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2023 RTP update: Draft evaluation results and project list input

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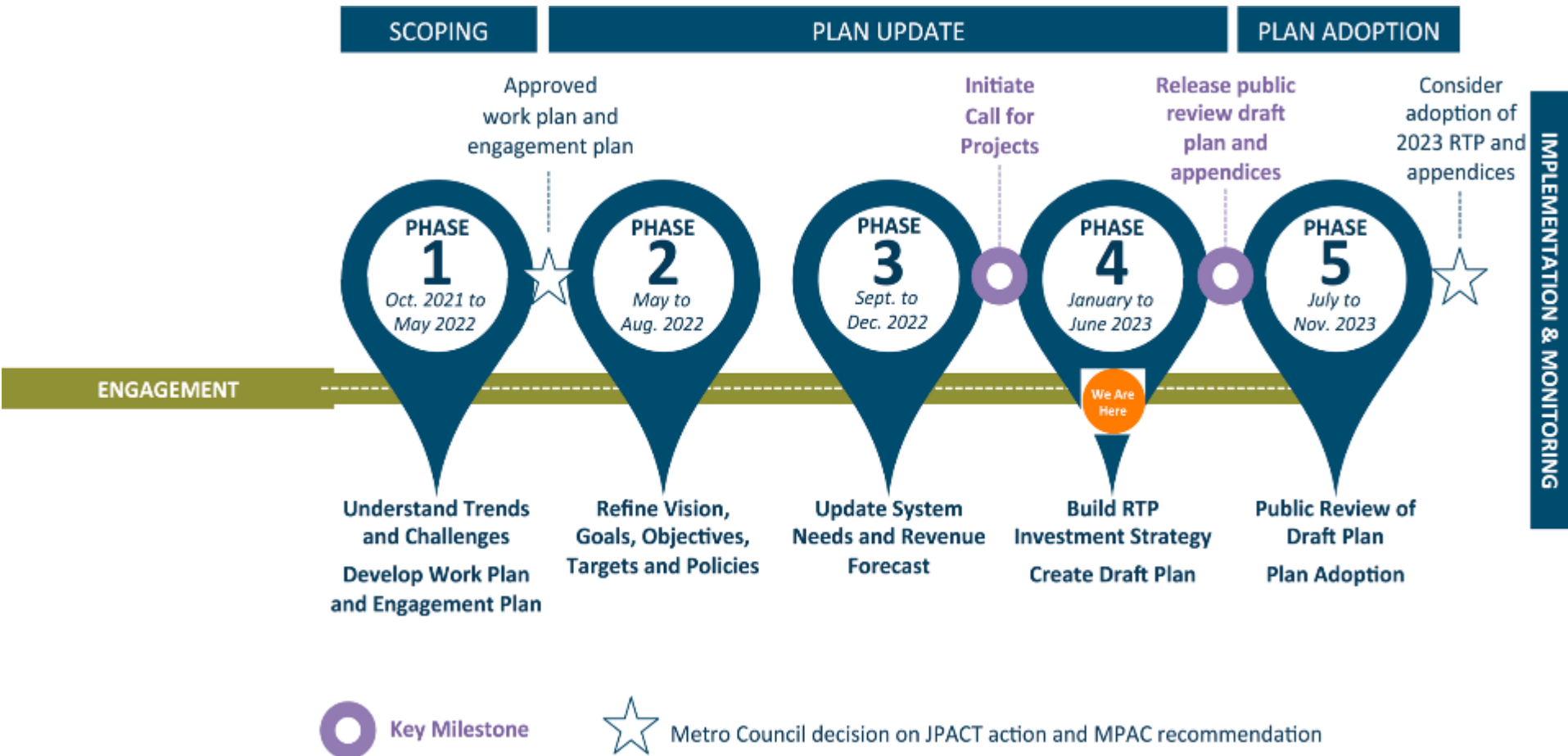
Today's purpose

