



2028 RTP update public engagement plan overview

A review on the direction of the 2028 RTP public engagement plan. A draft will be available in July 2026.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a federally mandated document and planning process shaping the future of greater Portland's transportation system. The RTP facilitates the long-term vision, policies and investment priorities. The 2028 update will coordinate transportation investments across Multnomah, Washington counties and urbanizes areas of Clackamas county. These investments are guided by shared regional goals for how transportation can improve safety, equity, mobility, climate and the economy of greater Portland.

Greater Portland, like other regions across the country, is facing a series of significant and interrelated challenges. Revenue uncertainty and volatility in federal funding have created instability for long-term planning and delayed upgrades to aging infrastructure. Reductions in transit funding have led to service reductions while travel behavior continues to alter transit ridership across the region. Taken together, the regional challenges present both a call to action and an opportunity to advance a transportation system that is safer, more resilient and aligned with regional goals.

Building a plan together

The 2028 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) engagement plan is grounded in Metro's guiding principles for meaningful public engagement, documented in [Metro's Public Engagement Guide](#) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's promising practices for meaningful public involvement in transportation decision-making. During the scoping phase, Metro received input about desired meaningful engagement components and goals for the 2028 RTP.

Defining meaningful engagement

Meaningful engagement occurs throughout the life of the project intentionally including the perspectives of people and communities who are affected by the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan. Meaningful engagement is rooted in nurturing relationships, addressing the diverse communication and engagement needs of participants. Similarly, meaningful public engagement requires transparency with participants about how their input will be used and how it can affect change.



Draft RTP engagement goals

Broad regional participation

Regional perspectives are reflected in the plan by accomplishing the following:

- Engaging regionally and including historically underserved communities
- Documenting how community input directly shaped the final RTP

Support community participation in local transportation decisions

Metro will encourage participants to engage in local transportation decision-making

Facilitate a transparent RTP process

Metro will explain RTP decision-making structure, funding sources, project timelines and key trade-offs.

- Host opportunities for community members and interested parties to review and respond to project concepts. Timely and effective communication

Integrate lived experience alongside technical data

Metro will integrate regional lived experience alongside technical data.

- Lived experience is collected, reported, and considered throughout the process
- Document how lived experiences are shaping RTP analyses and recommendations (e.g., needs assessment, investment priorities, performance measures)