



MPO Overview & JPACT Workplan for 2023

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Agenda

Overview of the Purpose and Function of an MPO

- What is in an MPO?
- What is JPACT?

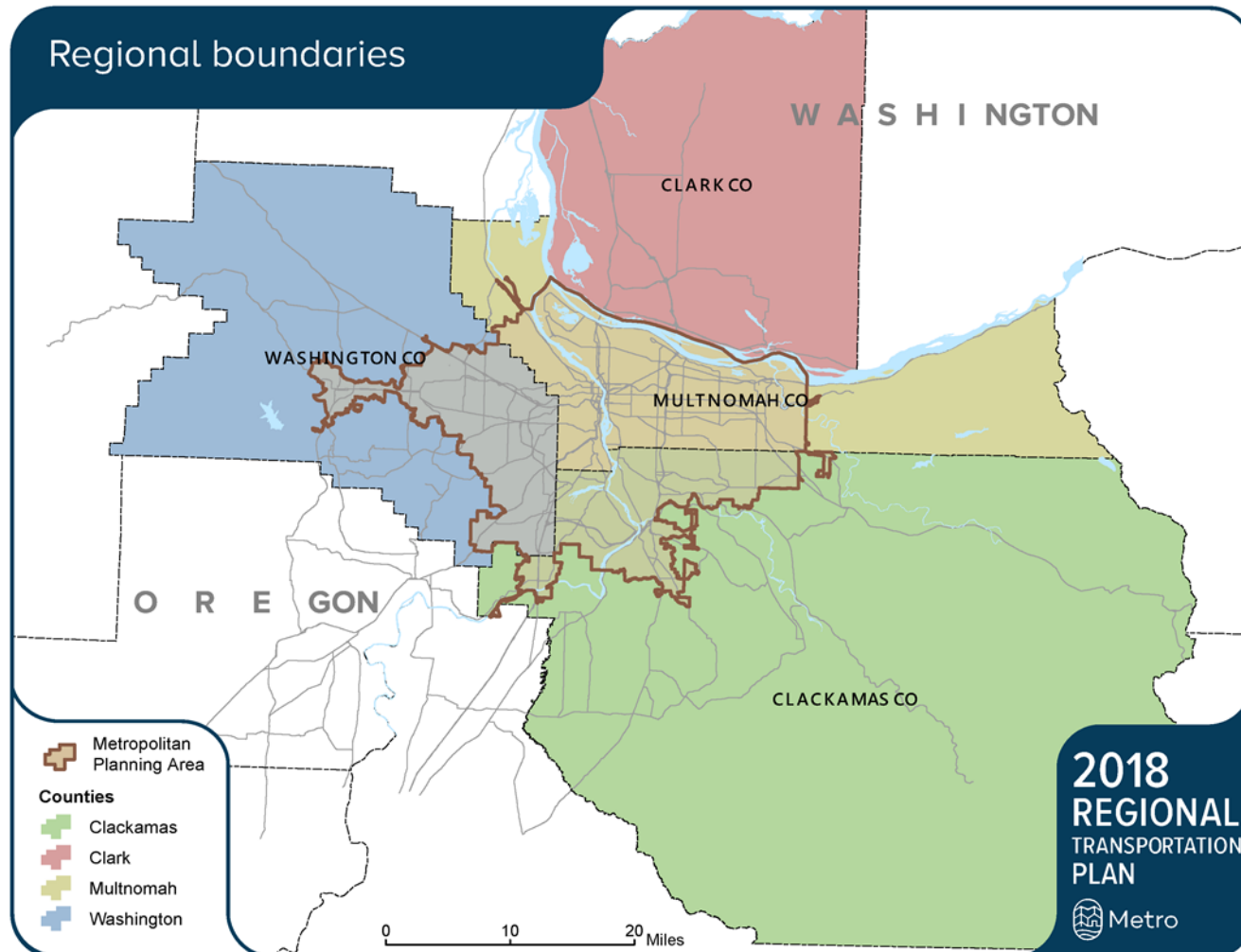
Look back: 2022 Accomplishments

Looking forward: Workplan for 2023

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- The MPO is **created by federal law** and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process.
- An urbanized area with a population over 200,000, as defined by the Bureau of the Census and designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), is called a **Transportation Management Area (TMA)**.
