



Metro

Regional Investment Strategy

Parks and Nature bond: Potential program options

Metro Council
work session
Jan. 29, 2019



January work sessions

Jan. 15: Outcomes

Jan. 22: Potential gaps
between desired outcomes
and past bond programs

Today: Program
options/questions to
explore further



Agenda for today

Outcomes review

Potential program
areas for new bond

Key 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.

Build **trails** for biking and walking.

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

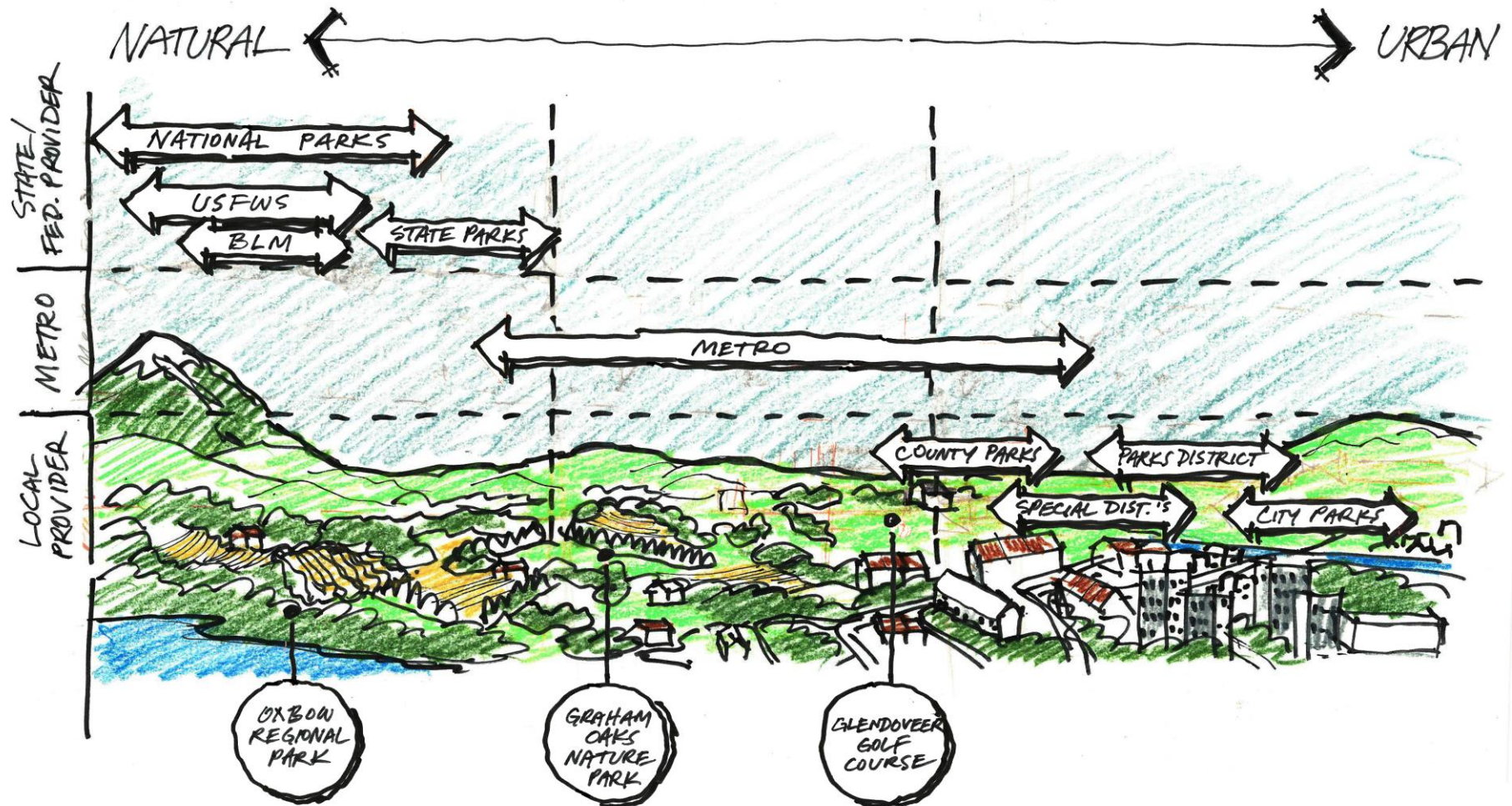
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Key additional outcomes

