

MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment: I-205 Toll Project (Preliminary Engineering Phase)

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Purpose/Objective

- Introduce an amendment to the [2018 Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) requested by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Outcome

- MPAC understands the requested amendment, anticipated timeline and MPAC's role in the decision-making process; opportunity to comment and ask questions.

What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range transportation plan that guides planning and investments for all forms of travel – motor vehicle, transit, bicycle and walking – and the movement of goods and freight throughout the Portland metropolitan region. With MPAC support, the Metro Council adopted with the 2018 RTP in 2018. The next plan update is due by Dec. 2023.

Amendments to the RTP are considered in between scheduled updates when a sponsoring agency requests changes to the funding, phasing, mode, function or general location of a project in the plan. In September, ODOT requested an amendment to the RTP.

The requested amendment will:

- add the preliminary engineering phase for the [I-205 Toll Project](#) to the RTP financially constrained project list, and
- clarify the financial connection of the I-205 Toll Project to the I-205 Improvement Project in Chapter 8 of the RTP.

JPACT and Metro Council approval of the amendment will allow the I-205 Toll Project to continue to move forward in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process that is underway. If approved, the 2018 RTP financially constrained project list amendment allows a separate amendment to the [2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program](#) (MTIP) to move forward for consideration by JPACT and the Metro Council to program funding for the preliminary engineering phase for the I-205 Toll Project.

As described in [Chapter 8](#) (Section 8.4) of the RTP, such amendments require adoption by the JPACT and the Metro Council by Ordinance, accompanied by findings that demonstrate consistency with:

- regional goals, objectives and policies;
- statewide planning goals;
- federal fiscal constraint requirements; and
- Metro's adopted Public Engagement Guide and RTP amendment procedures.

Because amendments to the RTP are land use actions under the statewide land use planning program, MPAC serves in an advisory role to the Metro Council. MPAC will be asked to make a recommendation to the Metro Council in early 2022.

I-205 Toll Project RTP Amendment Timeline

The requested amendment and supporting information submitted by ODOT are provided in **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2**, respectively. The expectation is that amendments to the RTP follow the same adoption process as RTP updates. **Attachment 3** provides a more detailed schedule of the process and timeline for considering the requested RTP amendment. Key dates and milestones include:

- **Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 2021** – A 45-day public comment period is underway. Comments may be submitted through an online comment form, email, mail and phone. The Metro Council will hold a public hearing on Nov. 4. Information is posted on Metro's website: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/public-notice-opportunity-comment-i-205-toll-project-amendment-regional-transportation-plan>
- **Fall 2021** – Metro staff will document and ODOT staff will respond to all substantive public comments received. This information will be provided to TPAC, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), MPAC, JPACT and the Metro Council for discussion and consideration prior to requesting final recommendations and action.
- **Early 2022** – Request MPAC's recommendation to the Metro Council and final action by JPACT and the Metro Council.

For more information

- Questions about ODOT's requested amendment? Contact Mandy Putney, ODOT Urban Mobility Office Strategic Initiatives Director, at Mandy.Putney@odot.state.or.us.
- Questions about the RTP amendment process? Contact Kim Ellis, Metro principal transportation planner, at kim.ellis@oregonmetro.gov.
- Questions about the public comment period? Contact Molly Cooney-Mesker, Metro Public Engagement Specialist, at Molly.Cooney-Mesker@oregonmetro.gov.

What packet material do you plan to include?

- Attachment 1 – Public Review Draft 2018 RTP Amendment
- Attachment 2 – Supporting information submitted by ODOT
- Attachment 3 – Schedule