

# Agenda



**Metro**

600 NE Grand Ave.  
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Meeting: Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee Workshop (TPAC)  
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Place: [Connect with Zoom](#)  
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9:00 am	1.	Call meeting to order and introductions	Chair Kloster
9:05 am	2.	Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Phase 2: tiering methodology	John Mermin, Metro, Carol Chang, RDPO, Briana Calhoun, Fehr & Peers
10:55 am	3.	<b><u>5 Minute break</u></b>	
11:00 am	4.	Federal Certification Briefing	Ted Leybold, Metro
12:00 pm	5.	Adjourn	Chair Kloster

\*Material included in meeting notice packet

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600 NE Grand Ave.  
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Meeting: Regional Emergency Transportation Routes (RETR) Phase 2: Technical Workshop 2

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Place: [Connect with Zoom](#)

Passcode: Meeting ID: 858 0968 7622 Passcode: 313502 | Phone: +1-346-248-7799

Purpose: Gather input on methodology for tiering/prioritizing Regional Emergency Transportation Routes

Outcome(s): Participants share ideas to help the project team refine the draft prioritization methodology

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- 9:00 a.m. Welcome! Introductions  
(Tom Kloster, Metro)
- 9:10 a.m. Agenda Review, Project Approach and Timeline, Feedback Summary  
(John Mermin, Metro/ Carol Chang, RDPO)
- 9:20 a.m. Draft Prioritization Methodology (Briana Calhoun, Fehr & Peers)
- 9:30 a.m. Breakout Groups (Briana Calhoun, Fehr & Peers)
- Does anything surprise you about the first draft?
  - How might we incorporate population factors?
  - Should priority be for highest population density areas, reaching isolated populations, and/or vulnerable populations?
- 10:10 a.m. Report back from small groups (Tom Kloster, Metro)
- 10:50 a.m. Next Steps (Carol Chang, RDPO)
- How to give feedback after workshop
  - Upcoming project workgroup (June 26) and CBO workshop (June 23)
  - Briefings to Metro and RDPO committees
  - Final technical workshop – October 8



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April 11, 2025

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Subject: 2025 Portland-Vancouver Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification

Dear Mr. Leybold and Mr. Ransom:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) retained the requirement for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to review and certify the planning processes for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years. This letter notifies you that the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify the planning process for Metro and Southwest Washington Regional Council (RTC).

FHWA and FTA staff conducted a joint review of Metro and RTC's transportation planning process, including meetings from February 4<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with staff from Metro, RTC, Tri-Met, C-Tran, ODOT, and WSDOT, after a review of key planning documents. Based on the review, the Federal Review Team determined that Metro and RTC meet the requirements for metropolitan transportation planning established under 23 CFR 450.

Enclosed is the report that documents the Federal Review Team's findings and associated corrective actions and recommendations for enhancing the planning process. The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the planning process for the Metro and RTC complies with the spirit and intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The planning processes at Metro and RTC are continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in regional transportation planning.

If you have any questions regarding this Certification Review process or action, please direct them to either Ashley Bryers of the FHWA Oregon Division, at (503) 316-2556, Matthew Pahs, of the FHWA Washington Division, at (360) 753-9418, or Danielle Casey of the FTA Region 10, at (206) 220-7964.

Sincerely,

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Draft Action Plan

Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review

Planning Topic	2025 Metro Certification Corrective Actions	Draft Action Items
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	<p>To fully meet the requirements of 23 CFR 450.324(f)(11)(iii), Metro must update the MTP by November 30, 2028, to specifically address the following requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The financial plan must include strategies for new funding sources for ensuring their availability.</li></ul>	<p>As a part of the scope of work for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, identify the development of a financial plan and strategy to pursue any new funding forecasted in the financial plan.</p>
Civil Rights	<p>Revise the Title VI Plan to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Title VI Assurances need current signatures and dates and placed in appendix of future Title VI Plans.</li><li>• Update the Title VI complaint process so FHWA headquarters processes the complaints. Both the complaint web page and the plan itself need to be modified to reflect these changes.</li><li>• The Plan needs to say it was approved by the Policy Committee and the approval date.</li><li>• Based on 23 CFR 200.9, the organizational chart in the Title VI Plan needs to reflect the position of the person who signs the assurances and show that the Title VI Program Manager has unfettered access to this person.</li></ul>	<p>Title VI Assurances have current signatures and dates and to be placed in the appendix of future Title VI Plans.</p> <p>Title VI complaint process updated.</p> <p>Have MPO policy committees review and approve Title VI Plan.</p> <p>Update Title VI Plan to demonstrate direct line of access between Title VI Program Manager and Metro Administrator responsible for signing federal assurances.</p>

