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2.4 REGIONAL SYSTEM DEFINITION

Multi-modal regional transportation facilities and services are defined both by the function they serve and by where they are located. Facilities and services are included in the regional transportation system based on their function within the regional transportation system rather than their geometric design, ownership or physical characteristics.

A facility or service is part of the regional transportation system if it provides access to any activities crucial to the social or economic health of the Portland metropolitan region, including connecting the region to other parts of the state and Pacific Northwest or provides access to and within 2040 Target areas, as described below.

Facilities that connect different parts of the region together are crucial to the regional transportation system. Any link that provides access to or within a major regional activity center such as an airport or 2040 target area is also a crucial element of the regional transportation system. These facilities are shown on the network maps in this chapter.

As a result, the regional transportation system is defined as:

1. All state transportation facilities (including interstate, statewide, regional and district highways and their bridges, overcrossings and ramps).
2. All arterial facilities and their bridges.
3. Transportation facilities, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, within designated 2040 centers, corridors, industrial areas, employment areas, main streets and station communities.
4. All high capacity transit and regional transit networks and their bridges.
5. All regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities and their bridges, including regional trails shown on the regional pedestrian and bicycle networks.
6. All bridges that cross the Willamette, Columbia, Clackamas, Tualatin or Sandy rivers.
7. All freight and passenger intermodal facilities, airports, rail facilities and marine transportation facilities and their bridges.

Regional Transportation System Components

Regional multi-modal transportation facilities and services include the following components:

1. Regional System Design
2. Regional Arterial and Throughway Network, which includes the National Highway System (NHS) and State highways
3. Regional Transit Network
4. Regional Freight Network
5. Regional Bicycle Network
6. Regional Pedestrian Network
7. Regional System Management & Operations which includes Demand Management

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8. Any other transportation facility, service or strategy that is determined by JPACT and the Metro Council to be of regional interest because it has a regional need or impact (e.g. transit-oriented development, transportation system management and demand management strategies, local street connectivity, and culverts that serve as barriers to fish passage).

Together, these facilities and services constitute an integrated and interconnected system that supports desired land use and provides transportation options to achieve the goals of the RTP.

Visions, concepts and supporting policies are described for each component in the next section.

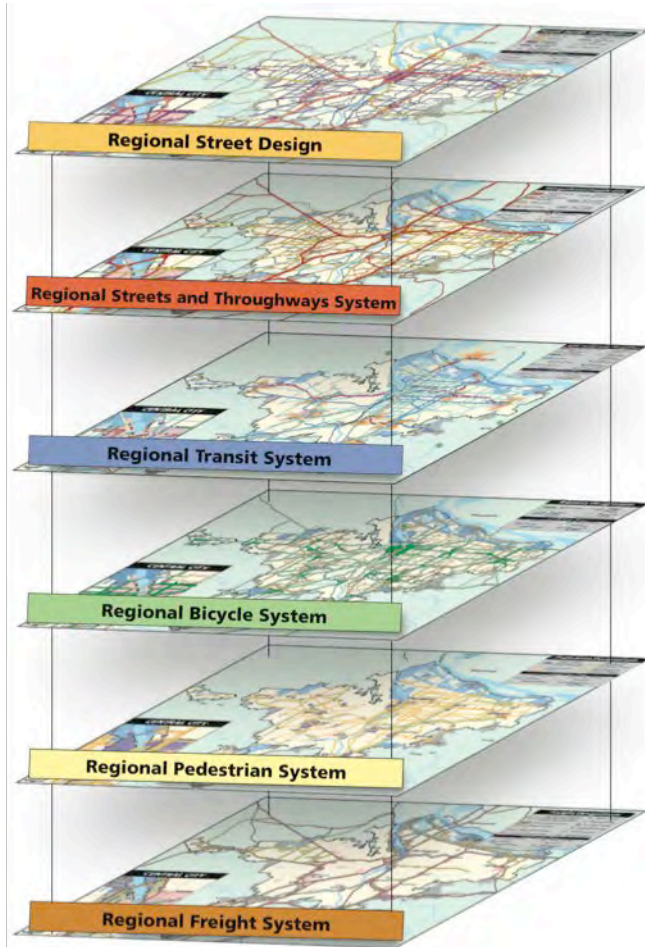
2.5 REGIONAL NETWORK VISIONS, CONCEPTS AND POLICIES

This section establishes a network vision,

concept and supporting policies for each component of the regional transportation system. The network vision, concepts and policies represent a complete urban transportation system that meets the plan goals and supports local aspirations for growth.