- As described in 49 U.S.C. 5303(k), and in recognition of the greater complexity of transportation issues in large urban areas, an MPO in a TMA has a stronger voice in setting priorities for implementing projects listed in the transportation improvement program and are responsible for regional transportation plans.
- In Oregon, MPOs are also responsible for complying with **state transportation and land use law**.

Metropolitan Regional Boundary



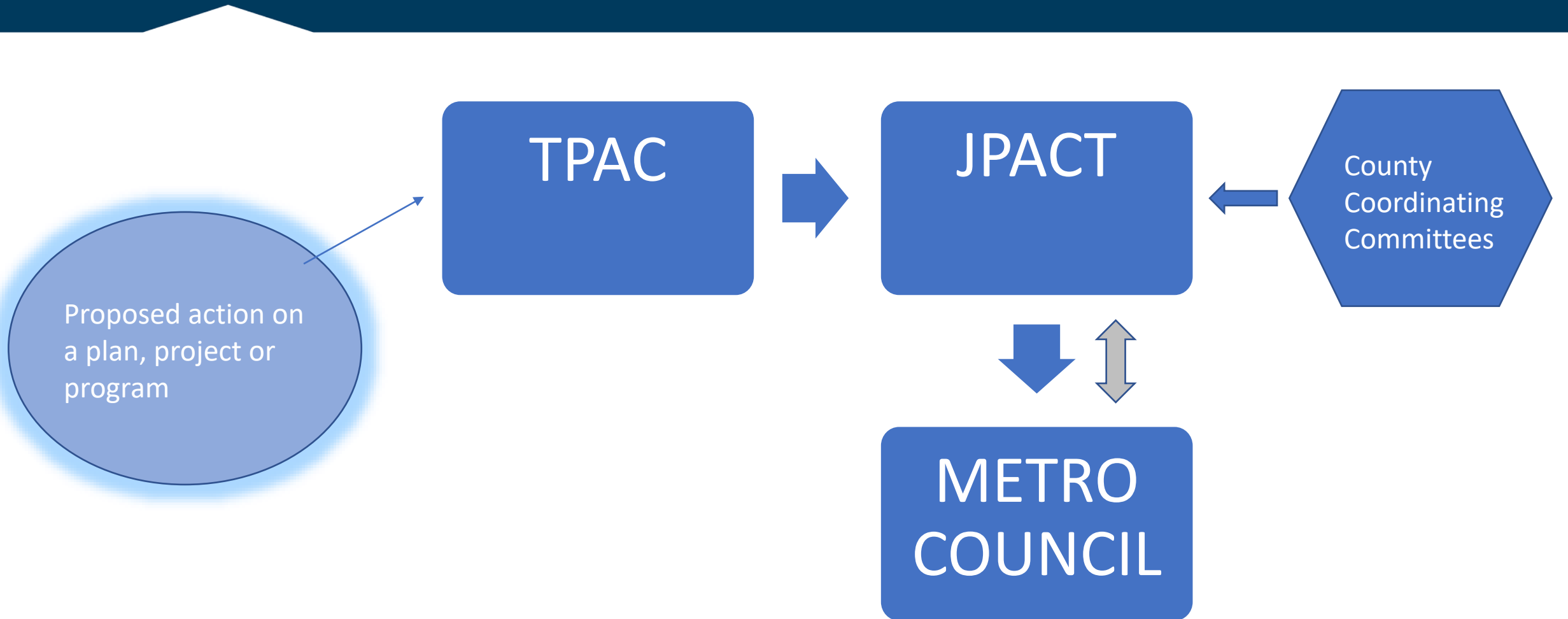
The boundary of an MPO is based on the census and established by the Governor of Oregon.

