

Attachment 3 to Staff Report for Resolution No. 19-4998

TIMELINE OF REGIONAL STREET DESIGN GUIDANCE AND POLICY

Policies that support livable street design have been a part of transportation and land use planning in the greater Portland region for more than twenty years. The following timeline includes major milestones in the development of regional street design guidance and policy from 1992 to 2019.

1992 Metro Charter is approved by voters and directs the Metro Council to adopt a Future Vision to manage future growth in the region, and a Regional Framework Plan, and to address, among other things “regional transportation and mass transit systems.”

1995 2040 Future Vision Growth Concept is adopted. The 2040 Growth Concept established a broad regional vision to guide all future comprehensive planning at the local and regional levels. The 2040 Growth Concept introduced a series of land use design types that are the building blocks of the regional strategy for managing growth in the region. Transportation should help implement the strategy.

1996 Regional street design policies and classifications are included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted by the Metro Council. The street design classifications link land use and transportation. The policies and classifications are applied to throughways and arterial streets and respond to the land use design types identified in the 2040 Growth Concept.

Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) determines that more detailed street design guidance is needed to implement the 2040 Growth Concept and to move away from a “one-size-fits-all” approach to street design and requests that Metro develop street design guidelines consistent with the RTP regional street design policies.

1997 Metro Council adopts the Regional Framework Plan, which identifies policies to implement the 2040 Growth Concept, including transportation policies that meet multiple goals.

Metro develops the first edition of the Creating Livable Streets guide. This guide provides more detailed guidance to develop streets in different land use contexts, including town centers and regional corridors, to make them more walkable, bikeable and transit friendly. The guidelines also provide the tools to achieve many of the transportation policies of the Regional Framework Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.

2000 Metro Council adopts the 2000 RTP which applies regional street design classifications to the Regional Street Network and are identified on the Regional Street Design System map.

2002 Metro Council adopts the 2002-2005 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program which requires that projects funded with regional flexible funds must be consistent with regional street design guidelines.

Metro finalizes a second edition of Creating Livable Streets guide. Two new, supplemental guides are also completed: Green Streets, guidelines for stormwater management, and Trees for Green Streets.

2003 Metro develops Green Trails, a guide to develop environmentally trails, and Wildlife Crossings, a supplemental design guide on safe passage for urban wildlife across roads and highways.

2009 Metro develops second edition of Wildlife Crossings. Metro receives regional flexible funds to update the 2002 Creating Livable Streets Guide.

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- 2010 Metro Council adopts the Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP), the implementing plan of the RTP. Title 1: Transportation system design, presents requirements for implementing regional street design policies.
- 2012 Metro develops The Intertwine Regional Trails Signage Guidelines. Metro requires that the guidelines be used on regional trail projects that use regional flexible funds.
- 2014 Metro Council adopts the 2014 RTP and the 2014 Climate Smart Strategy. Both identify updating regional street design guidelines as needed near term implementation activities. Metro Council adopts the 2014 Regional Active Transportation Plan which includes pedestrian and bicycle design guidelines to be integrated into updated regional street design guidelines.
- 2015 Metro Council approves the work plan for the update of the 2018 RTP, including formation of a technical work group to guide development of updated street and trail design guidelines.
- 2018 Metro Council adopts the 2018 RTP which includes updated street design policies.
- 2019 Metro Council provides direction on a framework for a regional transportation investment measure, including direction that any regional investment, regardless of facility ownership, will require that the projects meet regional design guidelines, and that projects shall be designed using performance based practical design principles and will adhere to regional design guidelines, and these design guidelines will also serve as the basis for all cost estimates. (Memo reflecting direction at Council work sessions on January 24 and 31, 2019.)

Metro Council provides policy direction to staff to finalize the Designing Livable Streets and Trails Guide and application of the guidelines to transportation projects.

Metro finalizes the Designing Livable Street and Trails Guide, the third edition of regional street design guidelines and second edition of stormwater management design guidelines.