The 2035 TSP: Moving more people in more ways

Portland is projected to add 140,000 new jobs and 260,000 new residents over the next 20 years. If in 2035 the percentage of people who drive alone to work remains the same as it is now (nearly 60 percent), traffic, climate pollution, and household spending on vehicles and fuel will all worsen significantly. In order to accommodate this growth, our transportation system must provide Portlanders safer and more convenient ways to walk, bike, and take transit for more trips.

The 2035 TSP will guide future investments to:

- Save lives and reduce injuries.
- Limit traffic congestion so transit and freight vehicles can move more reliably.
- Reduce climate pollution & promote healthy lifestyles.
- Keep more money in the local economy, as we spend less on vehicles and fuel.
- Create great places.

Transportation System Plan

The TSP, which is part of the Comp Plan, guides transportation policies and investments, meets state and regional planning requirements, and addresses local transportation needs for cost-effective street, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. The last update of the TSP was completed in 2007 incorporating the Freight Master Plan, Green Street policies, and other plans.

We are currently in Stage 2 of the TSP update which is the first step to implementing the policies, projects, and programs in the 2035 Comp Plan.

Stage 2 Project Timeline

Comments on the Discussion Draft accepted through November 13, 2015.

Milestone | Public Engagement - Comments/Testimony
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October 2 - November 13, 2015 | Public review of TSP discussion draft. Visits to neighborhood land use and transportation committee meetings. Open houses and other outreach. The public may provide comments by Nov. 13th to staff, who will use feedback to develop the TSP proposed draft.
December 2015-January 2016 | Public review of TSP proposed draft. The public may provide comments to staff, who will use feedback to refine the TSP proposed draft prior to Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing.
January 26, 2016 | Planning and Sustainability Commission briefing
February 9, 2016 | Public hearing at Planning and Sustainability Commission. The public may testify in person or in writing to the PSC.
Summer/Fall 2016 | Public hearing at City Council. The public may testify in person or in writing to City Council.
Changes to guide anticipated growth

We need to hear from you on the following items:

Classifying corridors and greenways
Revise Street Design Classifications to incorporate Corridors and Greenways designated as part of the Comp Plan Urban Design Framework.

- Should Civic and Neighborhood Corridors have unique classifications inside and outside of Centers?
- What curb zone uses should be emphasized on Main Streets, e.g. bicycle lanes, auto parking, bicycle parking, street seats, etc.?

Measuring performance and achieving goals
Update Performance Measures to reflect City Council adopted goals and targets. Model what investments and policies would be needed to meet these targets. Consider proposing changes to “level of service” standards thereby providing multimodal improvement options.

- Should the City adopt strong policies in order to meet traffic, safety, health, equity, and climate goals and targets?
- Should the City consider expanding or replacing “level of service” auto-oriented standards to reflect all modes?

Reducing impacts and expanding benefits from new development
Expand Transportation Demand Management (TDM) standards for new development to reduce traffic and parking impacts on neighbors while providing healthy travel options to residents and employees.

- Should larger new residential and mixed-use developments be required to provide reduced cost transit passes to residents and employees of the new development?
- Should new office developments over specific sizes be required to provide reduced cost transit passes to new employees?

Also in this stage: Other new proposals
- Expanding parking allowances in mixed-use zones
- List of future refinement plans and studies needed
- Street vacations - moving approval criteria to City Code
- additional TSP objectives for consistency with 2035 Comp Plan

...and incorporating from adopted plans
- Bicycle Classifications
- Area Studies
- Master Street Plans

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