The network visions, concepts and policies provide for travel through a seamless and well-connected system of regional throughways and streets, local streets, freight networks, transit services and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The concepts and policies emphasize safety, access, mobility and reliability for people and goods and the community-building and placemaking role of transportation.

The network visions, concepts and policies guide the development, design and management of different components of the regional transportation system.



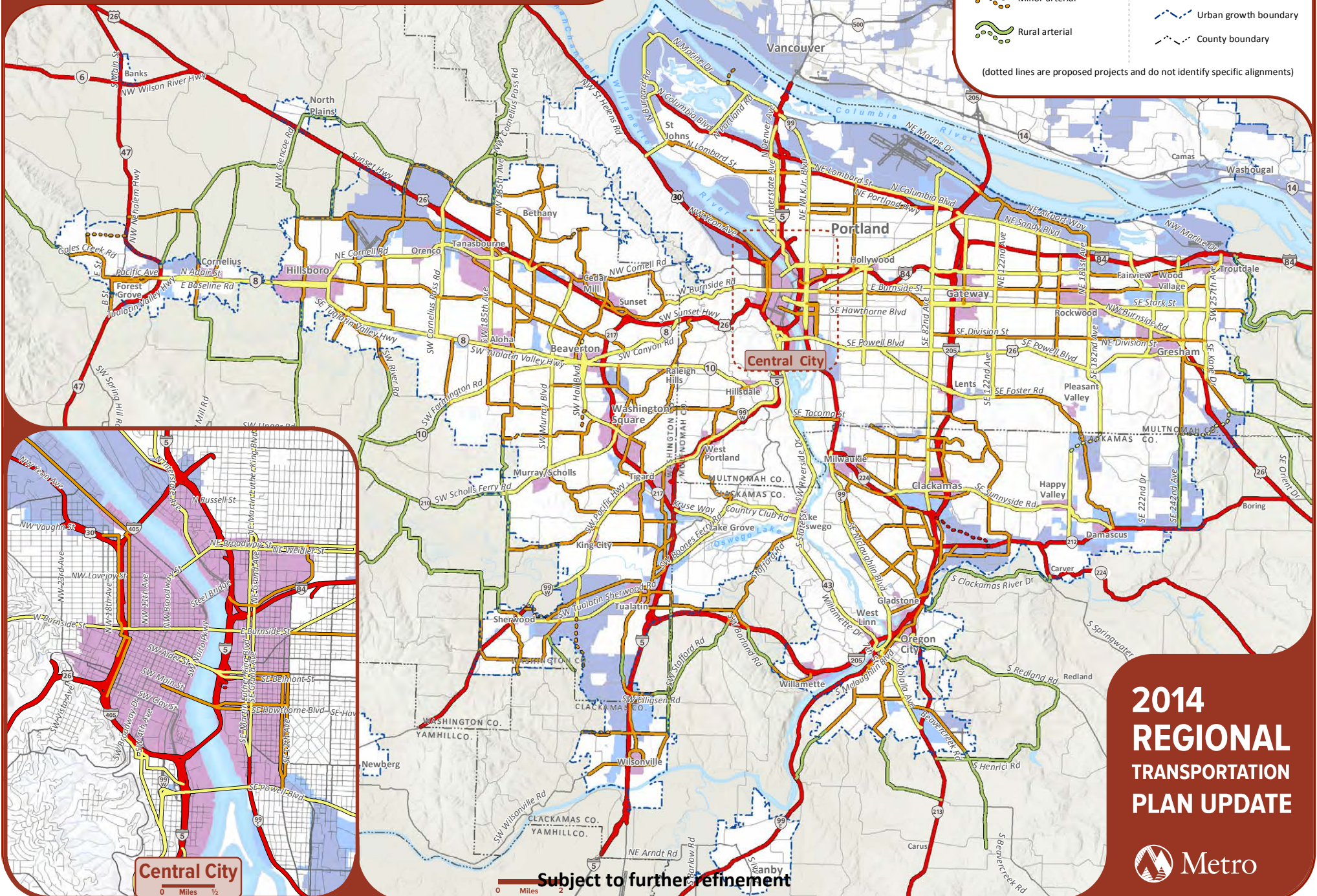
Regional Transportation Network Components

