



# Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

*The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) makes recommendations to the Metro Council on transportation needs in the region.*

JPACT’s area of influence consists of three counties, 24 cities and more than 1.6 million people. A transportation management area of this size is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to have a decision-making structure that incorporates input from local elected officials, transit agencies, appropriate state officials and the public.

Metro is the federally mandated metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor to develop an overall transportation plan and program federal funds for the greater Portland area.

JPACT ensures that transportation investments are guided by the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

The committee is a 17-member policy advisory group made up of elected officials and representatives of transportation agencies who recommend transportation priorities and develop plans for the region.

The Metro Council works directly with JPACT and technical advisors in the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) to make decisions for planning, investment and programming.

## Primary functions of JPACT

- **Regional planning** - develop the Regional Transportation Plan and apply the plan’s policies to carry out projects
- **Funding** – distribute federal funds and coordinate transportation projects across the region



- **Congestion management** – develop a Congestion Management process and organize the execution of the process; make sure projects comply with federal laws and the Clean Air Act
- **Climate Smart Strategy** – work toward the goal to reduce greenhouse gases

## Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The RTP is a blueprint to guide investments for all forms of travel – motor vehicle, transit, bicycle and walking – and the movement of goods and freight throughout the greater Portland region. It serves as a tool for coordinating local, regional and state investments and actions toward a common vision for the future. By meeting federal requirements, the plan establishes priorities and makes them eligible for state and federal funding.

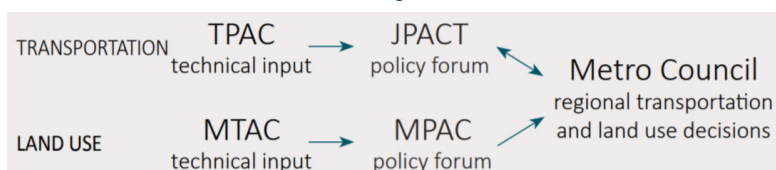
JPACT is responsible for the direction and details of the plan, and the Metro Council either approves the plan without changes or refers the plan back to JPACT.

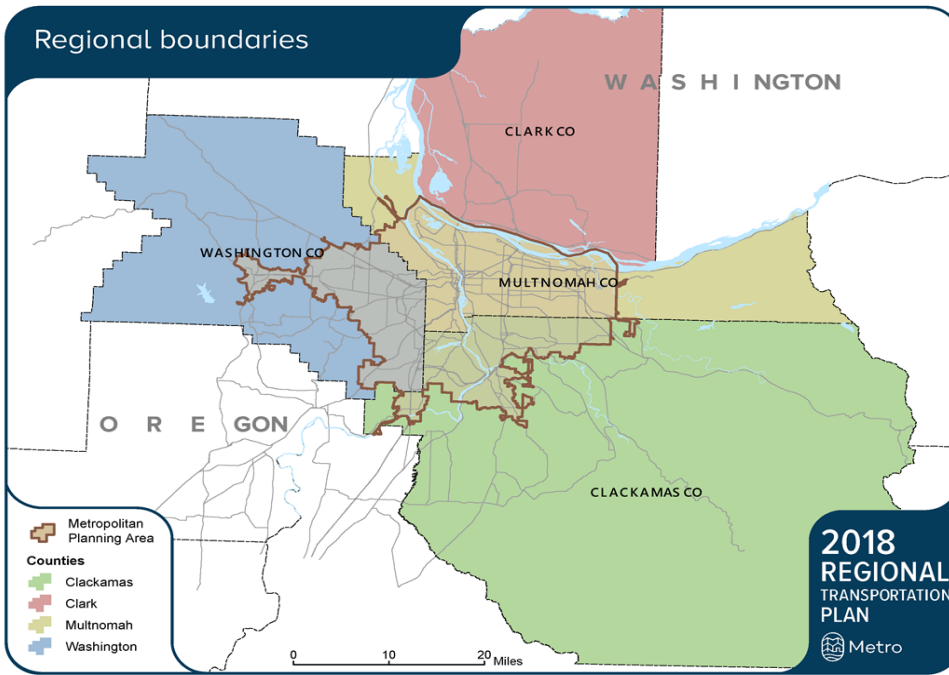
Federal regulators require updates every four or five years, and the most recent RTP was adopted in December 2018. The next update is scheduled for 2023.

## RTP priorities

JPACT plays a major part in making sure the transportation investments identified in the Regional Transportation Plan keep the region moving equitably, safely, reliably and affordably for decades to come.

## Advisory ladder





### The Metropolitan Regional Boundary

The 2018 RTP established four key regional priorities for all future investment:

- **Increase access to affordable travel options**, particularly for people of color and people with low income
- **Increase access to more transit options** throughout the region to help people get to their jobs and other places
- **Reduce emissions** to meet Metro's [Climate Smart Strategy](#) goals
- **Improve safety and mobility** for people and goods throughout the region

Transportation projects identified in the RTP include \$42 billion of investments identified in local, regional or state plans. The implementation timeframe is 2018-2040.

### JPACT 2021 work plan

This year, there are three major categories of the JPACT work plan. Each category includes project examples:

### Regional transportation planning and policy

- Begin scoping the 2023 RTP

- Regional Mobility Policy update
- Regional Congestion Pricing study
- Regional Emergency Transportation Routes

### Regional transportation funding and programs

- Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
- 2025-2025 Regional Flex Fund Allocation
- Transportation System Management Operations (TSMO) – Strategy update
- Safe Routes to School
- Regional Transportation Options
- Traffic safety
- Enhanced Transit Concepts/ Corridors

### Corridor plans and major transportation projects

- TV Highway Corridor Plan
- Sunset/Westside (Highway 26) Corridor Plan
- Updates or actions on major regional projects underway including the Interstate 5 Bridge replacement

[JPACT meetings](#) are held on the third Thursday of the month, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. electronically (until otherwise notified):

- January 21, 2021
- February 18, 2021
- March 18, 2021
- April 15, 2021
- May 20, 2021
- June 17, 2021
- July 15, 2021
- August 19, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 16, 2021

### General meeting format

1. Call to order, declaration of a Quorum and introductions
2. Public communication (orally or previously submitted by email or telephone)
3. Updates from the chair & JPACT members
4. Consent agenda
5. Discussion and action items
6. Adjourn

### Want to share your thoughts with JPACT?

You can submit a comment by attending a JPACT meeting electronically or by phone. You can also email [legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov), call 503-797-1916 or send your testimony by mail to 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

