

May 13, 2026

# Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

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# Future 50 overview

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# 1992 vote of the people

## Preamble

“We, the people of the Portland area metropolitan service district, in order to establish an elected, visible and accountable regional government that is responsive to the citizens of the region and works cooperatively with our local governments; that undertakes, as its most important service, planning and policymaking to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations; and that provides regional services needed and desired by the citizens in an efficient and effective manner, do ordain this charter for the Portland area metropolitan service district, to be known as Metro.”

-Metro Charter, November 1992

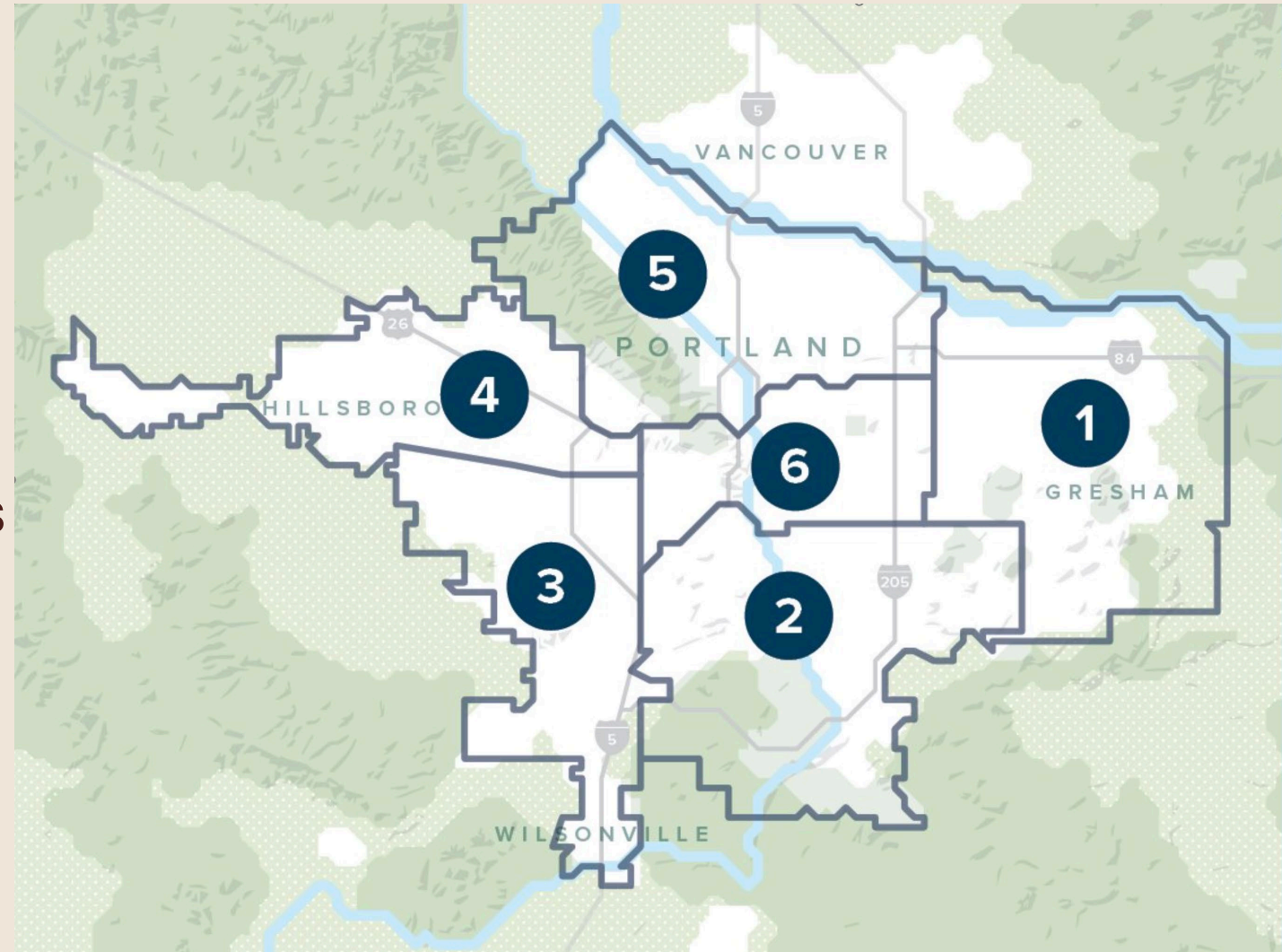
# Metro at a glance

Elected regional government

Includes three counties, 24 cities,  
and 1.7 million people

Large-scale and long-term projects  
and planning

Transportation, housing, land use,  
garbage and recycling, parks,  
natural areas, the Oregon Zoo and  
more