Arterial and Throughway Network

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- Principal arterial
 - Major arterial
 - Minor arterial
 - Rural arterial
 - Urban centers
 - Employment
 - Industry
 - Urban growth boundary
 - County boundary
- (dotted lines are proposed projects and do not identify specific alignments)



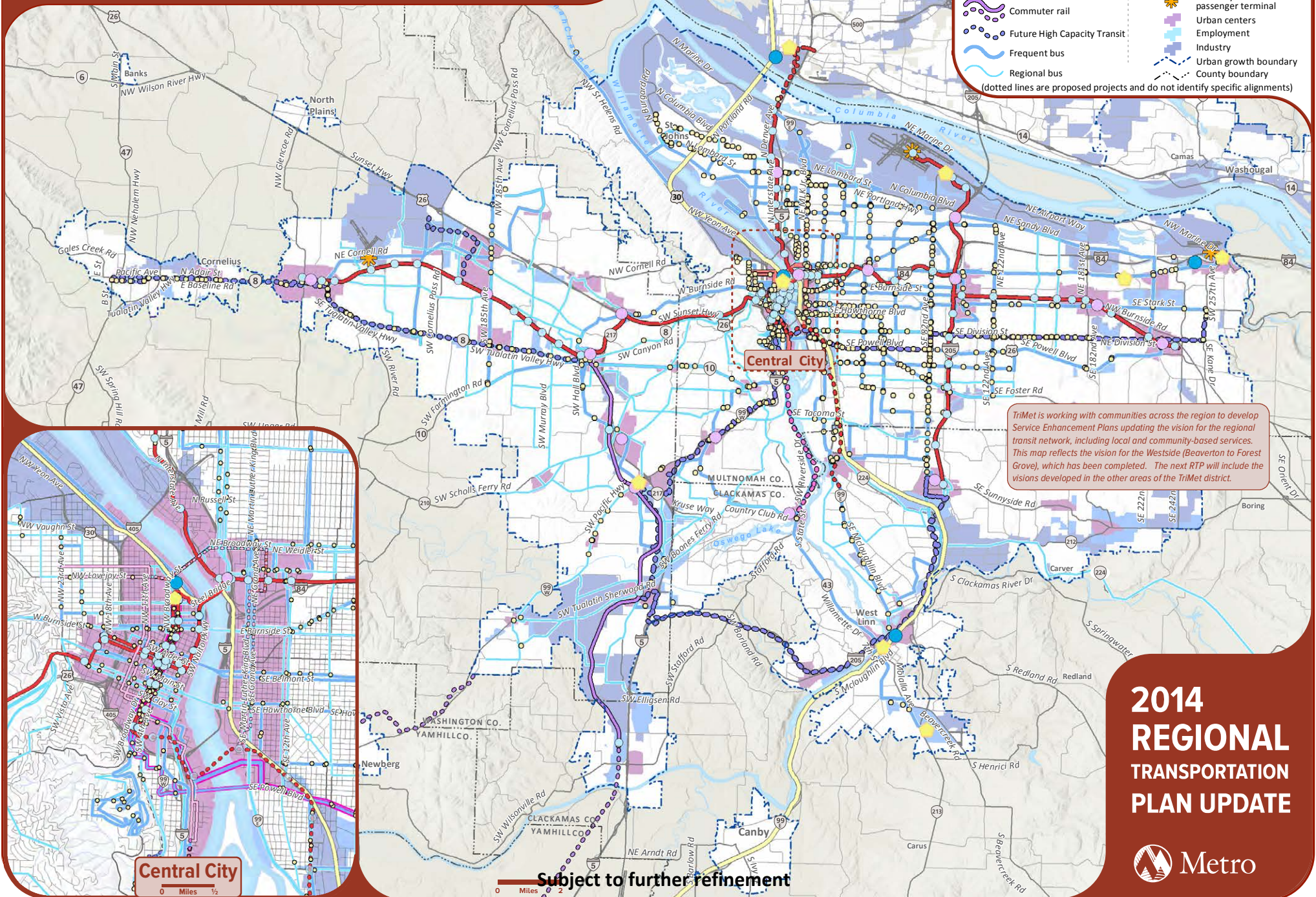
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Regional Transit Network