Planning Topic	2025 Metro Certification Recommendations	Draft Action Items
MPO Structure and Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Federal Team recommends that the approval documentation for any plans or programs include the dates of action by both JPACT and the Metro Council, as their interdependent roles are essential to successful process approvals.</li><li>• The Federal Team recommends that FTA and FHWA be added as non-voting members of JPACT, with opportunities to provide updates on JPACT meeting agendas. Additionally, consider including direct representation of regional transit agencies on technical advisory boards and committees, such as the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).</li></ul>	<p>Update the document/report title page template to include an entry for both JPACT and Metro Council approval dates.</p> <p>Regularly invite FHWA and FTA staff to propose items to JPACT work program and present at JPACT meetings.</p> <p>Review rosters of technical advisory boards and committees for consideration of additional representation of regional transit agencies.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal Team recommends that Metro work with JPACT members and regional transit agencies to clearly define how regional transit interests are represented on the committee. The JPACT By-Laws should explicitly describe the role of the regional transit representation seat, currently held by TriMet. Additionally, the representation of transit agencies on JPACT could be further supported through interlocal agreements between the transit agencies.</li> </ul>	<p>Share current definition of regional transit agency representation on JPACT and determine whether any clarification is warranted.</p> <p>Consult with JPACT and consider means/methods to support JPACT members in their representation of transit issues and agencies, such as preparatory coordination meetings or briefings.</p> <p>Propose and obtain feedback on Metro hosting regular (quarterly?) transit providers coordination meeting to review and discuss TPAC and JPACT work programs and public transit planning topics.</p> <p>Review TPAC by-laws and operating procedures with intent to increase opportunities for participation by public transportation service providers in regional planning activities.</p>
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal Team recommends that the RTP document the use of Year of Expenditure (YOE) in the financial planning processes and clearly outline the methods used to establish the inflation factor applied for YOE.</li> <li>• The Federal Team recommends that the RTP include a project prioritization process that clearly demonstrates how performance-based planning is used to identify and prioritize projects that support regional goals and policies. The FHWA will provide assistance and conduct an additional review as Metro works towards implementing this recommendation.</li> <li>• The Federal Team recommends that local and statewide planning efforts and planning documents, which play an important role in the development of the RTP, be clearly articulated in the RTP document through an integrated approach</li> </ul>	<p>Work with the statewide long-range transportation revenue forecast committee and professional technical staff to define and document the methods used to forecast project cost inflation.</p> <p>As directed by JPACT and the Metro Council in Ch. 8 of the 2023 RTP (Section 8.2.3.13), Metro will work with cities, counties, community-based organizations and transportation agencies to improve the process of developing, evaluating and prioritizing the projects submitted by local agencies, ODOT, Port of Portland, TriMet, SMART and federally-recognized tribal governments in advance of the next RTP update. This work will also support Metro implementation of OAR 660-012-0155 and address corrective actions approved by the Land Conservation and Development Commission in January 2025. This work will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in the FHWA review to learn best practices on MTP project list development and prioritization.</li> <li>• Convening a group or multiple groups to review Metro’s existing metrics and tools for evaluating the impacts of transportation decisions on the region’s safety, climate, equity, mobility and economy to ensure metrics and tools reflect community and regional priorities.</li> <li>• Conducting a review of processes and best practices used by four to five peer MPOs to identify needs, develop project list to address needs, and evaluate and prioritize investments.</li> <li>• Working with cities, counties and transportation agencies to share best practices and information on conducting inclusive, equitable engagement and applying safety, Document a review of local, regional and statewide planning efforts and planning documents during the scoping phase of the 2028 RTP update.</li> </ul>