# What is the Future Vision?

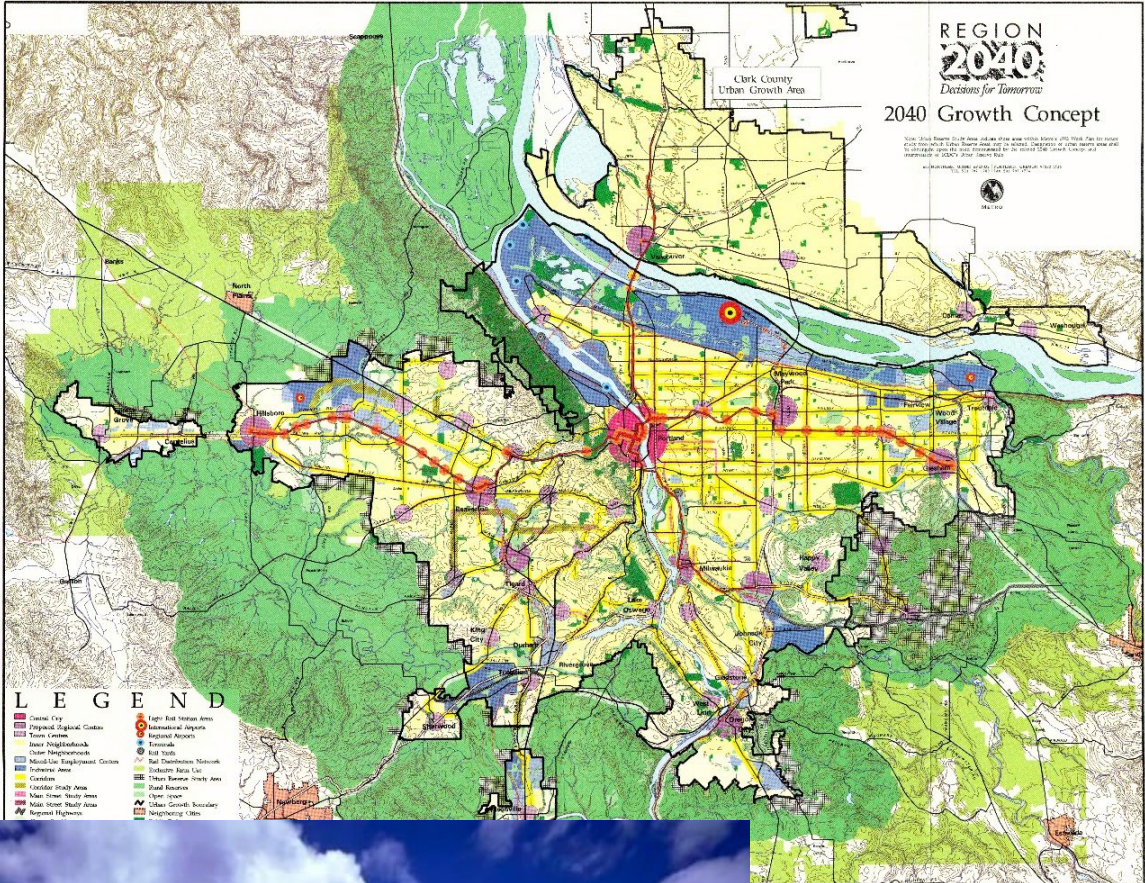
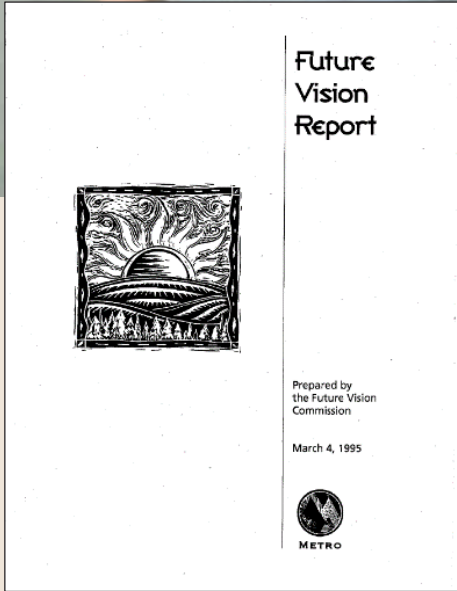
Required by Metro's voter-approved charter

A “**long-term, visionary outlook** for at least a 50-year period”

