



Metro

Regional Investment Strategy

Parks and Nature bond: Outcomes and past programs

Metro Council
work session
Jan. 22, 2019



January work sessions

Jan. 15: Outcomes

Today: Potential gaps
between desired outcomes
and past bond programs

Jan. 29: Options/questions
to explore further



Agenda for today

Outcomes review

Possible gaps

Council discussion

Policy questions

Next steps



Discussion: Draft outcomes

Based on Council and community input, Stakeholder table recommendations

Inclusive engagement, transparency and accountability.

Advance racial **equity** through bond investments.

Protect clean **water** for people, fish and wildlife.

Protect and restore **culturally significant** plant communities.

Protect, connect and improve **habitat** for native fish and wildlife.

Take care of **what we have**.

Make parks and natural areas more **accessible** and inclusive.

Connect more **people** to the land and rivers of our region.

Invest in **trails** for biking and walking.

Support **community-led** parks and nature projects.

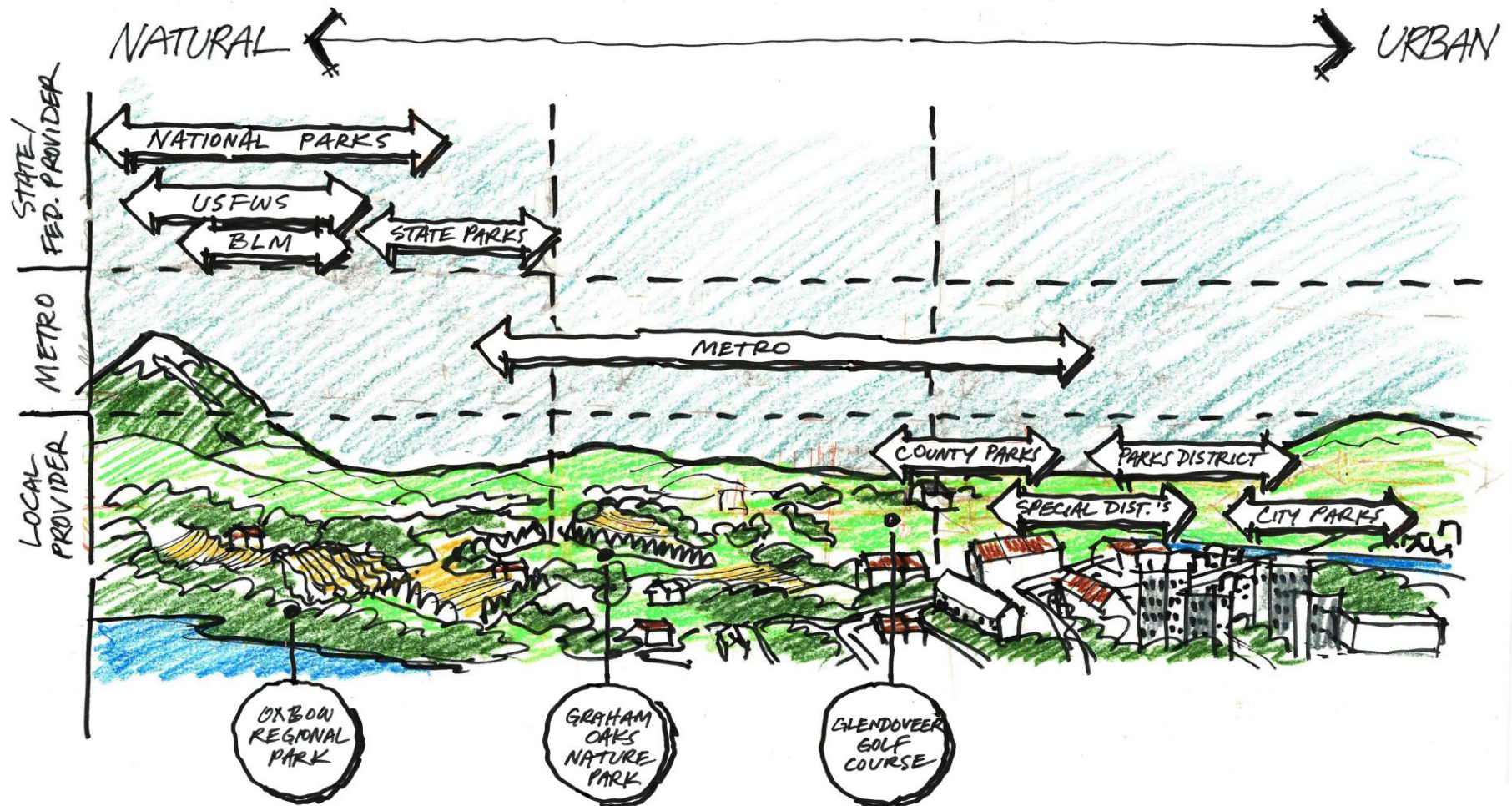
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Metro's role in the region