Congestion Management Process (CMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal Team recommends that the CMP continue to serve as a vital tool and resource for enhancing the region’s understanding of congestion and developing effective reduction strategies. To support this effort, the MPO should ensure that CMP products, such as the Atlas of Mobility Corridors and RTP Regional Mobility Corridor Strategies, are updated prior to the next RTP revision, incorporating the most recent data and analysis on congested corridors. Additionally, the revised RTP should clearly outline the strategies developed through the CMP and their anticipated outcomes. Lastly, the FHWA plans to conduct an additional review of Metro’s CMP to identify opportunities for improvement, aiming to enhance the CMP’s effectiveness and relevance to the development of both the RTP and TIP.</li> </ul>	<p>Prepare a CMP Report to inform the scoping phase and subsequent work in support of the 2028 RTP update.</p> <p>Update the online Atlas of Mobility Corridors data and RTP Mobilty Corridors Strategies to reflect current CMP data identified in Appendix L to the 2023 RTP and project solutions prioritized to address identified needs during the 2028 RTP update.</p> <p>Participate in FHWA review and reach out to peer MPOs to learn best practices.</p>
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal Team recommends documenting the federally required PPP as Appendix D of the Public Engagement Guide since much of what is required PPP as Appendix D of the Public Engagement Guide since much of what is required for effective public involvement is already addressed within the guide itself, not Appendix D. To alleviate confusion, Appendix D should clearly identify the elements within the Public Engagement Guide that apply to Federal requirements, or the PPP should be fully integrated into the guide to eliminate duplication and confusion.</li> <li>• The federal team recommends that if Appendix D is maintained, the update cycles and processes to document public comments and to engage the public should support those identified in the Public Engagement Guide.</li> <li>□ The Federal Team recommends that the PPP be a part of Metro’s key documents on Metro’s website to ensure it is easily accessible and usable by the public.</li> <li>□ The Federal Team recommends that Metro consider streamlining and simplifying documents, utilizing visualization techniques to manage messaging rather than relying solely on text.</li> </ul> <p>None.</p>	<p>In the next update, staff will consider simplification of the Public Engagement Guide and the demonstration of federally required public involvement activities as currently shown in Appendix D.</p> <p>Website recommendations will be addressed as a part of the new website launch in the fall of 2025.</p> <p>Staff will continue to look at best practices to increase communication of concepts with use of visualization techniques.</p>
Civil Rights Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The Federal Team recommends all projects submitted to the TIP should be prioritized by the MPO to ensure the goals and policies of the RTP are being met. This will also help ensure that decisionmakers better understand how projects included in the TIP support the RTP and federal performance measures. The FHWA will provide assistance and conduct an additional review as Metro works towards implementing this recommendation.</li> </ul>	<p>MPO staff and stakeholders will engage with FHWA assistance to examine how to apply best practices for prioritizing TIP projects and programs to ensure RTP policies are being met and decision makers understand how the TIP programmed activities support the RTP and federal performance measures.</p>



# MEMO

Date: June 5, 2025  
To: Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee and Interested Parties  
From: Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director  
Re: US DOT Certification Review of the Portland Area MPO

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The U.S. Department of Transportation has recently completed its Certification Review of Metro as the Portland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), part of joint review with the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC) as the Clark County, Washington area MPO. This review certified Metro and SWRTC meet the requirements for metropolitan transportation planning established in federal regulations.

The certification review report includes corrective actions, that must be addressed in an identified timeframe, and recommendations for improving the regional transportation planning process. USDOT staff have directed MPO staff to develop a plan of action for inclusion in the upcoming Unified Planning Work Programs to convey how MPO work will resolve the corrective actions.

Metro staff have prepared a draft action plan for initial review and input by TPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council. Please see the attached Draft Action Plan summary for a description of all proposed actions. While not directed to do so, Metro staff have also included draft actions to respond to the recommendations USDOT provided in the certification review report to provide additional transparency on expected MPO work program efforts.

Proposed actions to resolve the corrective actions are straight-forward and Metro staff see no impediments to resolving them in the time frame directed. Some directives related to compliance with Title VI regulations have already been addressed.

Some of the recommendations provided by USDOT are relevant to transit agency representation and consideration of transit issues at the MPO, initially raised by South Metro Area Regional Transit and Clackamas County during the MPO certification review process and requested for discussion at JPACT (USDOT Certification Report, pg. 53-79). To provide a foundation for TPAC discussion, following are the relevant USDOT recommendations and proposed draft action plan responses.