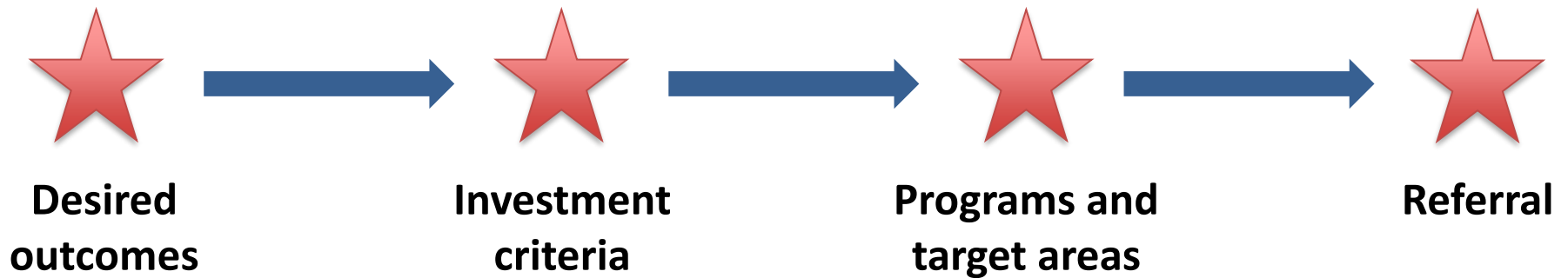
- **Nearby nature** – maintain or improve proximity and access to local and regional rivers, parks and natural areas
- **Trails** – increase physical connections to nature with safe bike and pedestrian trails and pathways
- **Urban transformation** – leveraging regional investments to increase people's access to nature in urban areas



Metro's role in the region



Council bond direction



Informing Council decisions

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

Potential 2019 bond program investment areas

Land acquisition – for people
and wildlife

Urban transformation

Capital projects

Regional trails

Capital grants

Local share



Potential 2019 bond additional considerations

For all program investments

- Racial equity
- Climate resiliency
- Strategies at scale – urban, suburban, outside UGB
 - Include considerations for “working lands”



Potential program – Land acquisition & restoration

- Water quality
 - Habitat value
 - Rarity of habitat
 - Parcel size
 - Restoration potential
 - Wildlife connectivity
 - Trail systems
 - Scenic resources
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- **Access to rivers**
 - **Identified by communities of color,**
 - **Significant to local Indigenous community**

Equity and climate – Land acquisition & restoration

Racial equity

- Engagement and decision making
- Prioritizing lands identified by communities of color, including Indigenous community
- Resource allocation – contracting

Climate resiliency

- Protecting/connecting habitats
- Water quantity/flooding
- Tree canopy

Potential program – Urban transformation

Connect people to land and rivers of region

Improve water quality or natural systems

Leverage other public/private funding –
affordable housing, transportation options

Provide multiple benefits for people and
nature

Require adopted land use plans

Equity and climate – Urban transformation

Racial equity

- Engagement and decision making
- Displacement strategies/affordable housing
- Resource allocation – contracting

Climate resiliency

- Green infrastructure – including “depaving”
- Nature connection, education/interpretation
- Tree canopy

Potential program – Metro capital investments

- Improve critical infrastructure at regional parks and natural areas
- Improve accessibility (beyond ADA)
- Improve visitor experience
- Improve efficiency, reduce maintenance
- Expand access to lands, waters of our region with new public sites

Equity and climate – Metro capital investments

Racial equity

- Prioritize places with high use by communities of color
- Improve accessibility and use inclusive design principles
- Culturally-responsive public improvements
- Resource allocation – contracting

Climate resiliency

- Green infrastructure and natural habitat
- Nature connection, education/interpretation
- Tree canopy

