Portland Metropolitan Region

- 23 cities, 3 counties
- 1.6 million (OR side)
- 260,000 acres
- Bi-state MPO
- Elected regional gov’t
- 2040 Growth Concept

AND

WE CAN PICKLE ANYTHING!
The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
Maintain, optimize and expand system to meet region’s needs

$42 billion
2018-2040
in rounded 2016 dollars

- Transit operations and maintenance $13.7B
- Transit capital $5.1B
- Highways capital $4.6B
- Highway, road and bridge operations and maintenance $13B
- Roads and bridges capital $3.3B
- Active transportation $1.8B
- Freight access $0.25B
- System management and operations $0.19B
- Transportation demand management $0.13B

Source: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Constrained Priorities
2018 RTP Priorities

Equity

Climate

Safety

Manage Congestion
Getting There....
Feedback from 2014 Regional Transportation Plan

Feedback from community the Civil Rights Assessment did not reflect community values

Staff recommendation to approach the equity evaluation of the 2018 RTP differently to reflect community values
2018 Plan Scoping: central themes and issues

- Traffic
- Safety
- Funding
- Maintenance
- Reliability
- Efficiency
- Travel options
- Access to opportunity (jobs, education and services)
- Health
- Affordability
- Set clear priorities
- Advance consideration of equity and economic impacts
First plan to carry out the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Metro’s six desired outcomes

Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Process Equity
Public engagement approach

• Inclusive
• Place-based
• Connected to people’s values and experiences
• Transparent
• Accessible
• Partnership oriented
Many meaningful opportunities to listen, learn and collaborate

Regional Leadership Forum | 2018

Regional Leadership Forum | 2016

Regional Leadership Forum | 2016

Regional Leadership Forum | 2018

Community Leaders Forum | 2018

Regional Snapshots | 2016-18

Metro Discussion Groups

Discussion groups | 2015

JPACT meetings | 2015-18

On-line surveys | 2016-18

Nearly 19,000 individual touch points from 2015-18

Regional Leadership Forum | 2016
Engagement with communities

- Regional leadership forums
- Community leader forums
- Briefings and stakeholder meetings/workshops
- Discussion groups/focus groups
- Community tours and stories
- Focused social media and surveys
Regional Leadership Forums

- Four RLF at milestones
- Community, business, elected officials, administrators
- Changed outcomes of 2018 RTP investment strategy
  - more emphasis on equity
Community Leaders Forums

- Two CLF following RLF
- Community focused input
- Changed outcomes of 2018 RTP investment strategy
Evaluate equity in the Plan’s investment program

Transportation Equity Work Group

- Measure what matters
- Support leadership desire to understand RTP effects on reducing disparities, advancing equitable outcomes
- Partnership w/Portland State University via NITC

Photo Courtesy of the Street Trust, 2016.
Transportation Equity Evaluation Measures

- **Access**
  - Jobs and Community Places
- **Safety**
  - Addressing high injury corridors
- **Travel Options**
  - Completeness of the active transportation network
- **Affordability**
Evaluation Findings: Investment all over the region w/focus on equity focus areas

View the interactive map of projects: oregonmetro.gov/2018projects
Evaluation Findings: Communities of color and lower income households expected to experience multiple benefits

- **Grows access to transit**, frequency and ridership
- **Improves safety**, especially on high injury corridors in equity focus areas
- **Increases affordable travel options**, particularly people of color and people with low income
- **Continue to build out the system**, particularly around active travel and transit
Challenges and Lessons Learned
Challenges

• Same-paging on equity
  – Being okay with being in different places

• Data

• Long haul process

• Pace and speed of actions/recommendations

• Balance: future vs. existing
But bold leadership helps
Lessons Learned

- Have the backing
- Variety is key
- Be intentional
- Okay to sit in the passenger seat
  - Community voice leads the way
- Ask and ask again (and again)
2018 Regional Transportation Plan

oregonmetro.gov/rtp
EXTRA SLIDES
Sets the foundation for future work, investment and collaboration

