



RDPO
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Metro

REGIONAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION ROUTES PHASE II

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 1 | MARCH 10, 2025



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



AGENDA



Welcome &
Introductions



Project
Background



Approach &
Timeline



Breakout
Groups



Report Back



Wrap-Up & Next
Steps

Workshop #1 Objectives

- Introduce the project
- Bring together a broader audience representing more disciplines than we have at our project work group (transportation planning & emergency management)
 - Fire / Emergency Medical Services
 - Law Enforcement
 - Public works / Utilities
- Gather input that will inform development of a methodology for tiering/prioritizing Regional Emergency Transportation Routes to share at 2nd workshop in June



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Emergency Transportation Routes

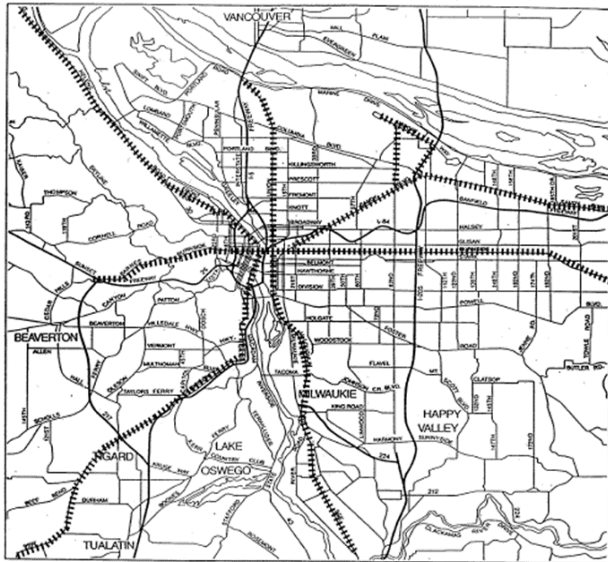
ETRs are priority surface roads targeted during an emergency for:

- rapid damage assessment
- debris clearance or repair
- life-saving and life-sustaining response activities

An ETR designation may also factor into long term maintenance and investment decisions.

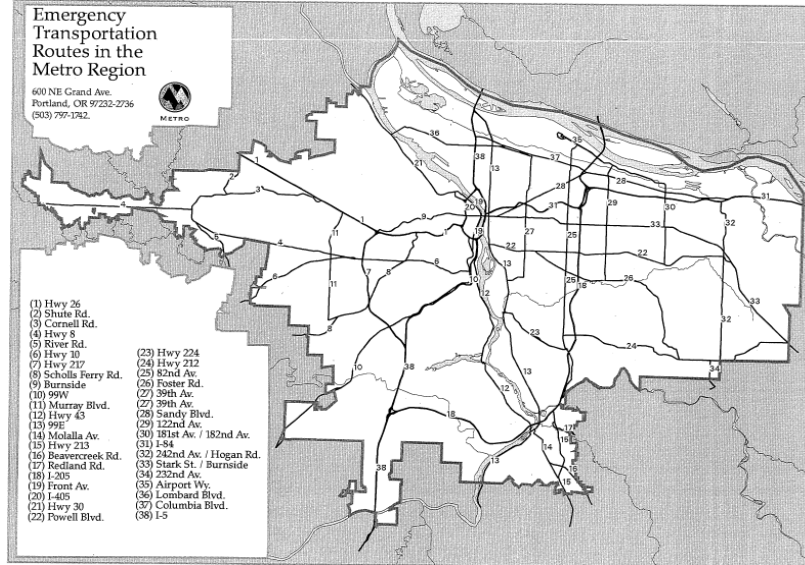
Brief History

Designated Emergency Lifeline Corridors (1994)