- Recap draft system analysis key findings and public input
- Report back on May 11 JPACT/Council workshop feedback
- Hear MPAC feedback on opportunities for improving draft project list

In June, JPACT and Metro Council will be asked to support release of the draft Plan for public review

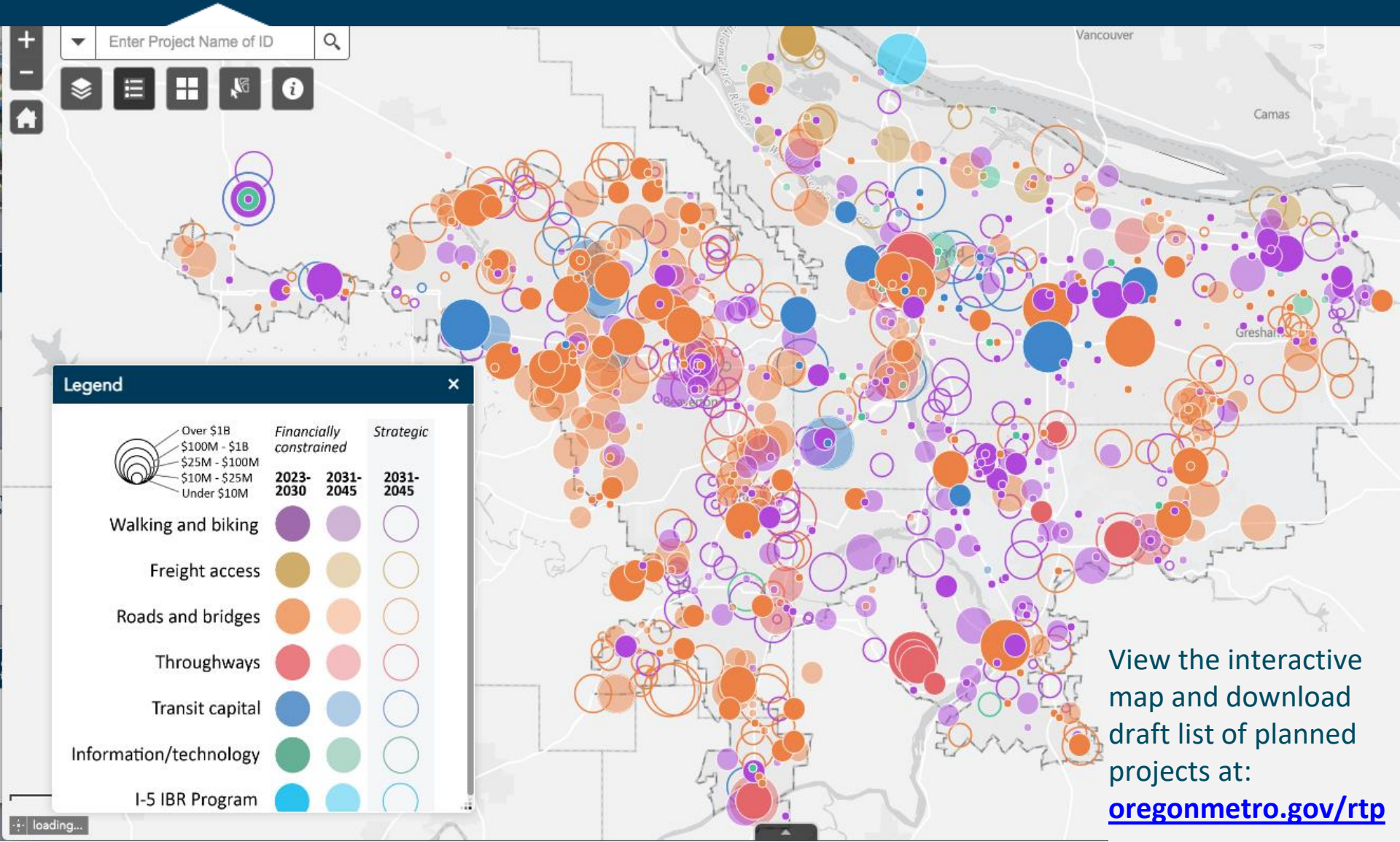


Timeline for the 2023 RTP update



2023 RTP constrained priorities

More than \$73 billion planned by 2045



2023 RTP constrained priorities

Majority of spending on operations and maintenance

\$25.3B

CAPITAL PROJECT SPENDING
[YEAR OF EXPENDITURE \$]



