

JPACT Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: 2026 JPACT workplan review

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Purpose/Objective

The purpose of this item is to review the JPACT workplan for 2026 as proposed by the Metro staff and JPACT leadership. Staff will highlight items that are federal or state requirements, as well as regional projects and strategic JPACT initiatives. Staff will hear comments and discussion from JPACT members.

2026 workplan

As we come into 2026, JPACT and partners are already in the middle of a complicated funding landscape both federally and statewide. State transportation operations and transit both face historic shortfalls, and federal funding Along with federally required items like the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), JPACT will also continue to keep informed of happenings in the 2026 State legislative short session that starts in February. Also included in our work plan are updates and decision points around regional program efforts and studies including the Community Connector Transit Study, Regional Travel Options program, the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan Update, and other pertinent regional projects as they come up.

During our work planning process, Metro JPACT Councilors prioritized three priority focus areas for the year:

1. Moving the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project forward
2. Addressing transportation funding shortfall at the state legislative level
3. Working towards the future of transportation and transit in our region

Additionally, JPACT will also work within the items in the buckets of work listed below.

Buckets of work

Federally/State Required

- MTIP actions
- 2028 RTP update
- Unified Planning Work Program

2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) implementation work (Chapter 8 programs)

- Community Connectors Transit Study
- Transportation Demand Management and Regional Transportation Options program strategy
- 2023 RTP amendments
- Regional ETR

Pertinent Regional Projects

- Cascadia High Speed Rail
- 82nd Ave Transit Project
- Tualatin Valley Highway Transit Project
- Montgomery Park Streetcar
- Sunrise Community Visioning Project
- Rose Quarter
- Interstate Bridge Replacement Project

JPACT/Metro driven initiatives

- Regional climate work (CCAP next steps and Climate Smart update)
- Federal advocacy (DC trip)
- State legislative strategy
- Safety strategies
- Future Vision coordination
- Transportation revenue initiatives

Outcome

JPACT members will understand the workplan for 2026, ask questions about initiatives the committee will undertake, and provide input on work plan activities.

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

JPACT annually reviews its work plan at the first meeting of the year. The workplan continually updated throughout the year.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Copy of the draft work plan