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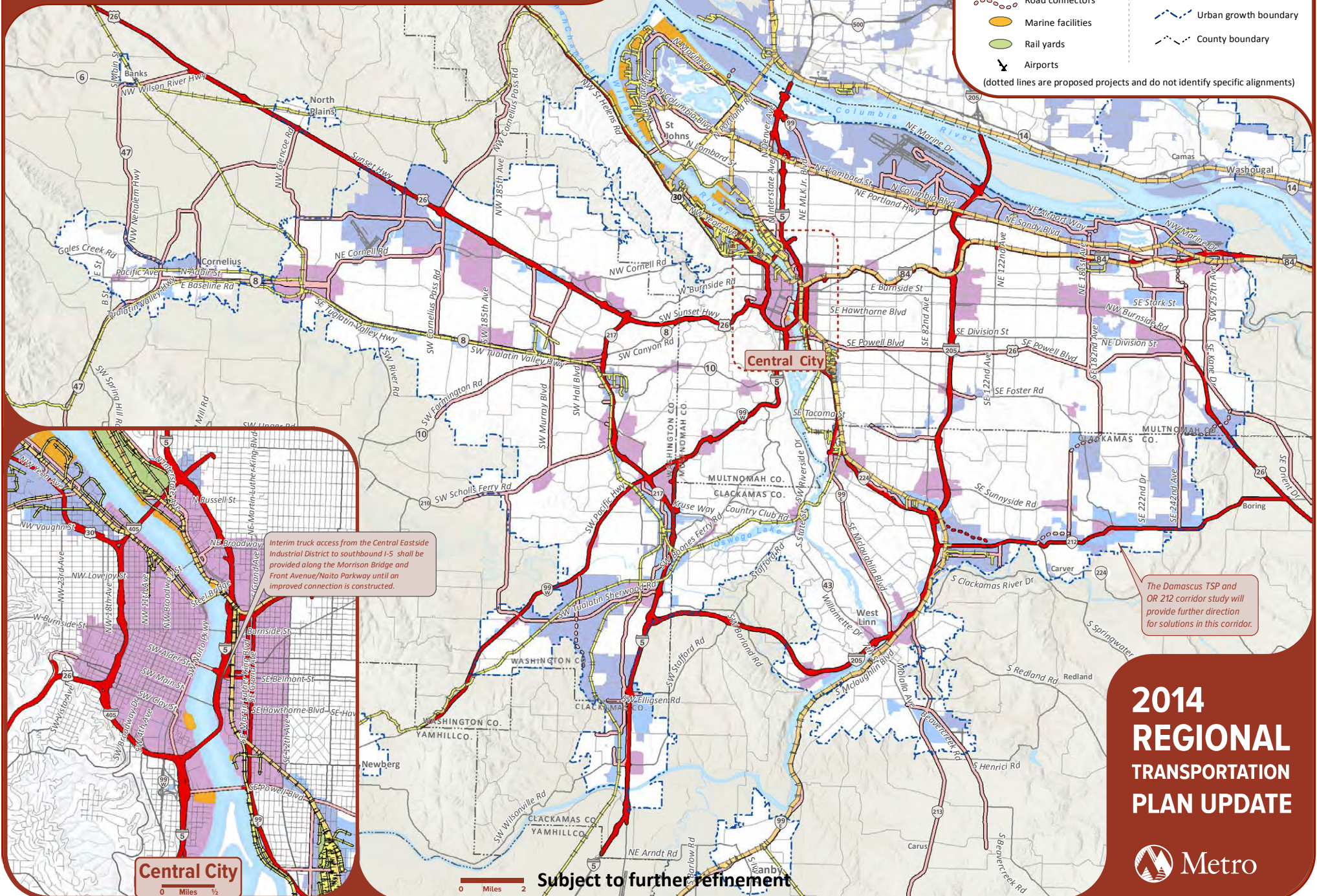
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Regional Freight Network