12% Walking + Biking
11% Transit Capital
31% Roads + Bridges
19% Throughways
24% I-5 IBR Program
2% Freight Access
2% Info + Technology

\$48.0B

OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE SPENDING
[YEAR OF EXPENDITURE \$]



58% Transit Service + Operations
10% Transit Maintenance
32% Throughway+Road+Bridge Maintenance

\$73 billion = 796 projects

35% of RTP spending goes toward **capital projects**

38% goes toward **operating existing and new transit service**

28% goes toward **maintaining the system we have**

2023 RTP Constrained Priorities

10 projects = 50% of the capital spending

I-5 Bridge Replacement: **\$6b**

I-5/Rose Quarter: **\$1.3b**

I-205 Improvements: **\$1.2b**

Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge: **\$895m**

SW Corridor Light Rail (*planning and development, PE, ROW only*): **\$882m**

I-5 Boone Bridge: **\$550m**

Sunrise Corridor phase 2: **\$416m**

Regional Mobility Pricing Project: **\$400m**

TV Highway High-capacity Transit: **\$300m**

82nd Ave. High-capacity Transit: **\$300m**



Draft system analysis: key findings

- In most cases, the **RTP makes progress** toward regional goals, **but falls short** of meeting several target outcomes
- The RTP achieves **mixed results for mobility, equity and economy** goals
- The region is **not on track to meet our safety goals**, and data shows our streets are getting less safe

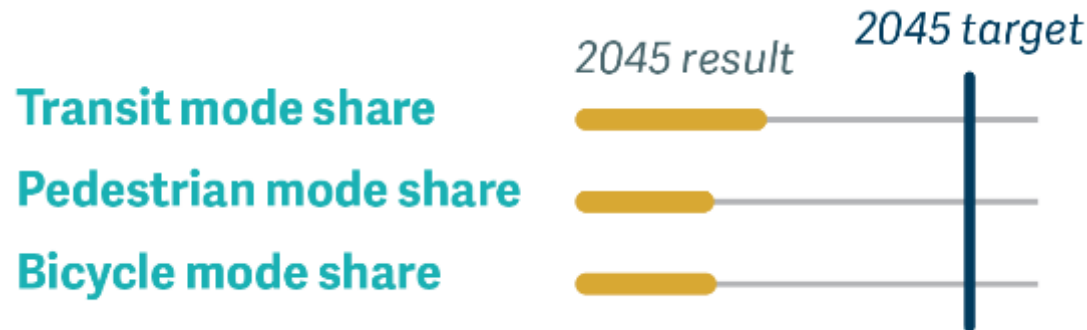


Draft 2023 RTP Goals developed by JPACT and Metro Council with input from MPAC and CORE

Draft results: mobility



- Improve access to jobs via driving and transit
- Provide equal access via transit and via driving
- Complete transportation networks
- Prioritize bike/ped facilities near transit
- Triple transit, bike and pedestrian mode share



Opportunity for improvement: Increase the share of RTP capital spending dedicated to projects that help fill regional network gaps (currently 29%).

Draft results: safety



○ Reduce serious crashes to maintain progress toward the region's Vision Zero target.