- 24 cities
- 3 counties
- Bi-state region
- More than 1.6 million people (today)
- More than 2 million people (by 2040)

The role of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT)

- Federal law, MAP-21, requires TMAs to have a **decision-making structure** that incorporates input from local elected officials, transit agencies, appropriate state officials, and others.
- JPACT serves as the “**policy advisory committee**” as defined by the federal regulations.
- MPO decisions for planning, investment and programming are **shared between the Metro Council and JPACT**.
- The **Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)** serves as a technical and advisory committee to JPACT.

Metro MPO Committee Process



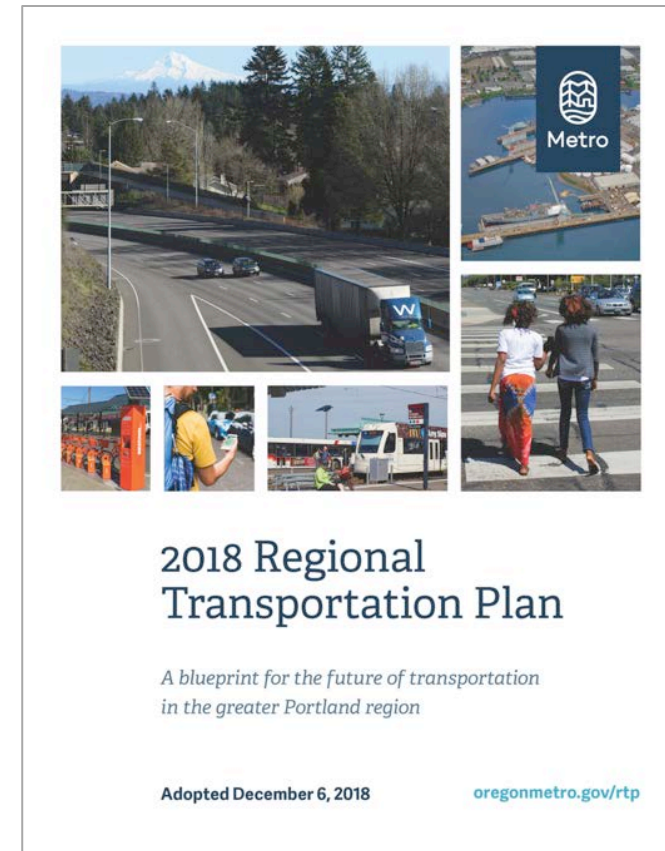
Functions of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Primary functions of the Metro MPO:

- **Regional Transportation Planning** - development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), long-range planning and the Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP)
- **Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)** – management and allocation of federal funds and coordination of federal funding in MPO area
- **Congestion Management Process** – development of a CMP and coordinating implementation; demonstrate compliance with Clean Air Act, federal laws
- **Climate Smart Strategy** – planning and coordination of implementation of Climate Smart to reduce greenhouse gases, required by state law

Regional Transportation Plan

- 20-year plan
- Blueprint to guide planning and investment in the region's transportation system
- Includes policies, plans and projects
- Coordinates local, regional, and state investments
- Establishes priorities for state and federal funding



Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

- Detailed list - regionally significant projects & programs
- Process - align investments to regional goals
- Administrative procedures