### USDOT Recommendations

“( . . . ) consider including direct representation of regional transit agencies on technical advisory boards and committees, such as the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).”

“The Federal Team recommends that Metro work with JPACT members and regional transit agencies to clearly define how regional transit interests are represented on the committee. The JPACT By-Laws should explicitly describe the role of the regional transit representation seat, currently held by TriMet. Additionally, the representation of transit agencies on JPACT could be further supported through interlocal agreements between the transit agencies.”

### Draft Action Plan Response

Share current definition of regional transit agency representation on JPACT (summary memo attached) and determine whether any clarification is warranted.

Consult with JPACT and consider means/methods to support JPACT members in their representation of transit issues and agencies, such as preparatory coordination meetings or briefings.

Propose and obtain feedback on Metro hosting regular (quarterly?) transit providers coordination meeting to review and discuss TPAC and JPACT work programs and public transit planning topics.

Review TPAC by-laws and operating procedures with intent to increase opportunities for participation by public transportation service providers in regional planning activities.

Review and prepare update to regional planning agreement between ODOT, Metro, TriMet and SMART for opportunities to clarify and increase coordination on public transit planning activities.

Metro staff will present this information at the June 11<sup>th</sup> TPAC workshop and the June 12<sup>th</sup> JPACT meeting and then invite input from the committees for ideas on future work plan efforts.

# MEMO



**Metro**

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Date: March 2025  
To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Interested Parties  
From: Ted Leybold, Transportation Policy Director  
Subject: Transit service provider representation at JPACT

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## **Background:**

At the December JPACT meeting, testimony was provided by staff of the South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) agency requesting direct representation of small transit service providers on JPACT. Similar comments have been submitted to the public comment opportunity provided by the US Department of Transportation regarding the certification of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process for the Portland metropolitan region. These comments are expected to be addressed by the USDOT in their response to comments and in their findings of compliance with federal MPO regulations later this spring and JPACT will be briefed on these findings.

This memorandum is to provide a description specifically related to JPACT membership and representation of transit service providers so that JPACT members may have a broader understanding of the context of this comment.

## **Transit Service Provider Representation:**

JPACT representation is defined in the JPACT bylaws. The relevant JPACT bylaw language regarding representation of transit service providers states the following:

### **Section 2. Appointment of Members and Alternates**

**Subsection b.** The Clackamas County seat shall represent the regional transit service providers Sandy Area Metro (SAM), South Clackamas Transit District (SCTD) or City of Molalla, and Canby Area Transit (CAT) that provide services within the MPO boundary.

The member and alternate will periodically consult with the appropriate transportation coordinating committees for their area. The Cities of Clackamas County seat represents the City of Wilsonville, which as the governing body represents South Metro Area Rapid Transit (SMART).

**Subsection d.** As the regional transit representative, TriMet will periodically coordinate with the South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART).

**Subsection f.** Members and alternates from the State of Washington will be either elected officials or principal staff representatives from Clark County, the City of Vancouver, the Washington Department of Transportation, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council and C-TRAN. The members will be nominated by Clark County, the City of Vancouver, the Washington Department of Transportation and C-TRAN and will serve until removed by the nominating agency. The three Washington State members will be selected by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.



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# REGIONAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION ROUTES PHASE II

