

## STAFF REPORT

### VISION AND GOALS FOR THE 2023 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## ISSUE STATEMENT

The [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) is the state- and federally-required long-range transportation plan for the Portland metropolitan area. The RTP establishes a long-term vision and goals (and supporting objectives) for the future of transportation. Together with the plan's policies, the vision and goals guide planning and investment priorities to meet the transportation needs of our growing and changing region. This outcomes-based policy framework is summarized in **Figure 1**.

**Figure 1. RTP performance-based planning and decision-making framework**



Source: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan

## ACTION REQUESTED

Metro Council feedback on and support for the draft vision and goals for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

**See Attachment 1 Draft Vision and Goals** for the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan in the meeting packet. The draft vision and goals reflect changes suggested by JPACT members on September 15.

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Public and stakeholder input received during the scoping phase and during the first phase of the RTP update showed strong support for the vision, all of the RTP goals and the four overarching priorities – equity, climate, safety and mobility. During the scoping phase, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) requested additional discussion of the RTP vision and goals. The committees wanted to consider ways to further focus the priorities for the 2023 RTP and the role of the RTP in supporting the region’s economic vitality.

Staff last presented on this item to Metro Council on June 30, 2022 at a joint workshop of JPACT and the Metro Council. In that workshop, members of JPACT and Metro Council discussed ideas for updating the RTP vision and goals to shape development of the 2023 RTP. **See Attachment 2 for a summary report of the joint workshop.** Since the workshop, staff drafted an updated vision and goals that focus on priorities and outcomes that the 2023 RTP can measurably address. On September 2, TPAC reviewed and provided feedback on the draft vision and goals prepared by staff.

Specific TPAC feedback included:

- Add a more explicit reference to climate in vision statement
- Expand the climate goal (Goal 2) to include reducing vehicle miles traveled per person consistent with state climate goals and requirements for the RTP to address
- Add “deaths” to beginning of Goal 3 to explicitly call out eliminating traffic deaths as a goal
- Add “jobs” and “efficiency” to Goal 4
- Add a new goal called “vibrant and prosperous communities” that connects 2040 land uses and a strong economy being served by a multimodal transportation system that helps people, communities and businesses thrive and prosper.

On Sept. 15, 2022, JPACT discussed the draft vision and goals. JPACT feedback is reflected in the draft vision and goals in **Attachment 1**. Changes suggested by JPACT member are shown in strikethrough and underscore.

## POLICY QUESTIONS

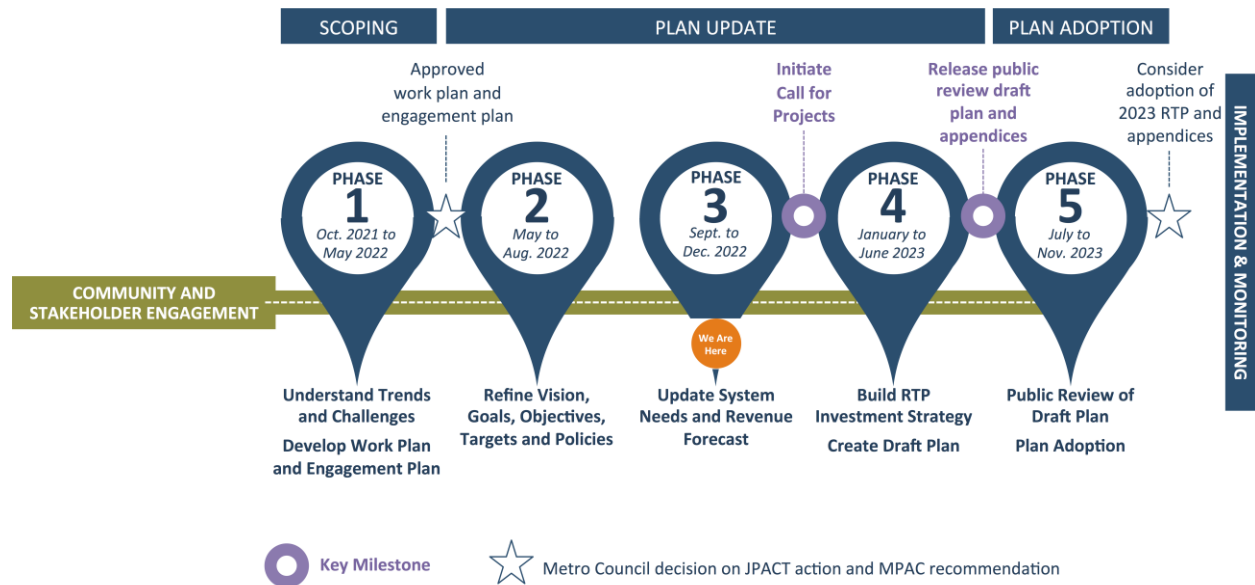
1. Do the draft vision and goals reflect Metro Council priorities and input to date?
2. Is anything important missing? Do you have suggestions for ways to improve the draft vision or goals?
3. Does Council support the draft vision and goals?

## ANTICIPATED EFFECTS

Following JPACT and Council discussions of the draft vision and goals, staff will update the draft vision and goals as needed to address feedback received and begin updating the plan’s objectives to align with the draft vision and goals. This policy framework will be presented to JPACT and Council for feedback and support in Fall 2022.

Pending JPACT and Metro Council support, the draft vision and goals will guide development of the 2023 RTP in 2023 as shown in **Figure 2**.

**Figure 2. 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Timeline**



## ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Vision and Goals for the 2023 RTP
2. JPACT and Metro Council RTP Workshop 1 Summary Report

## For work session:

- Is legislation required for Council action? Not at this time.