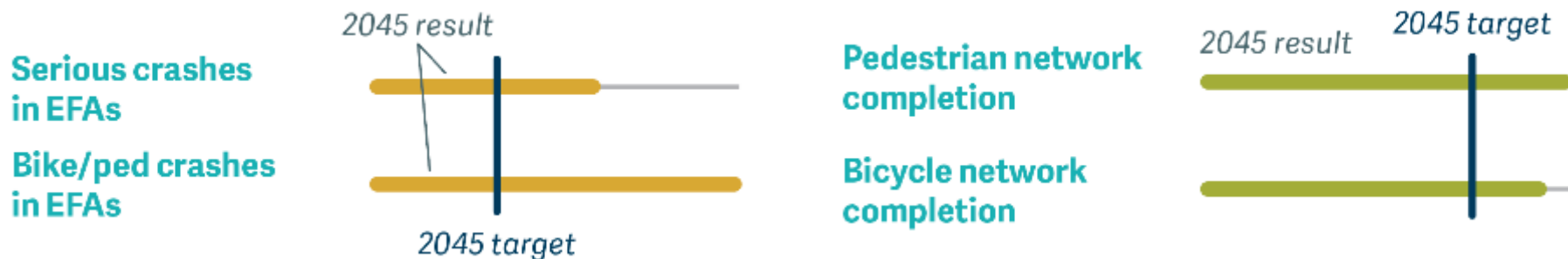


Opportunity for improvement: Accelerate projects on the high-injury network and ensure that projects on this network include safety features.

Draft results: equity



- Eliminate safety disparities in Equity Focus Areas
- Prioritize bike/ped facilities in EFAs
- Prioritize improving access to jobs in EFAs



Opportunity for improvement: Accelerate projects that invest in EFAs – and particularly in transit access, transit service, and safe, complete streets.

Draft results: economy



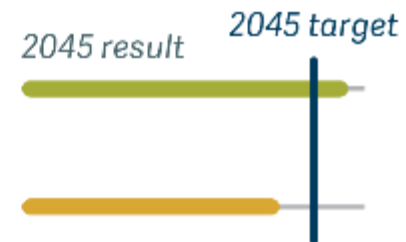
- Decrease driving travel times along key corridors
- Decrease transit travel times along key corridors
- Prioritize bike/ped facilities in centers, station communities, and mixed-use areas
- Prioritize bike/ped facilities in employment and industrial areas