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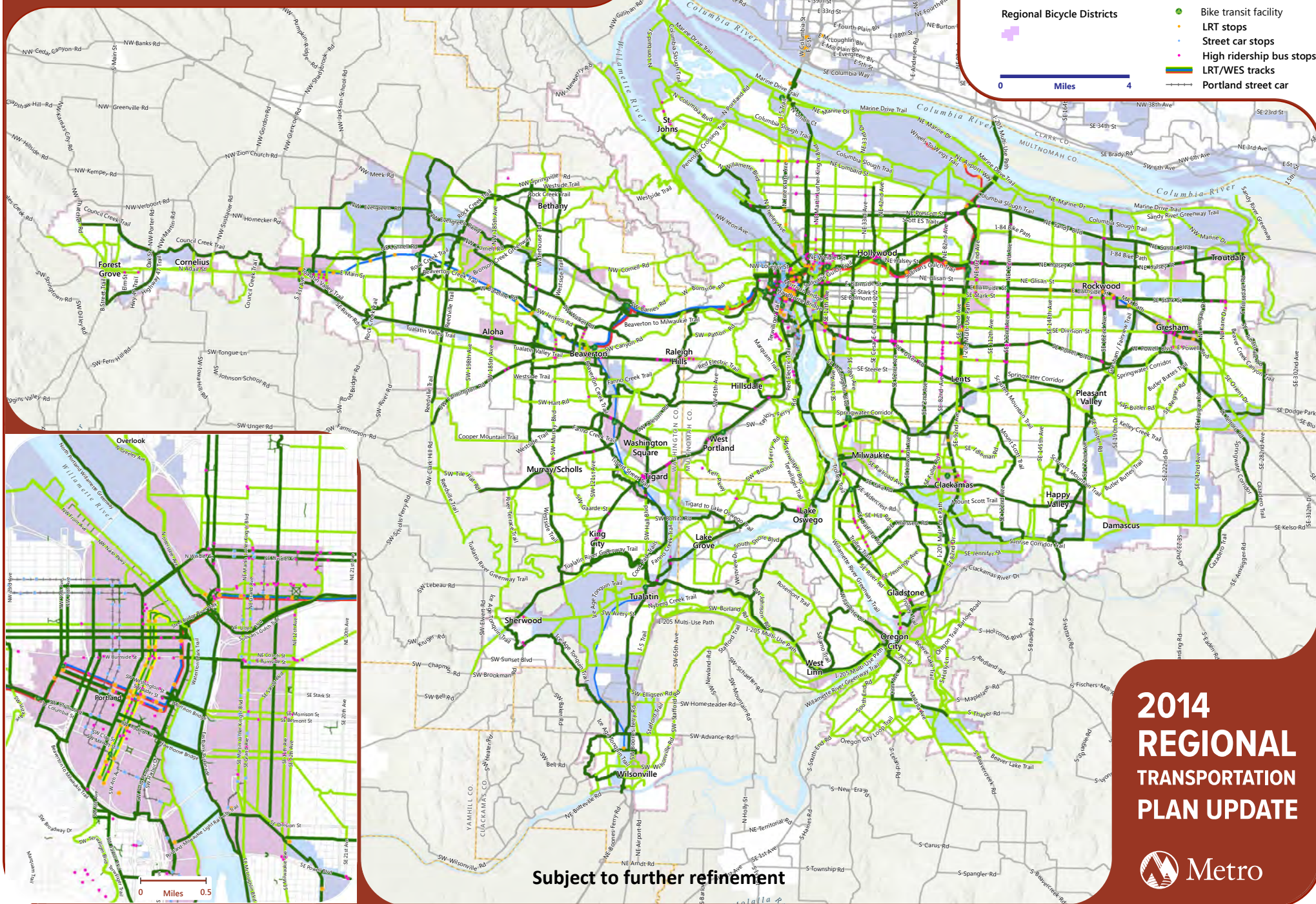
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Regional Bike Network

