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To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and interested parties

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Subject: Regional Mobility Policy Update – Draft Work Plan and Engagement Plan

PURPOSE

This memo provides the draft work plan and engagement plan that are proposed to guide the process for updating the regional mobility policy during the next two years.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff seeks JPACT feedback on the draft project objectives, key work plan tasks and stakeholders to be engaged throughout the project. See **Attachment 1 (Draft Work Plan) and Attachment 2 (Draft Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan)**. JPACT will be requested to recommend Metro Council approval of the work plan and engagement plan at the November meeting.

BACKGROUND

Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are working together to update the policy on how the region defines and measures mobility in regional and local transportation system plans (TSPs) and during the local plan amendment process in the Portland area. The current 20-year old mobility policy is contained in the [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) and Policy 1F of the [Oregon Highway Plan](#) (OHP) and measures the ratio of motor vehicle volume to motor vehicle capacity during peak travel periods to identify transportation needs.

The 2018 RTP failed to meet state requirements for demonstrating consistency with the OHP Highway Mobility Policy (Policy 1F) under the current mobility targets for the region. As a result, ODOT agreed to work with Metro to update the mobility policy for the Portland metropolitan area in both the 2018 RTP and OHP Policy 1F.

The 2018 RTP is built around four key priorities of advancing equity, mitigating climate change, improving safety and managing congestion. The plan recognizes that our growing and changing region needs an updated mobility policy to better align how we measure the performance and adequacy of the transportation system for both people and goods to serve planned land uses. The comprehensive set of shared regional values, goals and related desired outcomes identified in the RTP and 2040 Growth Concept, as well as local and state goals will guide to this work.

STATUS OF PROJECT SCOPING ACTIVITIES

Throughout 2019, Metro and ODOT staff have worked closely together and with local, regional and state partners to scope the project. In April, the project team began seeking feedback on draft project objectives and a proposed approach for the project. A schedule of key scoping meetings is provided in **Attachment 3**.

Comments and feedback have been received since mid-April through:

- a **Metro Council work session**;
- more than twenty **discussions with local and regional policy and technical advisory committees**, including county-level coordinating committees, **and local, regional and**

state agency staff aimed at understanding the intersection of the mobility policy and land use and other transportation issues;

- one **forum with community leaders**;
- **interviews with more than sixty stakeholders** from across the greater Portland region representing state, regional and local government, transit, business, freight movement, commuter, public health, environmental, affordable housing and racial equity perspectives, among other stakeholders; and
- one **consultation meeting with Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development** staff.

Briefings of the county coordinating committees will be completed the week of October 14, and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) will have an opportunity to provide feedback on October 23.

In response to comments and feedback received during the scoping phase, staff has updated the draft project objectives and proposed approach presented to JPACT in July. The updates are reflected in the draft work plan and draft stakeholder and public engagement plan in Attachments 1 and 2.

NEXT STEPS

A summary of key themes from comments and feedback received to date will be provided at the JPACT meeting. A report summarizing the stakeholder interviews will be available in mid-October. A report summarizing all scoping engagement activities and feedback received is being prepared and will be available by the end of October. All reports will be posted on the project website at: oregonmetro.gov/mobility.

The work plan and engagement plan are expected to be further refined as the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) finalizes its recommendation to JPACT in November for further discussion and consideration by JPACT and the Metro Council in November and December, respectively. The Metro Council is scheduled to discuss the draft work plan and engagement plan at their November 5 work session.

/attachments

Attachment 1. Draft Work Plan (TPAC Review Draft 10/3/19)

Attachment 2. Draft Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan (TPAC Review Draft 10/3/19)

Attachment 3. Key Scoping Meetings (10/3/19)