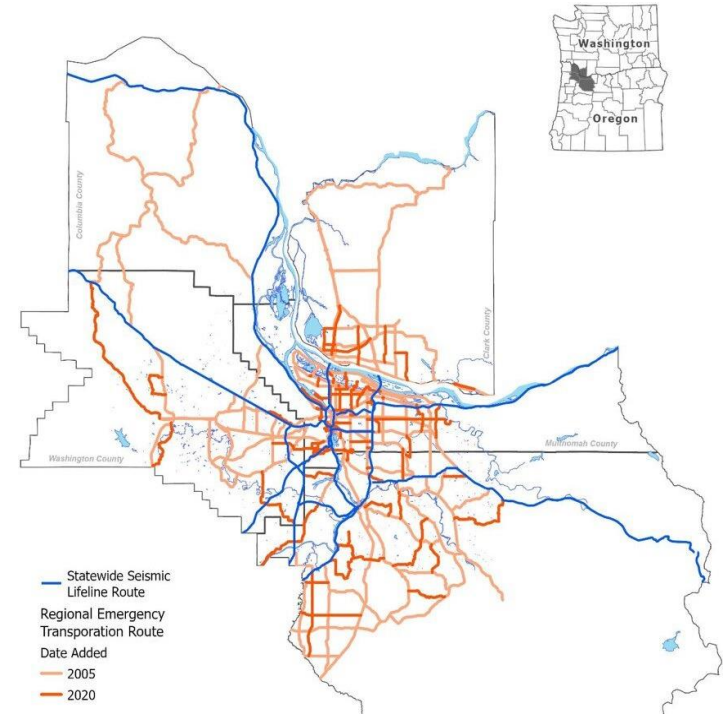
- 3 counties
- 6 routes identified
- Mainly N/S, E/W

Emergency Transportation Routes (1996)



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- First ETRs
- Relatively simple criteria – flat, state owned, low land slide potential

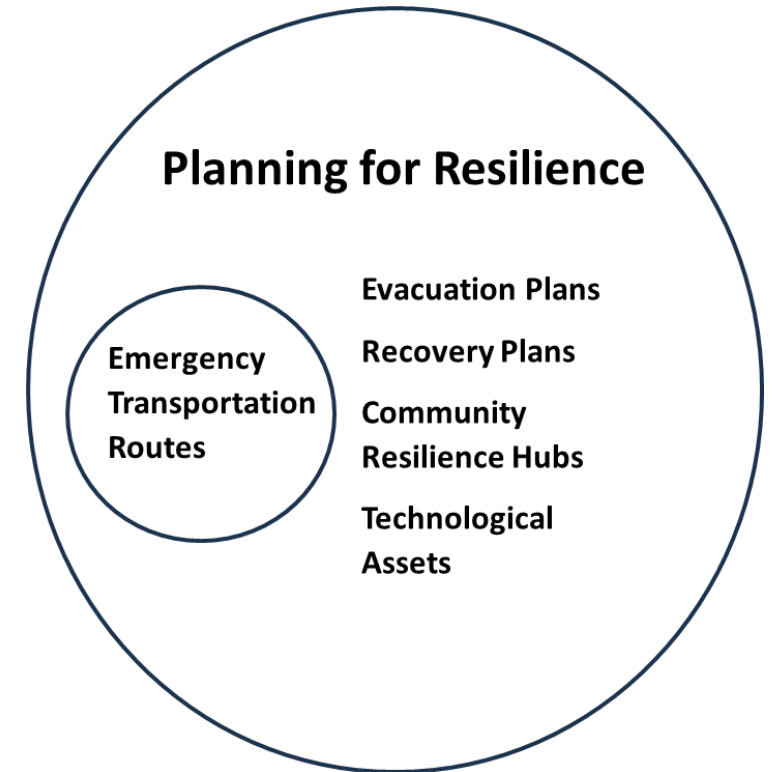
RETRs (2021)



- Expanded to 5 counties
- Considered connectivity & access, route resilience, community & equity

ETR Project Overview

- Joint Metro and RDPO led effort
- Phase 1 work (2019 – 2021) updated the network in 5-county region
- Phase 2 work (2024 – 2026) prioritize and tier network routes (called out in Metro's RTP chapter 8)
 - Data review and assessment
 - Workshops and engagement
 - Develop and apply methodology
- Out of scope - evacuation or recovery planning, establishing operational guidelines, funding decision