- Keeps federal and state dollars coming to the region to build local and regional plans and visions
- Allows major projects to move forward
- Identifies areas where more study, analysis and discussion are needed
Partner and General Engagement

- Regional leadership forums
- Work groups
- Speakers series
- Briefings and stakeholder meetings/workshops
- Project website
- Online polls and open houses
- Social media
- Newsfeeds and e-news
Making a great place: transportation and equity
Take 10 minutes to answer nine questions (followed by optional questions about you) to help Metro plan for and invest in our region’s transportation system to create healthy, equitable communities and a strong economy. Return to Metro by Feb. 16, 2016.

Metro and its partners are discussing how to best spend about $38 million over the next few years on biking, walking and freight projects. Projects ideas will compete next year based on one of two options:

1) Set aside some dollars for walking and biking improvements and some for freight improvements, and then let projects compete in separate categories. [Advantage: Targets projects that best meet the goals set for each category and provides clear direction on amount of funds to be spent on each type of project.]

2) Let all potential walking, biking and freight projects compete together. [Advantage: Creates opportunity for projects that are both good for walking and biking and good for freight movement (though not necessarily “the best” at meeting the goals for biking/walking and freight as separate categories).]

1. Which option for deciding how projects compete for this money do you support? (pick one)
   - Set aside some dollars for walking and biking improvements and some for freight improvements, and then let projects compete in separate categories.
   - Let all potential walking, biking and freight projects compete together.

More about this:
Transportation funding overview:
The Portland metropolitan region (the tri-county area from Forest Grove to Oregon City, from Wilsonville to Troutdale) should expect to receive approximately $300 to 400 million in federal and state aid over the next three years for transportation projects targeting road maintenance and expansion (and walking and biking facilities related to those road projects) and $10 million specifically for bicycle and pedestrian projects. TriMet and SMART expect to receive approximately $500 million of state and federal funding during these three years plus $300 million in payments toward the Milwaukee light rail project and will raise additional funds locally, primarily through passenger fares and the payroll tax. Cities and counties raise and spend additional resources to build and maintain the transportation system.

Flexible federal funds:
We also expect to receive about $126 million over three years from federal programs that offer more flexibility in how the dollars are spent. Due to the flexibility in the potential uses of the funds, previous investments include roadway improvements, transit projects, sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements, freight movement improvements and bicycle facilities. Other uses include region-wide programs to improve the management and flow of the transportation system, educate residents about available travel options and pay down bonds on high capacity transit (e.g., light rail) and related investments in priority transportation corridors.

About $38 million of these funds in this cycle will go specifically to things like sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes and trails or projects to improve freight movement to help the regional economy.

$38 million sounds like a lot, but many transportation projects are expensive. For comparison, here are some examples of other recent transportation projects in the region:

- Sellwood Bridge replacement: $907 million
- Sunrise Corridor first phase – a new 25-mile 4-lane highway in Clackamas County, plus one new I-205 overpass and several related improvements to intersections, drainage, etc.: $139 million
- Adding one lane each way to U.S. 20 for 2 miles in Washington County: $33 million
- Flashing beacons at 18 crosswalks in East Portland: $1.9 million

The needs for the region’s transportation system range from building sidewalks where they don’t exist, to maintaining roadways, to providing more transit service. Transportation funding from the federal, state, and local governments all helps, but the long list of needs continues to grow, and the available funding continues to shrink. These regional flexible funds represent just a small piece of this shrinking pie, but can still achieve a lot if used wisely.

Return by Feb. 16 to: Metro Planning and Development  |  600 NE Grand Ave.  |  Portland, OR 97232
Take this questionnaire online at lets.tellmetro.
Ethnic and culturally specific discussion groups

• Done in partnership with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
• Contracted with Community Based Organizations to conduct engagement
Regional Transportation Plan

Sets long-range vision and goals for moving the region safely, reliably and affordably for decades to come

Uses projections of future population and job growth to identify travel needs and solutions through 2040

Establishes priorities for federal, state and regional funding

Federally required