Not a regulatory document, but intended to guide policy, program and funding decisions



# 1995 Future Vision



# The Growth Concept gets implemented by Metro and its partners





# Why update the Vision now?

Opportunity to (re)create a **shared vision** of the region's future that **inspires action**

**Spur conversations** about issues and dreams at a **regional scale**

While **many values remain similar**, some 1995 language and strategies are **out of step** with current priorities



# Today, we are working toward a 50 -year vision that is:

- Resonant with and relevant to the people of the region
- Actively used by Metro and its partners to inform decisions across the region
- Aspirational and supported by an actionable implementation plan
- Unique to the greater Portland region
- Future-ready



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# Future Vision Commission



23 members from across the region, representing a diversity of professional and lived experiences

Meeting monthly to develop a recommended Future Vision for Metro Council approval



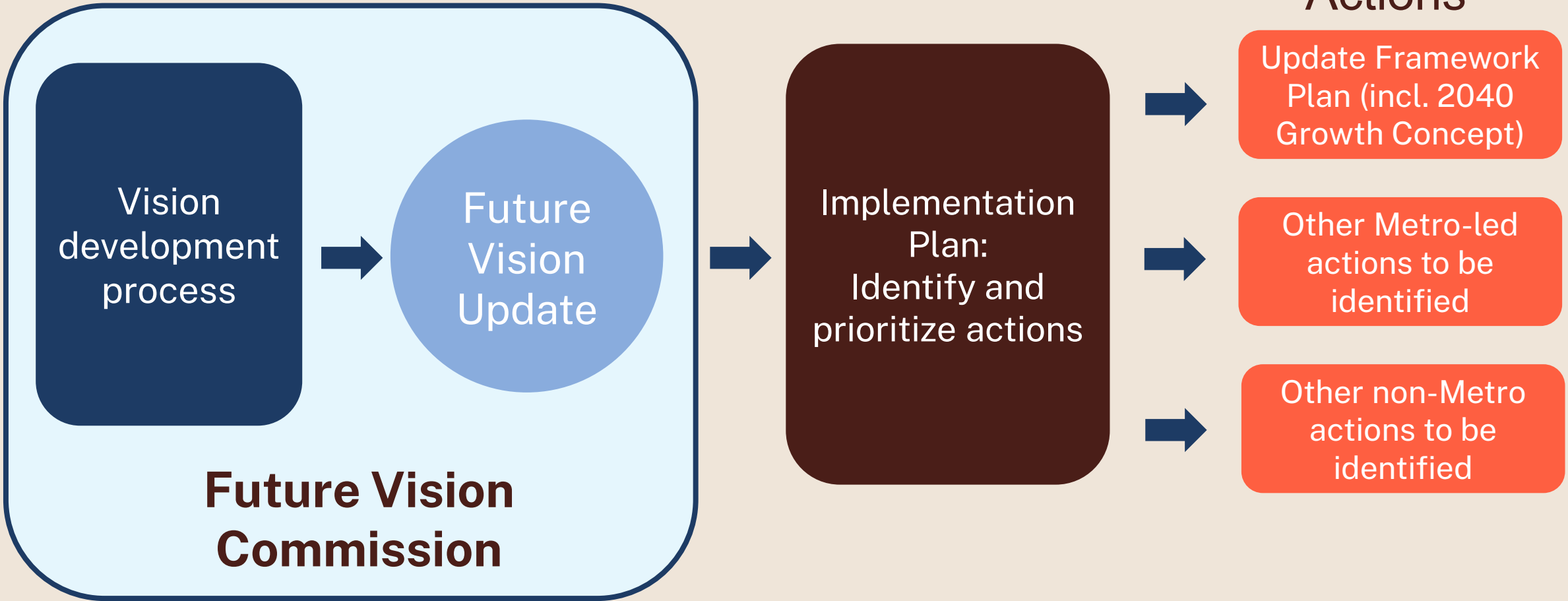
Topics covered so far: reviewing regional visions, foresight and other futures training, regional values engagement, surfacing differences and commonalities, Call to Action