Scouters Mountain



Orenco Woods Nature Park



Tualatin River Access



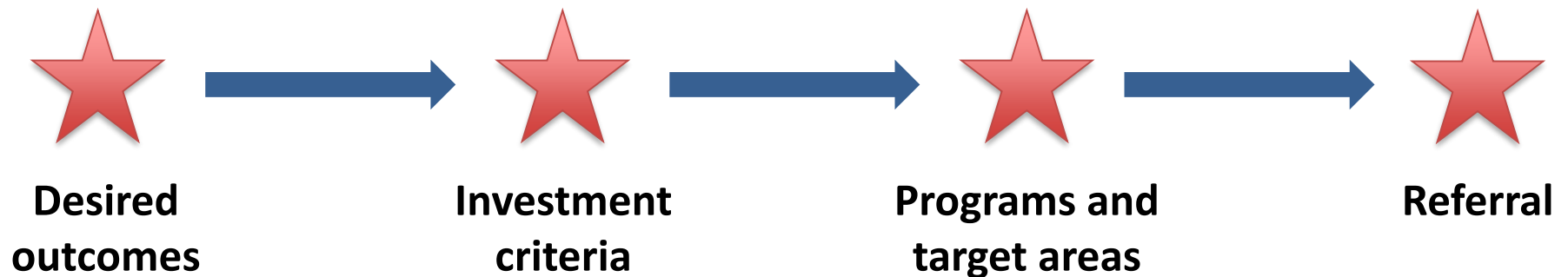
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Council direction: Shaping the bond



Informing Council decisions

- Stakeholder Table
- Community engagement
- Public opinion research
- Current policy
- Staff analysis

2006 bond criteria – Reviewing potential gaps

Land acquisition

Local share

Capital grants

*Capital projects
for public access,
trails and
restoration



2006 bond criteria – Land acquisition

Water quality

Habitat value

Rarity of habitat

Parcel size

Restoration potential

Connectivity for wildlife and trail systems

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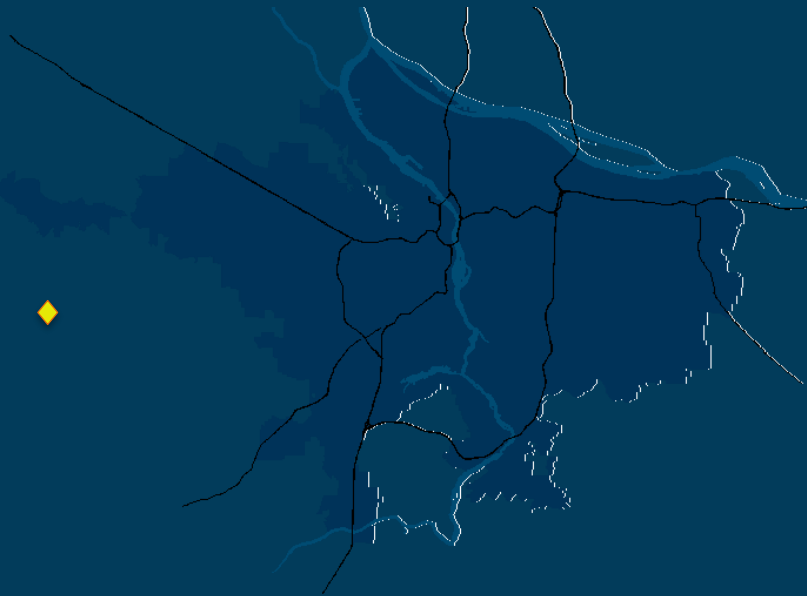
Public access – nature-based recreation

Target Area - Chehalem

Chehalem Ridegetop to Refuge. The northern end of the Chehalem Mountains provides opportunities for protection of large, undeveloped tracts of forestland to protect water quality and wildlife connections from this mountain range to areas river bottomlands.

