

Reducing Greenhouse Gases in Portland Metro through Integrated Transportation & Land Use

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Presentation overview

- Portland Metro's Integrated Planning History
- State of Oregon GHG Requirements
- Metro's Scenario Planning Approach
 - Framing Choices
 - Analytical Requirements
 - Key Issues/Lessons
- Q&A/Discussion







Planning For A Sustainable Metropolitan Region Metro's Role









Building on past innovation and successes





•1992 - 1995: Region 2040

- •1996 2009: 2040 Implementation
- •2010: Climate Smart Communities
 - GHG/Trans/LU Scenario Planning
 - Climate Prosperity
 - Climate Preparedness
 - Analytical Tools & Methods

•2011 & beyond: Implementation

Concepts for growth 1992-1995







2040: Maintaining a tight UGB





2040: Local plan implementation *"A level playing field"*



- Housing and jobs targets
- Stream protection
- Regional parking management
- Street design standards (boulevards)
- Street connectivity
- Multi-modal mobility corridors
- Model development codes



2040: Preserving natural areas

To date:

- 11,200 acres
 purchased &
 preserved
- more than 90 miles of rivers and streams protected
- more than one million trees planted



2040: Investing in communities 1995-2010 (millions)



The region's growth strategy is working





Portland area residents drive less...



Source: U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Highway Statistics, 1990-2008



...bike more...





World's top eleven bicycle cities

- 1. Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2. Portland, Oregon, USA
- 3. Copenhagen, Denmark
- 4. Boulder, Colorado, USA
- 5. Davis, California, USA
- 6. Sandnes, Norway
- 7. Trondheim, Norway
- 8. San Francisco, California, USA
- 9. Berlin, Germany
- 10. Barcelona, Spain
- 11. Basel, Switzerland

Source: League of American Bicyclists



...take transit more...

Per Capita Transit Trips, 2005





...and, emit fewer greenhouse gases.



Source: City of Portland and Multnomah County, 2009.





Oregon Greenhouse Gas Goals

Stop emissions increases by 2010 10% reduction below 1990 levels by 2020 75% reduction below 1990 levels by 2050

Adopted by the 2007 Legislature, the goals are for all greenhouse gas emissions sources.



Metro Council climate direction



Resolution No. 08-3931 approved sustainability definition and development of climate action plan Resolution No. 08-3971 launched Climate Smart Communities Initiative



Mandated state climate work HB 2001/SB 1059



•Set statewide transportation strategy

- •Set MPO GHG targets for light duty vehicles (<10,000 lbs.)
- •Develop scenario guidelines & toolkit
- •Estimate future vehicle and fuel technology
- Public outreach campaign
- Portland Metro scenario planning

•Report to 2011 and 2012 Legislatures

More information: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/OSTI/



Climate Smart Communities Portland Metro scenario planning

Light vehicles: region's mandated focus



Oregon MPO 2035 GHG Targets

(reduce per capita light vehicle GHG emissions below 2005 levels)

Metropolitan Area	Adopted Target	
Portland Metro	20%	
Eugene-Springfield	20%	
Salem-Keizer	17%	
Rogue Valley	19%	
Bend	18%	
Corvallis	21%	



Project tracks

	Understand choices Phase 1	Shape Direction Phase 2	Select Strategy Phase 3	
Technical & policy analysis	 Evaluation framework Strategy toolbox research Tool development and integration 	 Evaluation Framework Alternative scenarios Tool integration & sensitivity testing 	 Preferred scenario Update regional plans and policies 	
Communications & engagement	 Opinion research Stakeholder interviews Regional summit Best practices 	 Design workshops 	 Public comment period Regional summit 	
Tools	 Metropolitan GreenSTEP Literature Review 	 Metropolitan GreenSTEP Envision Tomorrow 	 GreenSTEP Regional travel model MetroScope MOVES 	
We Are Here				

Scenarios timeline



We are here.

Local implementation



Comprehensive plans and zoning



Transportation

system plans





Development codes Community investments

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2040: Local aspirations and actions



Packages of policies and actions Testing bundles of "plausible" strategies



Land use strategies

Emphasize low carbon development patterns

- More infill and redevelopment in centers and corridors
- More mixed use and transit oriented development
- Higher densities for new development
- Tight urban growth boundary





Transportation strategies

Expand low carbon travel options

- Incentives for walking, biking, transit and low carbon vehicles
- Complete pedestrian and bike networks
- Transit service
- Parking management
- System management/pricing



Technology & fleet estimates for the Portland region

	Fuel Economy mpg	Fleet Mix percentage	Hybrids percentage	Fuel Carbon Content percentage
	Cars & trucks	Cars & trucks	Cars & trucks	Improvement
2005	29 & 21	57 & 43	0	0
2035	68 & 48	↓ 71 & 29	₽ 8 & 2	2 0

Source: State Agency Technical Report (March 1, 2011) and assumed in the Metropolitan GHG Reduction Targets Rule



Scenarios show a range of potential reductions (2035/2050)



Most effective strategies

- Technology and fuels
- Built environment and community design
 - Infill, mixed-use, transit supportive development in centers
 - Expanded transit and active transportation networks
 - More jobs and services near where people live
- Pricing
 - Parking management
 - Fees that increase the cost to drive
- Marketing and other trip reduction programs

Assessing the benefits and impacts







- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Travel behavior
 - Walking, biking and transit
 - Vehicle miles traveled
 - Freight reliability
- Jobs and households
- Economy
- Public health and equity
- Household cost and affordability

Climate Smart Communities

Communications



Top Priorities for 2010

% rating each a "top priority"

Economy Jobs Terrorism Social Security Education Medicare Deficit reduction Health care Helping the poor Military Energy Health insur. Crime Moral decline Finance reg. Environment Tax cuts Immigration Lobbyists Trade policy **Global warming** Q30a-w.

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Let's not talk about climate change... let's do talk about outcomes...



Metro Council's Desired Outcomes



Vibrant communities



Equity



Economic prosperity



Transportation choices



Clean air & water



Climate leadership MetA9

Data Gaps

- More research into health & equity benefits/impacts
- How does Climate Smart development grow businesses and create jobs?
- From Green Dividend to "Neighborhood Dividend"
- Mitigation vs. Adaptation (costs)
- Future housing preferences



Discussion



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