Project ambassadors to their communities and circles of influence

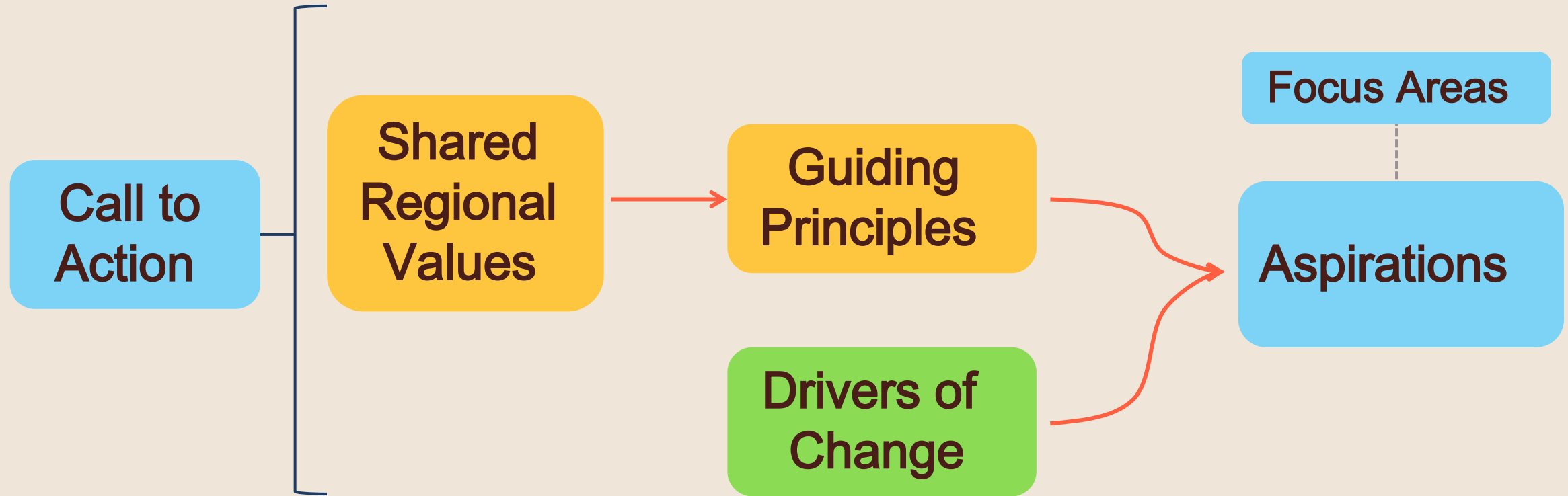
Commission meetings on the move!