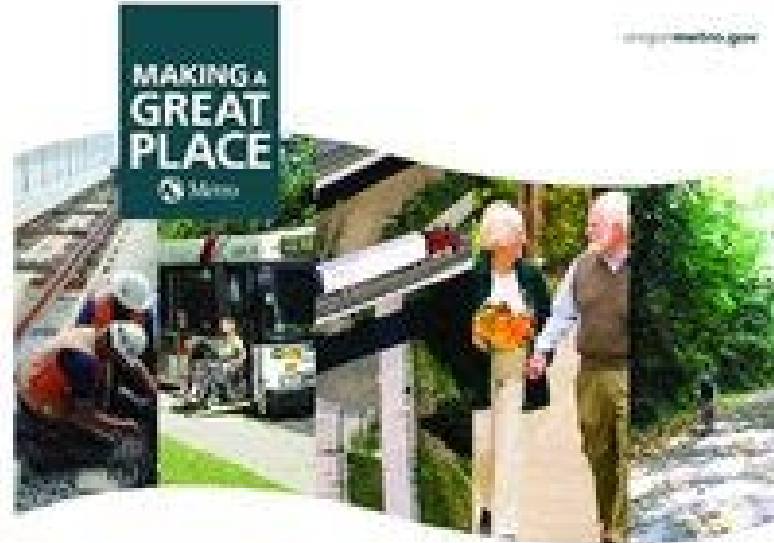
Climate Smart Strategy

State law that applies to Metro

Set of policies, plans, programs and short-term actions to reduce GHG from transportation and land use.

First adopted in 2014 and updated every RTP cycle

Alignment with the *new* Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rulemaking



Climate Smart Strategy

for the Portland metropolitan region

www.gometro.gov/climatestrategy

2014

Regional Coordination on Federal and State Priorities



Major work accomplished by JPACT 2022

- **Regional Flex Fund Allocation (25-27)**
- **Approved LPA for I-5 Bridge Replacement Project**
- **Congestion Pricing Policy**
 - I-205 Tolling Amendment
 - Regional Congestion Pricing
- **Regional Mobility Policy Update**
- **2023 Regional Transportation Plan, *including but not limited to:***
 - Emerging Trends
 - Urban Arterials Strategy
 - Equitable Financing - *underway*
 - High-Capacity Transit study – *underway*
- *Identified priority projects for federal funding including earmarks and federal grants*

Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT) & Metro Council Workshop



August 2022



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2023 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORKSHOP 1

We Have Been Asked for...

A Better Future for Transportation



SAFETY

Listen, Learn, Collaborate

CONVENIENCE

CLIMATE

EQUITY

ACHIEVE

COMMUNITY

RELIABILITY

SHARED PROSPERITY

WHAT

CHOICE

WE WANT

HEALTHY PEOPLE & ENVIRONMENT

2023 RTP Call for Projects Policy Framework

Draft vision and goals for 2023 RTP



Vision →

Everyone in the greater Portland region will have **safe, reliable, affordable, efficient, and climate-friendly** travel options that allow people to **drive less** and support **equitable, resilient, healthy and economically vibrant communities and region.**

Developed in 2022 by JPACT and Metro Council with input from MPAC

2023 RTP Call for Projects Policy Framework

Draft Goals for 2023 RTP

EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION

Transportation system disparities experienced by Black, Indigenous and people of color and people with low incomes, are eliminated. The disproportionate barriers people of color, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, older adults, youth and other marginalized communities face in meeting their travel needs are removed.

CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE

People, communities and ecosystems are protected, healthier and more resilient and carbon emissions and other pollution are substantially reduced as more people travel by transit, walking and bicycling and people travel shorter distances to get where they need to go.

SAFE SYSTEM

Traffic deaths and serious crashes are eliminated and all people are safe and secure when traveling in the region.



MOBILITY OPTIONS

People and businesses can reach the jobs, goods, services and opportunities they need by well-connected, low-carbon travel options that are safe, affordable, convenient, reliable, efficient, accessible, and welcoming.

THRIVING ECONOMY

An economically vibrant greater Portland region includes centers, ports, industrial areas, employment areas, and other regional destinations that are accessible through a variety of multimodal connections that help people, communities, and businesses thrive and prosper.

Major work ahead in 2023

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- Policy update
- Call for Projects
- Public comment on draft
- Final adoption

Climate

- Climate Smart Strategy - update
- Implementation of CFEC Rules
- Climate Modeling
- Climate Reduction Program (CRP) allocation

Metropolitan Transportation Implementation Plan (MTIP) 2024-27

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Transit Planning

- High-capacity Transit Strategy
- TV Highway Corridor Plan
- 82nd Avenue Transit Plan
- Scoping the Access to Transit Plan

Bridges

- Burnside Bridge
- I-5 Bridge Replacement

Questions?

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