

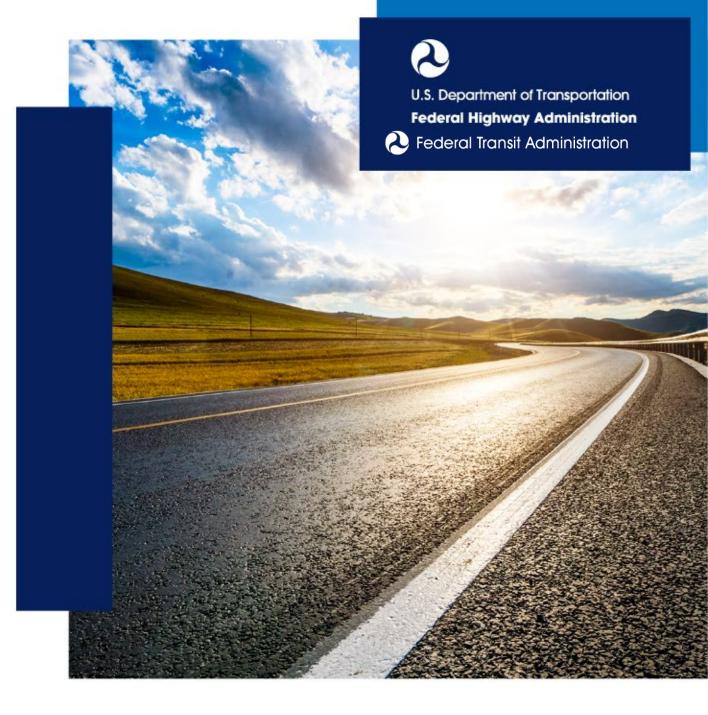
What is a TMA Certification Review?

- The Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review is a federal requirement for metropolitan planning areas over 200,000 population at least once every four years.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct the TMA Certification Review.
- The Portland-Vancouver TMA includes two Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):
 - Metro (Portland, OR)
 - Southwest Regional Transportation Council (Vancouver, WA).



Why is Your Input Important?

- The public's opinions may help to shape the metropolitan area's transportation planning process.
- The public comment period will be open from November 1, 2024, through December 13, 2024.
- Comments received by email and by mail during the public comment period will be summarized in a report.
 - Note: Email and mailing addresses are on the last slide.



Do You Have Comments on the MPO Planning Process?



Here are a few examples of topics you can provide comments on:

- Your experience navigating the MPO's website.
- Your experience with the MPO's planning process.
- Your experience receiving notifications about the planning process.
- Your opportunity to comment on the MPO's documents and the MPO's responsiveness to your comments.
- Your ability to access meetings and documents to meet your specific accessibility needs, including physical and language requirements.



What is the Outcome of this Review?



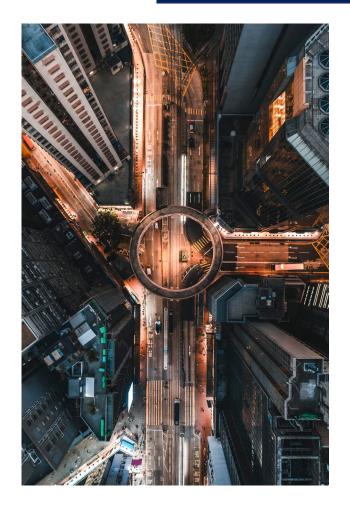
- After the Certification Review is conducted, the Federal Review Team will issue a report that summarizes the findings by April 12, 2025.
- The final report certifies the MPO's planning process for the next four years and could result in findings for the MPO to address.



What is the Planning Process?

- A process by which transportation decisions are made, and projects are planned and prioritized for implementation within the region.
- Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize regional needs.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.





Who is Involved?

- Policy Committee
- Technical Committee
- Community Committee
- State Department of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operator
- Local Jurisdictions
- Local Residents
- Interest Groups
- FTA & FHWA









Products	Product Description	Metro	RTC
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	MPO budget	<u>Link</u>	<u>Link</u>
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	20-year vision for transportation	<u>Link</u>	<u>Link</u>
Congestion Management Process (CMP)	Strategies to solve traffic and transit congestion	<u>Link</u>	<u>Link</u>
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	4-year list of projects to be implemented	<u>Link</u>	<u>Link</u>
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Describes how the public can be involved in planning process	<u>Link</u>	<u>Link</u>

How to Provide Comments on Metro or RTC's Planning Process:



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