# Project process

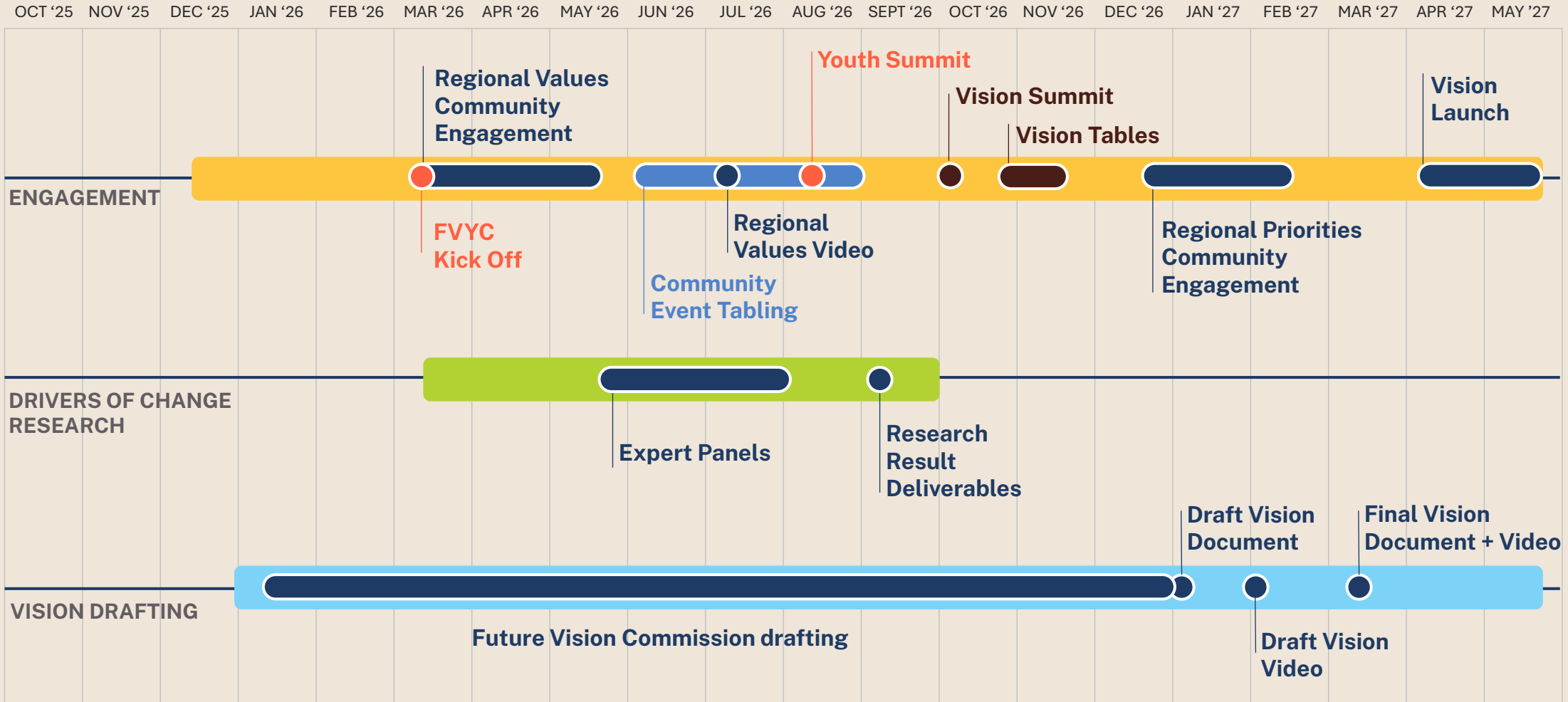


# Vision

## Development Process



# Vision schedule





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# Engagement principles and goals

Principle 1: Center on relationship building

Principle 2: Community-driven approach

Principle 3: Rethink how we communicate and engage

Principle 4: Building on past work



# Future Vision Youth Committee (FVYC)

- 21 young people from across the region, ages 15-24
- Facilitated in partnership with Next Up and Blueprint Foundation
- Ambassadors of the Future Vision in their own communities
- Interact with Future Vision Commission
- Guide the Youth Summit
- Share values and priorities



# Regional values engagement overview

Bring this work out into the region and help us to hear from a broad **range of perspectives**

Regional values **form the foundation** of each element of the vision

**Take the Future 50 community survey**  
*Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese*

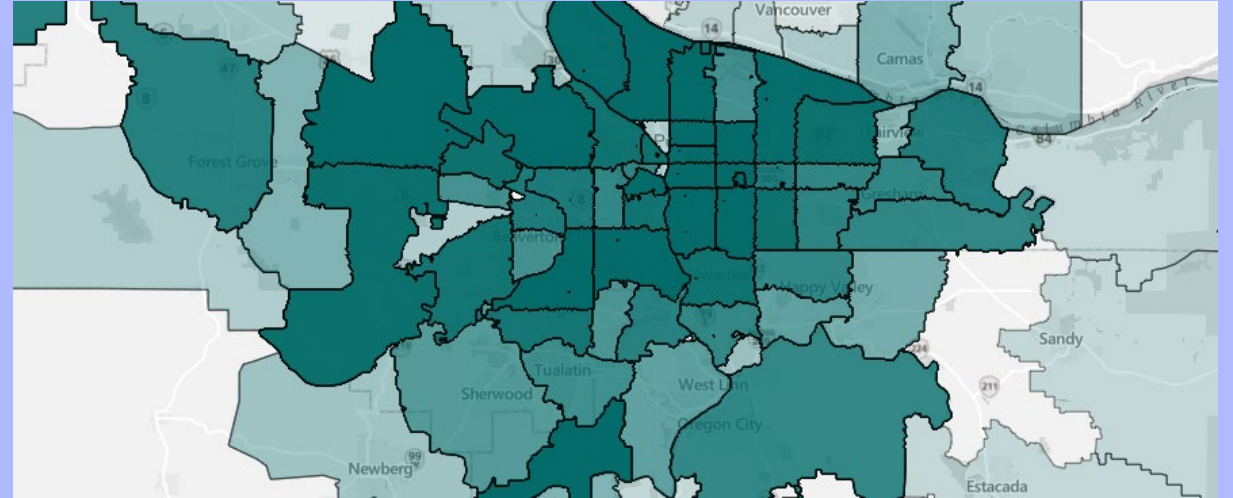


## Engagement window: March 12 – May 31

- Tools available: Online survey, conversation kits, bookmarks, postcards, flyers, comms toolkit (for online promotion)
- Distributing materials throughout the region
- Promotion through government and non-government partners, online ads, social media
- Future Vision “road shows”

# Discussion

- Do you have any questions about the Future 50 project?
- How do you think the communities you work with would want to be engaged?
- What are effective strategies for communicating with the communities you serve? Specific considerations for outreach, especially over the summer months?
- How would you like to stay involved with this project over the next year?



**Take the Future 50  
community survey**





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