

2028 Regional Transportation Plan Update Work Plan Overview

Summary of planning and engagement activities and key milestones (draft)

When	What
Phase 1: Scoping January to September 2026	Planning Focus: Develop a shared understanding of the trends, challenges and priorities the 2028 RTP update should address. Review adopted RTP goals and measures of success, relevant plans and policies, RTP system maps, and projects completed or under construction since 2023. Develop the data, tools and methods needed to support the needs analysis, project evaluation and other technical work. Engagement Focus: Engage decision makers, jurisdictional and agency partners, Tribal governments, community and business leaders, and members of the public to identify priorities and shape the work plan and engagement plan. - Engage Metro Council, regional advisory committees and county coordinating committees on RTP goals, priorities and the planning process - Conduct individual meetings with elected officials and other regional leaders - Convene a Community Leaders' Forum - Support Metro Councilor engagement with constituents, including presentations to city councils - Hold TPAC workshop on the performance evaluation framework, measures for project and system analysis - Consult with federal, state, regional and resource agencies - Invite consultation with Tribal governments
Key Milestones: September to October 2026	MPAC makes recommendation to the Metro Council JPACT and the Metro Council consider adoption of the work plan and public engagement plan
Phase 2: Prepare Needs Analysis and Draft Revenue Forecast September 2026 to January 2027	Planning Focus: Document current and future transportation needs, update the plan's policy framework, refine performance measures and evaluation methods, and develop a draft revenue forecast. Define the process and timeline for the Call for Projects and establish funding targets for the financially constrained and strategic project lists. Engagement Focus: Work with local, regional, state, Tribal and community partners to identify transportation needs and potential solutions, review the existing RTP project list, develop financial assumptions, and prepare partners for the Call for Projects. - Host a regional transportation tools and data workshop for practitioners and other constituents - Provide Project Tracker workshops, training and office hours for jurisdictional partners and Tribal governments - Develop an online public open house or StoryMap - Support Metro Councilor engagement with constituents, including city councils - Hold TPAC workshops supporting the needs analysis and Call for Projects - Convene Community Leaders' Forum, small group constituent meetings and RTP informational sessions - Present and discuss the update at county coordinating committees and regularly scheduled TPAC, JPACT, MTAC, MPAC and Metro Council meetings - Continue engagement with partners and community members to identify regional transportation needs and potential solutions - Share social media videos highlighting transportation needs and successful completed projects across the region
Key Milestones:	Complete the updated evaluation framework, the regional transportation needs analysis, the draft revenue forecast, initial policy updates, and the draft process and timeline for the Call for Projects.

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Phase 3: Call for Projects and Evaluation of Proposed Solutions January to December 2027	Planning Focus: Conduct the Call for Projects, evaluate proposed projects and programs, climate smart analysis, update the financially constrained and strategic project lists, complete the financial plan, and prepare the draft RTP and appendices for public review. Engagement Focus: Provide opportunities for partners, community members and decision makers to review project submissions, evaluation results, funding assumptions, and proposed investment priorities. - Engage regional technical and policy advisory committees and county coordinating committees on the Call for Projects process - Work with transportation providers to document and forecast reasonably available funding sources - Seek feedback on updated project and program lists and evaluation results - Continue presentations, briefings and discussions with advisory committees, county coordinating committees, and jurisdictional and community partners
Key Milestones:	- JPACT and the Metro Council initiate Call for Projects, providing direction on the process and evaluation of proposed solutions - Conduct Call for Projects to update financially constrained and strategic project and program lists (Feb. 1 to March 12, 2027) - JPACT and Metro Council consider feedback on draft project and program lists, performance evaluation, and recommendations for finalizing draft plan, appendices and Climate Smart Strategy for public review
Phase 4: Public Review and Preliminary Plan Approval January to July 2028	Planning Focus: Release the draft 2028 RTP, appendices, draft Climate Smart Strategy, technical documentation, and project and program investment priorities for public review. Compile public comments, develop Metro staff recommended changes, and prepare materials for preliminary plan approval. Engagement Focus: Provide the public, local governments, transportation agencies, Tribal governments, community partners and other interested parties with opportunities to review and comment on the draft plan and proposed investment priorities.
Key Milestones:	- Conduct a 45-day public comment period (Jan. 14 to Feb. 29, 2028) - MPAC makes a recommendation to the Metro Council - JPACT considers preliminary approval of the 2028 RTP and Climate Smart Strategy - Metro Council considers preliminary approval of the 2028 RTP and Climate Smart Strategy
Phase 5: Final Legislative Adoption Process July to November 2028	Planning Focus: Finalize the 2028 RTP, appendices, project and program investment priorities, adoption legislation, and findings of compliance with applicable state requirements. Complete the final public engagement report and prepare the plan for final legislative action. Engagement Focus: Provide final opportunities for public testimony, committee review and decision maker consideration before adoption. - Hold legislative hearings, including first and second readings - Present the final plan and recommended changes to MPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council - Document how engagement, public comments and policy direction informed the final plan
Key Milestones:	- MPAC makes recommendation to the Metro Council - JPACT considers adoption of the 2028 RTP and Climate Smart Strategy - Metro Council considers adoption of the 2028 RTP and Climate Smart Strategy - Submit the adopted plan for state review and acknowledgement - Publish adopted plan online and submit to Federal agencies