% CHANGE IN AVERAGE OFF-PEAK / PEAK TRAVEL TIMES 2045 vs 2020

Driving	+3.7% / +3.8%
Transit	-3.4% / -1.6%

Regional jobs
accessible by transit

Regional jobs
accessible by driving

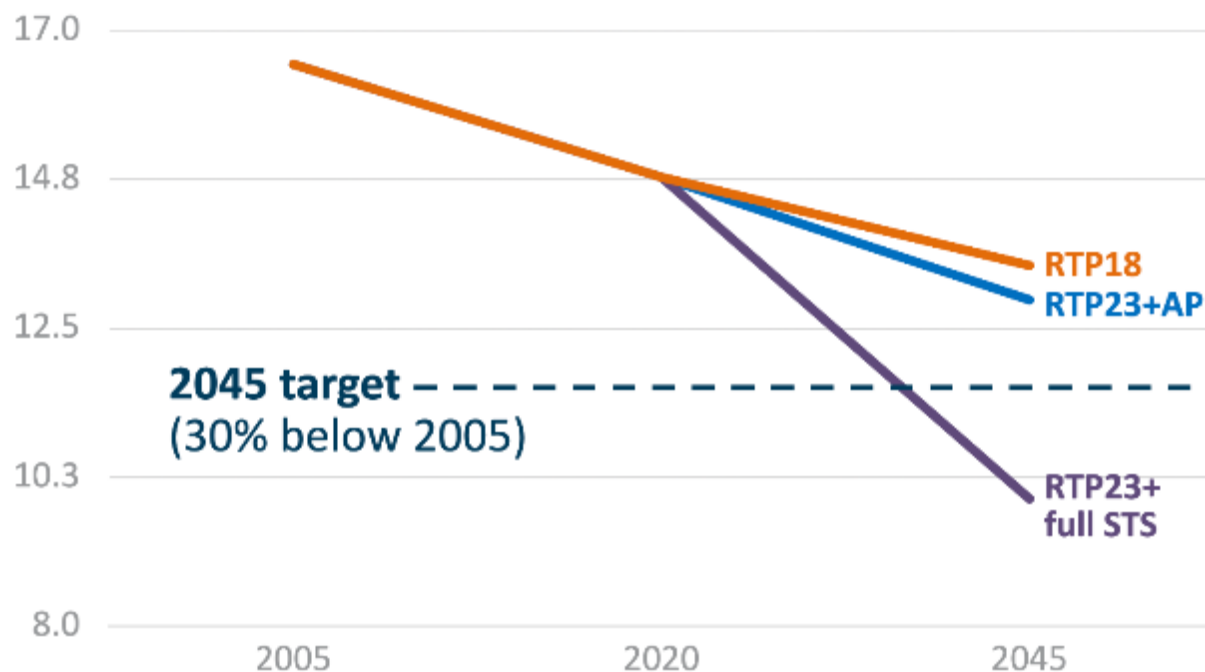


Opportunity for improvement: consider a variety of investments to increase access to employment and industrial areas.

Draft results: climate



● The RTP may or may not meet regional climate targets depending on what state-led pricing and transportation funding sources are assumed in the analysis.



Opportunity for improvement: proactively plan for the implementation of new transportation revenue sources.

Engaging partners and the public since April

- ~ 800 on-line survey responses
- 1 community leaders' forum
- 4 language-specific forums
- Community based organization engagement
- Many briefings and presentations
- 5 consultation meetings:
 - Tribes
 - Resource Agencies
 - State/Federal/Regional Agencies
- Business forum planned for May 25

Summary report and key themes being prepared for Metro Council and JPACT consideration.



What we've heard from community outreach and engagement

Safety is the top concern

Traffic safety is a concern while walking and biking

Personal safety – including hate crimes, harassment, and unsafe interactions with others – is a concern for people taking transit, or walking to / waiting at stations

We are facing a climate emergency

Major RTP projects do not do enough to reduce emissions

Prioritize maintenance

Streets and sidewalks need repair; **Buses and MAX cars** need maintenance

Invest more in transit service

The **transit network** needs to be more **affordable, efficient and accessible**

Walking is a priority

Many parts of the region **need more sidewalks**, and all sidewalks need to be **ADA accessible**¹⁴



Summary reports are being prepared for Metro Council and JPACT consideration.


JPACT/Metro Council workshop – May 11



- Look to transportation gaps in underserved and outlying areas. --> <--
- Be honest about where we are putting our dollars.

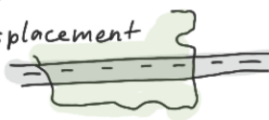
- Prioritize near-term projects to save lives and bring value. 

- Encourage new and reviving transit modes. 
- Emphasize equity. 

- Be clear about what we want to achieve. 

- How do we pay for larger projects, even important ones?


- Take note of transit coverage and rent prices 


- Consider land-use as a driver of displacement 


So Rent

- Improve transit without causing displacement.

- Can we meet our climate goals?

- Strong legislative commitment around generating capital. 

- Shrink gap between transit and driving time. 

- Look at big picture to make everything fits together without conflict. 



Thank you for your input!

Opportunities to further advance RTP goals in the near-term (by 2030)

1. **Update descriptions** to specify project features that will improve regional goals
2. **Shift project timing to accelerate projects that:**
 - address safety on high injury corridors
 - complete regional network gaps
 - invest in Equity Focus Areas
3. **Provide more specificity for bundled projects** so they can be evaluated

Agencies may submit changes by May 24



What's ahead?

June	JPACT and Council action to release public review draft 2023 RTP and projects
July-August	Public comment opportunity, including public agency and policymaker review
Fall	MPAC, JPACT and Council review of public input and final action on 2023 RTP

Discussion

Other suggestions for improving the draft project list, particularly for the near-term?

Other feedback for staff as the the draft RTP is prepared for for public and policymaker review?



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