



## 2028 Regional Transportation Plan Update

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**Transportation shapes how people live, move, and thrive in greater Portland.** Access to safe and reliable transit, biking and walking routes, and streets and highways that function well allow us to reach work, school, essential services, family, and recreation. Investment in our transportation system is critical for the region’s long-term prosperity and resident’s quality of life.

As the federally-designated **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**, Metro is responsible for leading and coordinating updates to the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** every five years to address the evolving needs of our growing region. For transportation projects to be eligible to receive Federal funding they must be in the RTP. The last update was adopted in 2023. The next update is due **by November 30, 2028**, when the current plan expires.

Throughout 2026 until late 2028, Metro will work closely with cities and counties, transit providers, port districts, state and federal partners, businesses and community-based organizations to develop the 2028 RTP and update the Climate Smart Strategy. This factsheet provides an overview of the plan and the anticipated timeline.

### What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

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The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is greater Portland’s long-range blueprint for planning and investing in a safe, reliable, multimodal transportation system that serves everyone, whether they drive, walk, roll, take transit or transport goods and services throughout the region. The RTP defines the outcomes the region aims to achieve with investments in the transportation, and the investments needed to support our region's residents and businesses today and into the future.

The RTP is a significant document that covers multiple key areas, including:

- **Shaping how people move and live** by identifying the projects, programs, and policies that support access to jobs, housing, education, essential services, recreation, and nature.
- **Setting shared goals** for transportation that align with broader values and desired outcomes related to equity, safety, climate action, mobility, thriving economy, and regional housing and land use goals.
- **Coordinating billions of dollars in federal, state, regional, and local transportation funding** by determining which investments are regionally significant and priorities for the near- and long-term.
- **Measuring our progress over time** through goals, objectives, and performance targets that ensure accountability and guide future policy and investment decisions.
- **Supporting coordination across jurisdictions and agencies**, ensuring that cities, counties, transit providers, freight partners, and state and federal agencies work together toward a safe and connected transportation system.



*Adopted by JPACT and the Metro Council in 2023, with support from MPAC*

Together, these elements make the RTP one of the region’s most influential policy tools, establishing the long-term goals and near-term investment priorities that will shape mobility, safety, community well-being, and climate outcomes for decades to come.

## Anticipated Timeline for the 2028 RTP Update



### Phase 1 | Scoping and Early Engagement (Jan. to July 2026)

- Communicate status of transportation system planning and implementation in the region since 2023.
- Gather input from Metro Council, JPACT, MPAC, CORE, and business and community partners on values, desired outcomes, and strategic priorities to focus on in this update.



**Decision: JPACT and Metro Council consider approval of the work plan and public engagement plan** (by resolution, anticipated in July 2026).

### Phases 2 & 3 | Plan Development (August 2026 – Dec. 2027) <sup>1</sup>

- **Policy Review:** Review policies to identify changes needed to reflect state, regional and local plans and studies since 2023. (~Summer 2026)
- **State of the Transportation System Report:** Report on system performance to understand today's travel behavior and progress toward shared regional goals related to safety, equity, climate, mobility, and the economy. (~Fall 2026)
- **Revenue Forecast:** Update revenue projections with local, regional, state and tribal governments to set budget for plan. (~Summer – Fall 2026)

<sup>1</sup> Engagement activities for this phase will be identified during the scoping phase.

- **Needs Analysis:** Seek feedback on the current RTP project list and transportation needs, and complete a multimodal needs analysis using the new mobility policy to inform investment priorities. (*~Summer – Fall 2026*)
- **Call for Projects:** Coordinate update to project list with local, regional, state and tribal governments. (*~January – March 2027*)
- **Investment Priorities:** Update project list priorities and investment strategies for the region’s major travel corridors, evaluate performance, and seek feedback on updated priorities. (*~Spring – Fall 2027*)
- **Draft Plan and Investment Strategy:** Prepare public review draft plan and investment strategy. (*~Summer – Fall 2027*)

### Phase 4 | Public Review and Preliminary Plan Approval (Jan. – July 2028)

- **Jan. 14 to Feb. 29:** Publish the **public review draft 2028 RTP** for a 45-day comment period, with public hearing, briefings to regional policy and technical advisory committees and county coordinating committees and other stakeholders, and consultation activities with tribes and state, federal and resource agencies.
- Prepare public comment report and recommended changes to draft plan to respond to public comments.
- Technical committees consider public comments and make recommendations to policy committees on preliminary approval of the 2028 RTP; MPAC makes recommendations to the Metro Council.



**Decision: JPACT and Metro Council consider preliminary approval of the 2028 RTP**, directing staff to prepare final legislation for adoption (by resolution; anticipated in July 2028).

### Phase 5 | Plan Adoption (July 2028 – November 2028)

- Prepare final plan and investment strategy and legislation for adoption.
- MTAC and TPAC make recommendations to MPAC and JPACT, respectively.
- MPAC makes recommendations to the Metro Council.



**Decision: JPACT and Metro Council consider final adoption of the 2028 RTP** (by ordinance; anticipated by November 30, 2028).