

JPACT Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: MPO Certification Action Plan Update

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Purpose/Objective

The U.S. Department of Transportation completed its Certification Review of Metro as the Portland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Summer 2025, part of a 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 that can be addressed as capacity allows relative to performance of our core MPO functions. USDOT staff have directed MPO staff to develop a plan of action whose activities will be incorporated into upcoming Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) to convey how MPO work will resolve the corrective actions and address the recommendations.

Outcome

Metro staff will provide a short presentation on the status of these actions at the February JPACT meeting and address any questions from JPACT members on their progress.

What has changed since JPACT last considered this issue/item?

Four of the five corrective actions have been wholly addressed. The fifth action will be addressed as a part of the 2028 RTP Update process. Additionally, significant progress has been made on the recommendations for improving the MPO planning process.

What packet material do you plan to include?

A summary of actions to resolve the corrective actions and address recommendations is attached to this memorandum.