

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update

On Dec. 17, 2009, the Metro Council voted to accept a preliminary draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the purpose of completing a federal and state-required air-quality conformity analysis of the proposed system. Since then, metro staff has completed a final draft RTP for 45 days of public public review.

The final draft RTP presents the overarching policies and goals, system concepts for all modes of travel, funding strategies and local implementation requirements. The plan recommends how to invest more than \$20 billion in anticipated federal, state and local transportation funding in the Portland metropolitan area during the next 25 years. After considering public comment, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Metro Council will consider final approval on June 10, 2010.

This RTP update has been shaped by looking ahead to 2035 to anticipated 21st century needs and these desired outcomes for the region:

- promote jobs and create wealth in the economy
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- improve safety throughout the transportation system
- promote healthy, active living by making walking and bicycling safe and convenient
- move freight reliably and make transportation accessible, affordable and reliable for commuting and everyday life
- promote vibrant communities while preserving farm and forest land

Please visit Metro's RTP webpage to review the final draft of the RTP. The webpage also contains useful background material and related documents on regional transportation.

<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=25038>

NOTE: Damascus related information on the RTP is out of date and will be updated following the adoption of the Transportation Systems Plan by City Council.

Public Review and Comment

A third and final 45-day public comment period on the completed 2035 RTP and the associated air quality conformity analysis is open from noon, Monday, March 22, 2010, until midnight on Thursday, May 6.

You can comment directly on the RTP webpage or mail comments anytime during the comment period to:

RTP Comments

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Public Hearing:
5 p.m. Thursday, May 6
Metro Council Chamber
600 NE Grand Ave., Portland