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 2 | JUNE 11, 2025





# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



# AGENDA



Welcome &  
Introductions



Workshop  
Objectives  
& Project  
Timeline



Feedback  
summary



Methodology  
and Breakout  
Groups



Report Back



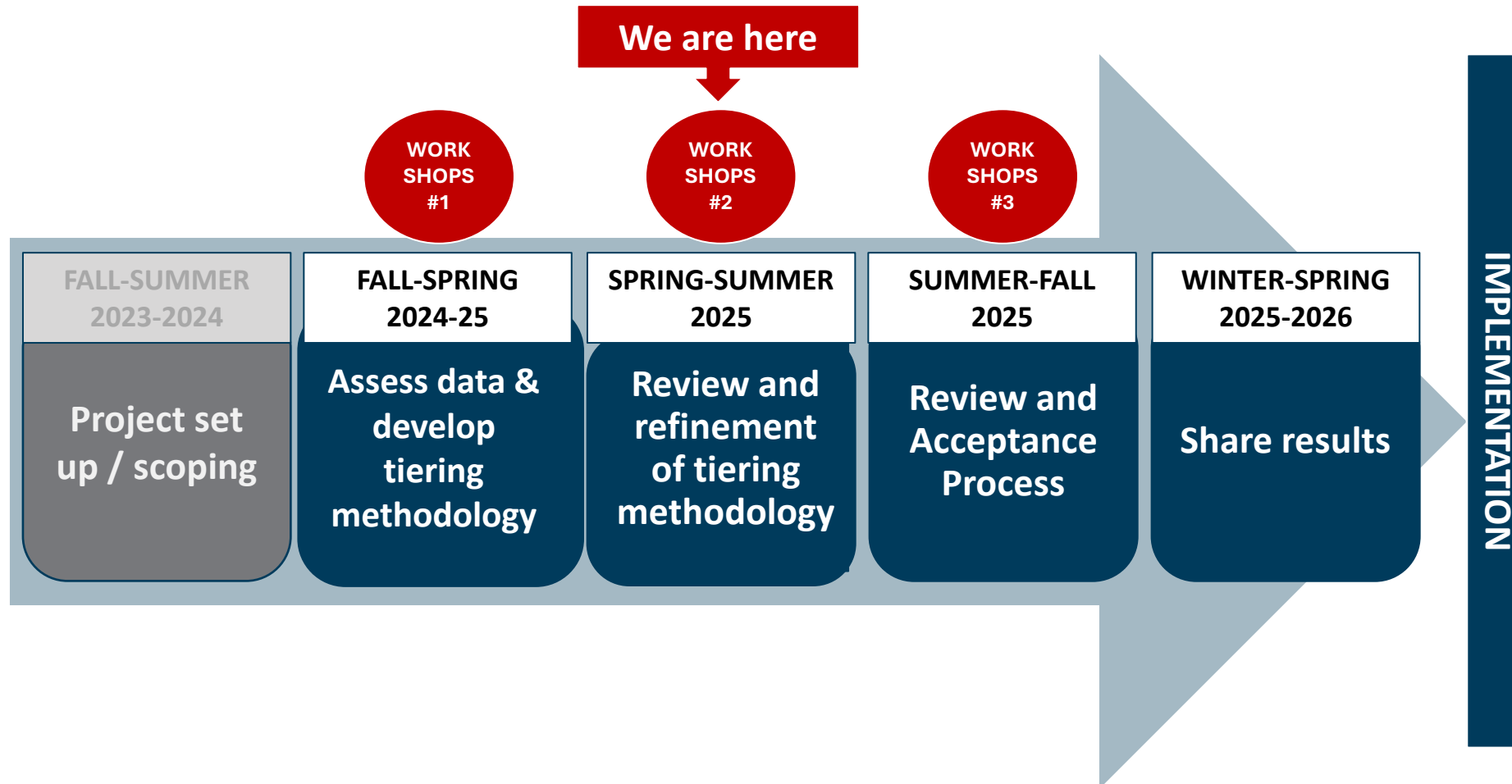
Wrap-Up & Next  
Steps

# Workshop #2 Objectives

- Recap feedback from other groups
- Share the development of a methodology for the first round of tiering/prioritizing Regional Emergency Transportation Routes
- Discuss the first draft of the evaluated routes and hear from you what we should refine



# Approach & Timeline





# WHAT WE HEARD

# Stakeholder and Technical Feedback

- Received feedback for which top routes / locations to clear first in an emergency and key destinations that are most critical
- Heard that we should weight criteria
- Emphasis on creating a useable, connected grid between routes and local communities, and from our region to other regions.
- Heard from our CBO partners the lessons learned from past disasters and extreme weather events
- Reflections on existing (and desired) emergency preparedness in the community



# METHODOLOGY

# Current Methodology

- Split longer routes at logical cross streets for more nuanced evaluation
- Had to do some manual review and refinement to clean up the GIS
- Working through some data gaps
- Tagged routes in GIS based on factors that were identified as the most important in the previous workshops
- Buffers for identifying proximity to key destinations varied slightly based on the frequency of that facility type
- There is no weighting in this iteration