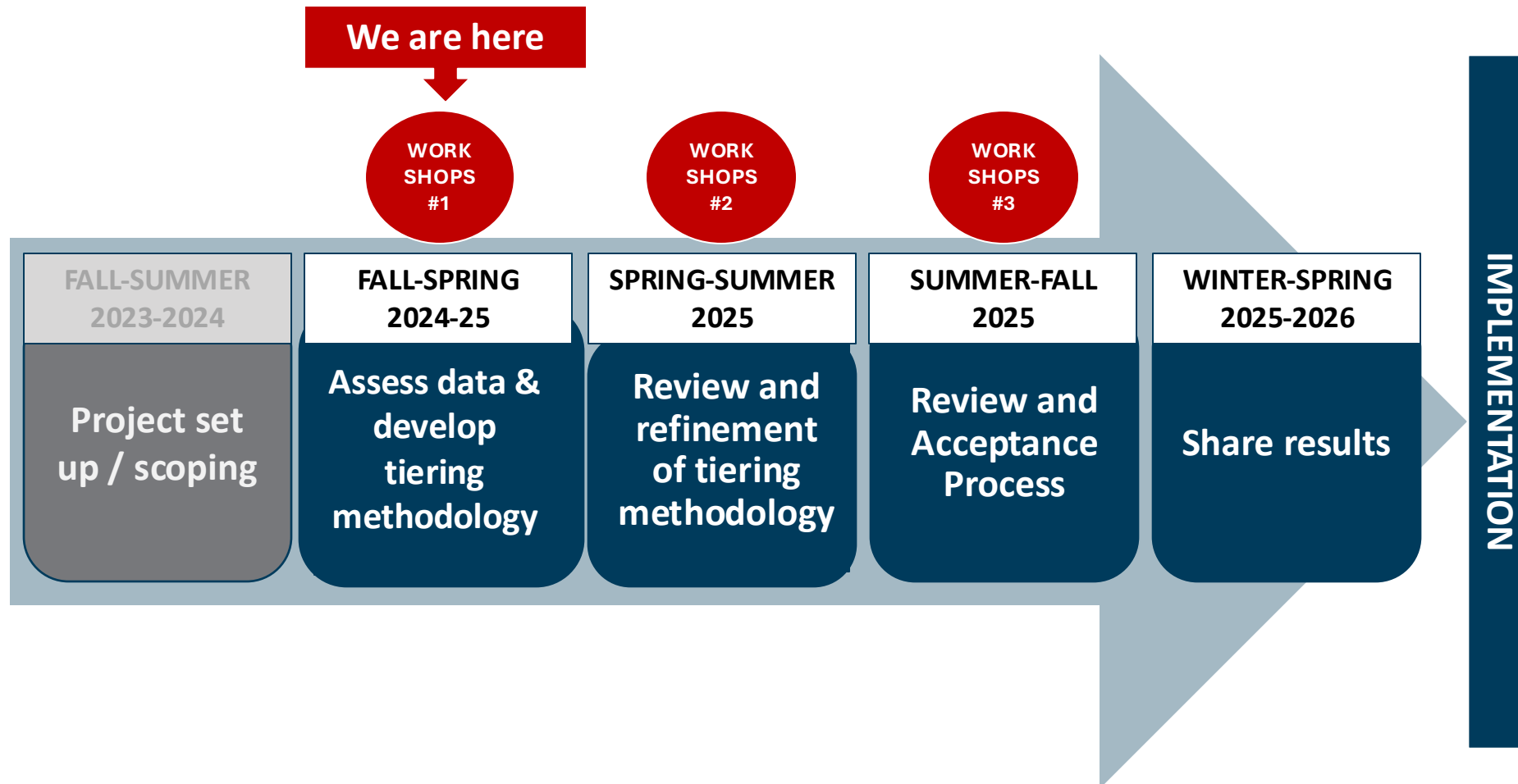


APPROACH & TIMELINE

Methods of Partner Engagement

- Quarterly project work group
- Hold technical workshops to develop and refine prioritization criteria
- Engage community organizations to get input from disaster vulnerable populations
- Tribal Government informal consultation
- Briefings to technical and policy group at Metro (TPAC, MTAC, JPACT, Council) and RDPO committees /work groups

Approach & Timeline





ACTIVITY

Breakout Groups Logistics

- Groups have been sorted into groups of 6-8 people by similar interest/function
- 40 minutes for discussion
- Each group will have a facilitator
- We're asking for a volunteer in each group to report back for your group (~3 mins) when we come together
- Those not participating in small groups are welcome to tune back in after they wrap up to hear the report back

Breakout Groups Discussion

- Ice Breaker: How do you see the ETR designations impacting your work or emergency response processes?
- In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, what roadways do you need open first and why?
- What key locations do you need to get to first?
- What are the biggest logistical challenges in responding to an emergency?
- Who are we missing from these discussions that are part of the initial response decisions and communications?



REPORT BACK

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NEXT 3 MONTHS

FOR TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

- Will share slides and notes
- Project team will draft a prioritization methodology to share at Technical Workshop #2 in June (date to be finalized)

FOR THE PROJECT

- CBO workshop – April 3
- Quarterly project work group meeting – April 10



THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

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