



2018 Regional Transit Strategy

Working together, we can create a shared vision and investment strategy that helps partners prioritize transit and transit-supportive investments over the next 25 years.

The Portland region is growing as more people are attracted to our quality of life. Transit is a key component of that quality of life and a crucial piece of our transportation system.

A collaborative approach builds on good transit planning around the region to create a single coordinated vision: to make transit more frequent, convenient, accessible and affordable.



“The greatest barriers to the use of public transportation are time and reliability. If people can’t count on transit to get them there at a specific time, they’re not going to use it.”

—Adria Decker Dismuke, Milwaukie resident

Partnerships and leadership will create a great future

The Regional Transit Strategy engages community leaders and all transit providers serving the region to define a shared vision and investment strategy for transit in the region. Together we can develop a clear path towards implementation that can be embraced by a wide coalition of users and stakeholders.

Transit providers involved

- Canby Area Transit
- South Clackamas Transportation District
- Clackamas Community College Shuttle
- C-TRAN
- Portland Streetcar Inc
- Ride Connection
- Salem-Keizer Transit
- Sandy Area Metro
- SMART
- TriMet
- Yamhill County Transit Area



Whether your roots in the region run generations deep or you moved to Oregon last week, you have your own reasons for loving this place – and Metro wants to keep it that way. Help shape the future of the greater Portland region and discover tools, services and places that make life better today.

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Why this, why now?

The region's Climate Smart Strategy demonstrated a clear consensus to invest more in our transit system, and now is the time to build on that momentum. This transit strategy will be a key component of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, which will update the region's shared vision and investment strategy for all of the ways people and businesses get around.

Solutions to meet growing challenges

Transit service must expand to keep pace with growth, and an integrated system will help our communities grow the way they want to. Providing frequent and convenient transit gets employees to work and customers to businesses, supporting economic growth while reducing impacts to our natural environment.

Transit investments reduce peak hour congestion, creating less delay for people driving and freight movement. Transit is crucial for seniors, people with disabilities and youth, getting them to work, school or other places they need to go.

Building on the direction from the region's Climate Smart Strategy, the Regional Transit Strategy will define a shared vision that includes:

- local and regional transit service improvements
- new transit enhancement strategies, such as transit signal priority, queue jumps, etc.
- high capacity transit investments, such as light rail and bus rapid transit
- additional capacity and reliability improvements on our existing transit system
- transit supportive elements such as sidewalks, crossings and complementary land uses.

Funding is limited, and we have multiple transportation priorities. But if not addressed, the challenges of growth will compromise our region's economic prosperity and quality of life. Acting together, the region will build a clear vision for the Portland region's transit service and a policy foundation for getting there.

The MAX carries nearly **1 in 3** Sunset/Banfield commuters during rush hour.

Residents of the region take over **100 million** rides on transit every year.

“Better reliability in transit time is also a key factor. Without it folks get anxious, trains get crowded and people have an additional concern when making the decision on how to get somewhere.” –Survey response, February 2016

What's next?

- fall/winter 2016: regional transit vision
- spring 2017: shared transit investment strategy

Find out how to be involved – and more – at oregonmetro.gov/rtp.