Potential program – Trail acquisition/development

Provide people access to lands, water

Provide connections to significant trails

Close gaps, connects people to major destinations

Readiness – plans completed, right of way acquired

Partnerships; funding leverage

Equity and climate – Trail acquisition/development

Racial equity

- Focus on priorities identified by communities of color, inclusive design
- Consider proximity to housing, transit
- Include strategies to mitigate displacement
- Resource allocation – contracting

Climate resiliency

- Potential for transportation purpose (e.g., commuting)
- Green infrastructure and natural habitat
- Tree canopy, respite

Potential criteria – Community grants

Improve water quality, quantity issues

Protect and enhance
fish and wildlife habitat

Promote community-led partnerships

Increase function and presence of nature
where communities have identified need

Equity and climate – Community grants

Racial equity

- Meaningful engagement with communities of color
- Explicit racial equity outcomes for community-led projects
- Communities of color in decision-making roles
- Impact assessment, track and report outcomes

Climate resiliency

- Encourage climate-adaptation strategies
- Green infrastructure, tree canopy, respite
- Nature connection, education/interpretation

Potential 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

Equity and climate – Local share

Racial equity

- Meaningful engagement with communities of color
- Explicit racial equity outcomes for community-led projects
- Uplift priorities of communities of color
- Impact assessment, track and report outcomes

Climate resiliency

- Encourage climate-adaptation strategies
- Green infrastructure, tree canopy, respite
- Nature connection, education/interpretation

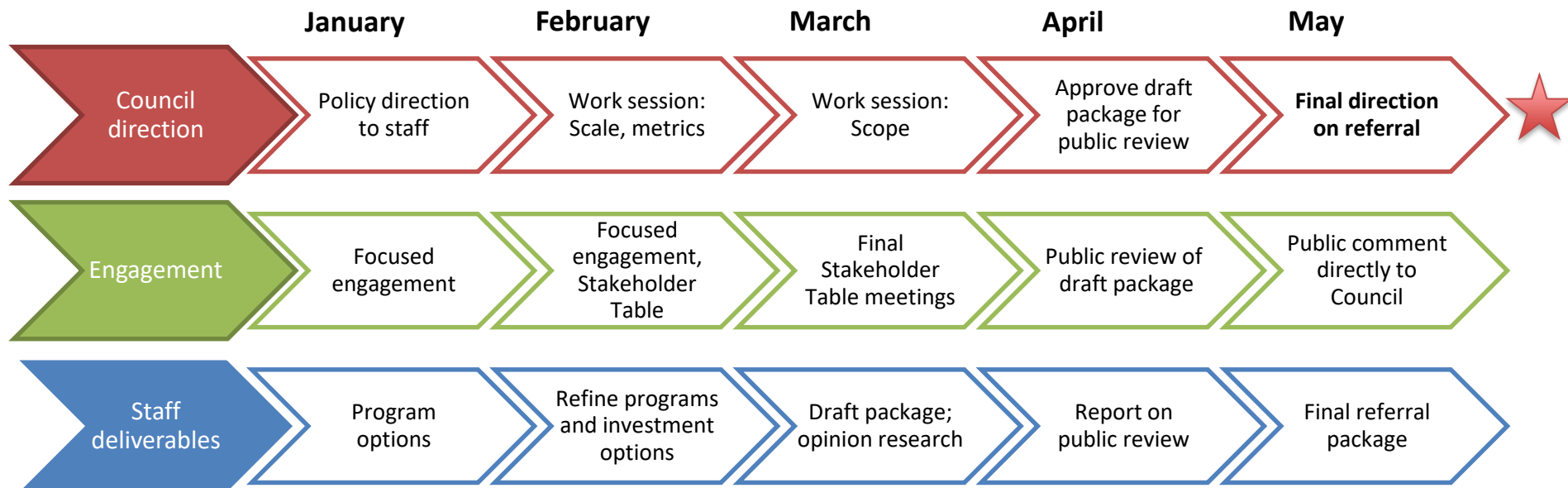
Performance measures

Access to nature

- Proximity
- Amenities and culturally-responsive places
- Barriers



Steps to referral decision



Policy questions

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

Are we on track with these programs and criteria to deliver the greatest number of outcomes for people and for nature?