Chehalem Ridge Natural Area

Centro Cultural
2017 Eclipse viewing



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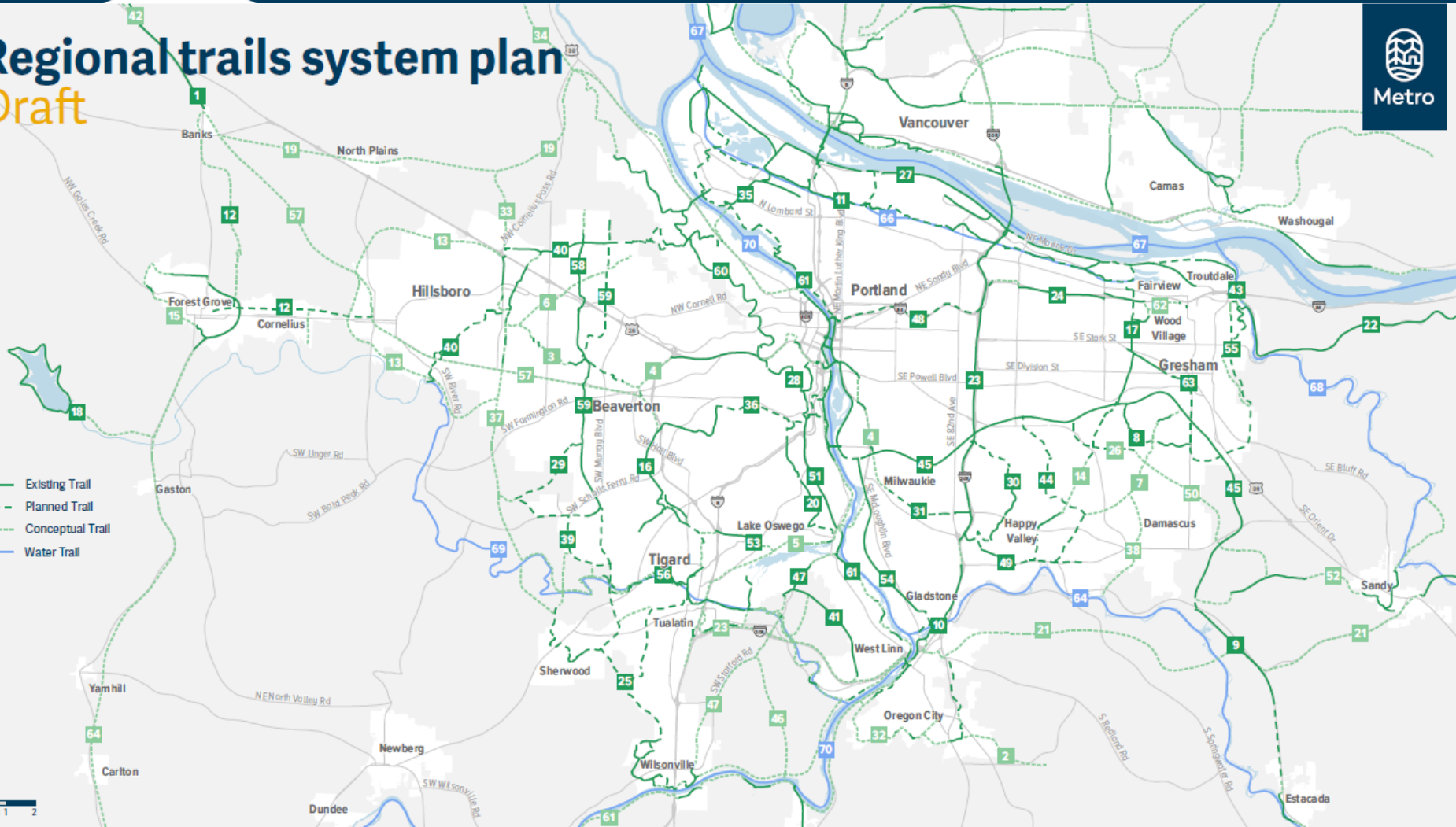
Regional Trails Plan - gaps

Regional trails system plan Draft



- Existing Trail
- Planned Trail
- Conceptual Trail
- Water Trail

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2006 bond funds– Metro capital projects

Mount Talbert

Columbia Blvd. Bridge*

Cooper Mountain

Fanno Creek Trail

Graham Oaks

**Marine Drive (Columbia
River) Trail***

**Farmington Paddle
Launch**

**Willamette Falls
Riverwalk***

Chehalem Phase I*

River Island Restoration

Gabbert Butte Phase I*

Bold: Funded by 2014 legislation (not in bond referral)

*incomplete project

2006 bond criteria – local share

Acquiring natural areas or park lands

Restoring habitat

Enhancing public access to natural areas

Designing and constructing trails

Providing enhanced environmental
educational opportunities

2006 bond criteria – community grants

Safeguard water quality

Protect and enhance fish
and wildlife habitat

Promote partnerships to protect and
enhance nature in neighborhoods

Increase function and presence of nature
in disadvantaged neighborhoods

Continuing the discussion: Next week

How can bond investments provide direct benefit to the people of greater Portland?

What criteria for capital investments will deliver the greatest outcomes for people and for nature?

What questions or ideas does Council direct staff to explore further?

