-route and door-to-door service. Image courtesy of Washington County.

Washington County Transit Development Plan (TDP) update

The Washington County TDP outlines future transit investments and coordination strategies for transit service in Washington County. The update will outline service improvements for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Priority programs include deviated fixed-route community connector shuttles, door-to-door rides for rural residential and employment areas, stop infrastructure improvements and improved interregional coordination with state and regional transit providers. Engagement conducted in summer 2024 will inform plan development through early 2025.

[Learn more](#)

Metro Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan strategy

Metro is developing a 10-year regional TDM strategy to enhance access to transportation programs and services and promote walking, biking, transit and ride-sharing. This strategy will build on existing TDM efforts to support regional goals for mobility, climate and safety, and will include an update to the Regional Travel Options program strategy. Public outreach and engagement will occur from fall 2024 to fall 2025, with the final strategy and updates set for implementation starting January 2026.

[Learn more](#)



TriMet's Forward Together 2.0 plan provides a transit vision that serves regional equity, climate action and resiliency goals.



Metro's TDM plan strategy encourages people to walk, bike, roll, use transit and ride-share, aiming to maximize the efficiency of the region's transportation system.

TriMet Forward Together 2.0

TriMet is launching Forward Together 2.0, an ambitious 20-year plan that builds off the 2021 initiative of Forward Together 1.0. This financially-unconstrained transit vision will address major transit needs, advance regional goals and position transit as the backbone of the transportation system. Forward Together 2.0 aims to serve regional goals around equity, climate action and resiliency. This new initiative is the result of engagement with jurisdictional partners, rigorous technical modeling and extensive analysis designed to better understand which transit investments have the greatest potential to attract new riders by 2045. While this work launched in 2023, the process will continue with public engagement with the vision in fall 2025.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming events and community engagement schedule

2024 - 2026 TRANSIT PLANNING IN THE GREATER PORTLAND REGION

Project	Details	2024				2025				2026			
		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Metro Community Connectors Study	Planning context, challenges and opportunities												
	Policy framework												
	Network assessment												
	Actions and report												
Washington County TDP Update	Develop draft investment priorities												
	Online open house and survey												
	Plan development												
	Plan adoption and approval												
Metro TDM Plan Strategy	Regional TDM needs assessment												
	Regional TDM strategy												
	Regional TDM strategy adopted												
TriMet Forward Together 2.0	Develop draft long term MAX and bus service plan												
	Refine plan and develop implementation strategy												

= Public engagement opportunity