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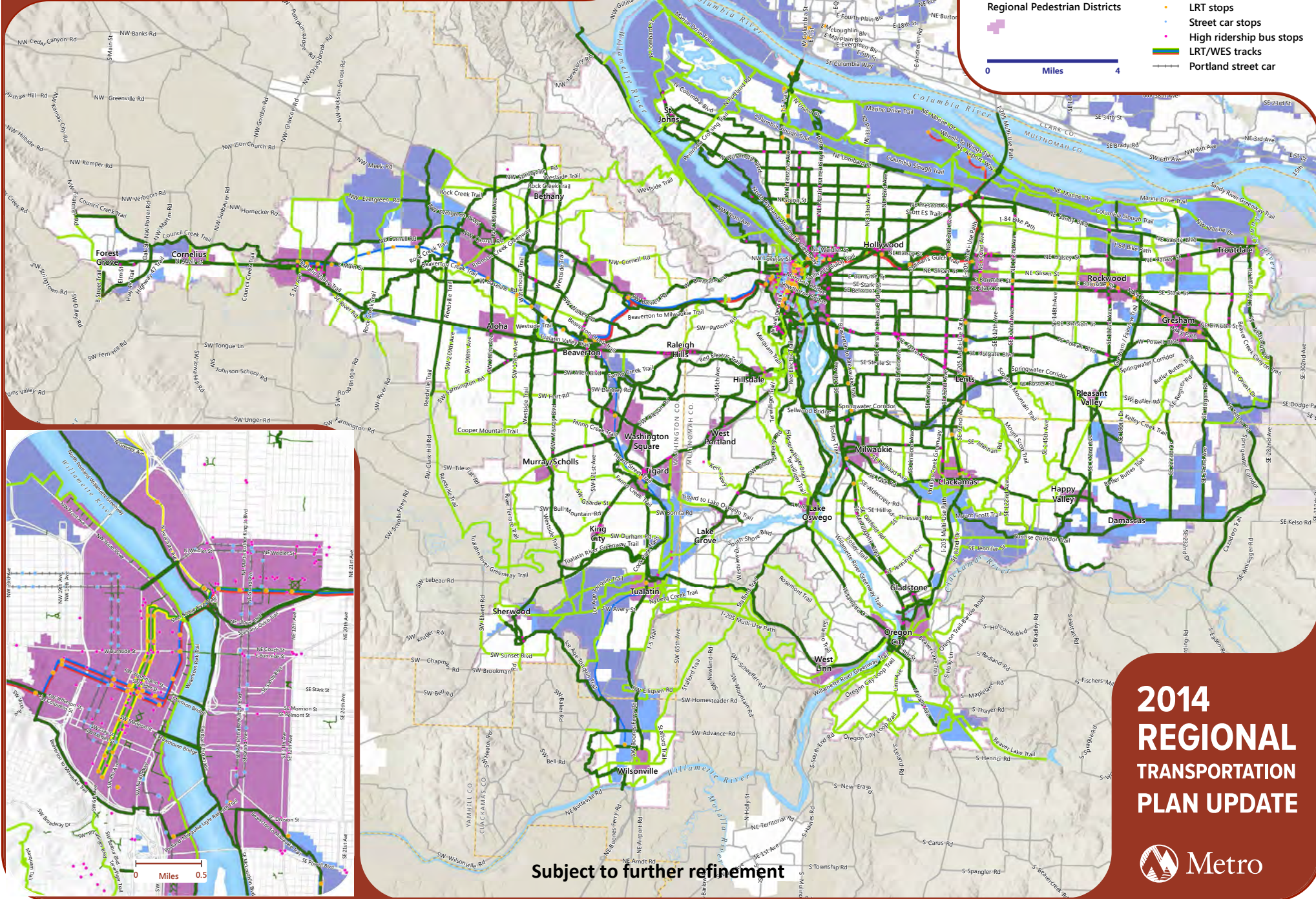
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Regional Pedestrian Network

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