# Evaluation Criteria

Category	Criteria	Buffer distance
Life saving/Sustaining	Hospitals	2 miles
	Police Station	1 mile
	Fire Station	1 mile
Connectivity	Connection to the State Seismic Lifeline Routes	NA
	Principal arterials & Highways	NA
	Minor arterials	NA
	Bridges	NA
Public works & resources	Public Works Facilities	2 miles
	Fueling Centers	2 miles
	Water treatment & distribution sites	2 miles
Other Key Destinations	Airports	2 miles
	Debris Management Sites	2 miles
	Emergency Operations Centers	2 miles



# ACTIVITY

# Breakout Groups Logistics

- Participants will be sorted into groups of 6-8 people
- 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



# Map Orientation

- The map has two layers – State Seismic Lifeline Routes and the RETRs
- You can change the background map style by clicking on the icon in the bottom left
- Clicking on an RETR segment will bring up more information on its proximity to the identified points of interest and connectivity metrics
- The ‘results’ field adds up the number of criteria that route is near
- Colors range from dark to light (high to low) for ease of review and don’t indicate a Tiering designation

# Breakout Groups Discussion

- Does anything surprise you about the first draft results?
- How might we incorporate job and population considerations into this methodology?
  - Should the priority routes focus on providing access to the highest employment and population areas, reaching isolated populations, and/or focus on vulnerable populations?



# REPORT BACK



# NEXT 3 MONTHS

## FOR METHODOLOGY FEEDBACK

- We will be sharing a version of the online route viewer with an option to provide your feedback
- Comments will be open for a few weeks to give you time to review

## FOR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

- Will share slides and notes
- Project team will refine the prioritization methodology and routes to share at Technical Workshop #3 in fall (likely October 8th TPAC workshop)

## FOR THE PROJECT

- CBO workshop #2 – June 23
- Quarterly project work group meeting – June 26
- Briefings to Metro and RDPO committees (mid Aug-mid Sept)



# THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

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# MPO Certification Review Report

TPAC

June 11, 2025



# Overview: MPO Certification Review

- USDOT Review of MPO Process
- Conducted every 4 years
- Joint process with SWRTC
- Issues review report
- MPO staff to draft Action Plan





# MPO Certification Review Results

- Metro and SWRTC metropolitan planning process are certified in compliance with federal regulations
- Corrective actions and recommendations
- MPO staff drafting action plan





# MPO Certification Review Results

- Corrective Actions
  - Title VI (Civil rights) related
  - RTP to complete a financial strategy



# MPO Certification Review Results

- Recommendations
  - Transit coordination
  - RTP project prioritization process refinements
  - Congestion Management Process refinements and tool updates
  - Organization of public participation tools
  - Prioritization of projects in TIP and description of how they support RTP and federal performance measures

# Draft Action Plan

- Required for corrective actions
- Identifies work program aspirations and strategies
- Resource for future UPWPs



# MPO Transit Planning and Representation

- Raised by Clackamas agencies
- Related recommendations
  - Define existing transit representation
  - Consider advisory board representation
  - Local agreements



# MPO Transit Planning and Representation

- Draft action plan
  - Metro hosted coordination
  - Review of representation on advisory bodies; consider additional transit reps
- Update regional planning agreement to increase coordination on transit topics
- Consult on support to JPACT members to prepare transit rep roles





# Next Steps

- Input on draft Action Plan
- Share Action Plan with FHWA and FTA staff
- Implement action plan activities as resources allow
- Include activities in upcoming Unified Planning Work Program descriptions





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Land and transportation  
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## 6/11/25 TPAC Workshop Zoom Chat

08:57:46 From Briana Calhoun, Fehr & Peers to Hosts and panelists:

Good morning!

08:59:15 From Dorian Campbell to Hosts and panelists:

Good morning everyone!

09:01:02 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Good morning! Sly Stone tribute today... ❤️

09:01:29 From courtney duke; PBOT (she/her; white) to Hosts and panelists:

Team - I am on family duty this morning and will need to leave for a few minutes to pick up my husband from a dental procedure. I will update in the chat when I leave and when I am back. Thanks for understanding, /Courtney

09:01:48 From Denell Broncho to Everyone:

Nice music! I'm feeling the vibe..... 🥰

09:01:56 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks Courtney!

09:09:05 From Ronnie to Hosts and panelists:

Sorry I have to sign off at 930 for a FEMA reservist training

09:09:20 From Geoff Bowyer - ODOT EM to Hosts and panelists:

I also will need to step away shortly and return due to a previously scheduled event.

09:09:23 From Dorian Campbell to Hosts and panelists:

Hi everyone, if you'd like to be able to be promoted to panelist to be able to speak in the meeting, please raise your virtual hand. Thanks!

09:10:10 From courtney duke; PBOT (she/her; white) to Hosts and panelists:

Hi Erica Rooney. Good to see you.

09:11:48 From Eric Hesse, PBOT (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Doppelgangers all around!

09:11:49 From Ronnie to Hosts and panelists:



Since I can't stay the whole time, I am looking for a little more info on this project: We have been working with the city of portland and RDPO on this same topic for a while, and wanted to understand more about the sources that are being used to set and determine the ETR routes.

Maybe 6 years back, we sent modified ERT routes to PBOT to try and extend their ERT network to allow access to some of our critical facilities. Is RDPO considering modifying the network at this time to help BES get access? BES and water also have pipes that might fail underneath their ERTs. We are wondering if part of the discussion involved URM's that would collapse and block roadways as well as failed bridges / overpasses that might impede ERT access?

Appreciate any insight and how we might bring this information to the discussion if it is not already being discussed.

09:12:19 From Mike Hintz, Washington County to Hosts and panelists:

Microphone issues, Mike Hintz, Emergency Management Washington County LUT

09:13:09 From Carol Chang, RDPO to Hosts and panelists:

Hey Ronnie -- John and I can also circle back with you offline about that.

09:14:34 From courtney duke; PBOT (she/her; white) to Hosts and panelists:

Ronnie and I can also talk off line - we are now in the same Service Area in the new form of government (Public Works Service Area).

09:16:59 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks for coming today, Ronnie!

09:25:11 From Jessica Martin, Metro Staff to Hosts and panelists:

Tom K: Do you and Ted want to be in a breakout group or the main room?

09:25:32 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Main room, please!

09:25:57 From courtney duke; PBOT (she/her; white) to Hosts and panelists:

brb

09:32:10 From Jessica Martin, Metro Staff to Hosts and panelists:

Tom/Ted: if you prefer to be in the main room, you may just need to leave the assigned group once everyone is sorted. Thank you!!

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09:34:39 From Ted Leybold, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:



10:13:35 From Danelle Peterson Port of Portland to Hosts and panelists:

<https://nibs.org/portland-resilient-runway-benefit-cost-analysis/>

10:14:48 From Kevin.Sutherland to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you. I have to attend to a pop issue, have a great day.

10:17:05 From Danelle Peterson Port of Portland to Hosts and panelists:

<https://nibs.org/mitigation-saves-a-resilient-runway-at-portland-international-airport-could-save-up-to-50-for-every-mitigation-dollar-invested/>

10:32:49 From Geoff Bowyer - ODOT EM to Hosts and panelists:

ODOT does have SSLR identified routes, as well as a fairly recent Bridge report.

10:43:10 From Carol Chang, RDPO to Hosts and panelists:

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10:43:13 From John Mermin, Metro to Hosts and panelists:

[john.mermin@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:john.mermin@oregonmetro.gov)

10:51:41 From Kate Lyman, TriMet (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Tara O'Brien is going to take over as TriMet's TPAC rep for the rest of the meeting

10:53:10 From Calvin Hoff they/them to Hosts and panelists:

I just got one of those in the mail!

10:55:24 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Love it, Calvin! A red heart emoji.

10:55:42 From Tom Kloster, Metro (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks, Kate - and welcome, Tara!

11:04:37 From Jamie Stasny - Clackamas County (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Jessica - may I please be added as a panelist?

11:35:18 From Jeff Owen, Clackamas County to Everyone:

6/11/25 TPAC Workshop Zoom Chat

Noticing that earlier when I said "TSMO" I actually meant "TransPort"

11:37:35 From Jamie Stasny - Clackamas County (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

What will the roster look like for the quarterly meeting?

11:40:18 From Eric Hesse, PBOT (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

Go, Jess and Dorian!