

Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project

PROJECT GOALS

- **Build on existing efforts and aspirations:** Start with local plans and 2010 regional actions to develop a preferred land use and transportation strategy that meets state climate goals and advances the 2040 Growth Concept, community aspirations and the region’s six desired outcomes.
- **Focus on outcomes and co-benefits:** Consider the economic, equity, environmental and community benefits and impacts to demonstrate how strategies may affect realization of the region’s six desired outcomes. These outcomes may be realized by the potential for strategies to save money for individuals, local governments and the private sector, grow local businesses, create jobs and build healthy, livable communities.
- **Engage and educate:** Actively engage and inform the region’s decision-makers, public agencies and business and community leaders on land use and transportation strategies needed to achieve the state carbon emissions reduction target for cars, small trucks and sport utility vehicles in the Portland metropolitan region.
- **Collaborate:** Work together to build ownership and support for the preferred land use and transportation strategy and policies, investments, and actions that will be recommended by the region.



KEY TASKS

	Phase I Understanding Choices <i>Jan. – Dec. 2011</i>	Phase II Shaping the Direction <i>Jan. – Dec. 2012</i>	Phase III Building the Strategy <i>Jan. 2013 – Dec. 2014</i>
TECHNICAL WORK AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in development of Statewide Transportation Strategy and transportation-related carbon emissions reduction target for the region (<i>LCDC adoption by June 2011</i>) ▪ Develop tools and enhance regional data, tools and methods ▪ Define outcomes-based criteria and 2040 development typologies ▪ Research local and regional climate strategies to be tested ▪ Evaluate “broad-level” scenarios with GreenSTEP to learn “what it will take” to meet state target and understand the potential challenges, opportunities, tradeoffs and effectiveness of different strategies ▪ Prepare the region’s findings and recommendations for the 2012 Legislature and Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluate more tailored alternative scenarios, with Envision Tomorrow and GreenSTEP, applying the lessons learned from Phase I and incorporating strategies identified in local and regional planning efforts that are underway ▪ Continue to develop and enhance regional data, tools and methods; refine evaluation criteria, as needed ▪ Prepare the region’s findings and recommendations for narrowing the range of alternatives, and prioritizing and phasing strategies to be included in the preferred scenario ▪ Consider amending the 2035 RTP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluate the preferred scenario with regional models ▪ Prepare the region’s findings and implementation recommendations ▪ Recommend a preferred land use and transportation strategy and needed changes to regional and local plans to support implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Framework Plan and 2040 Growth Concept ○ Regional Transportation Plan ○ Regional Functional Plans ○ Local transportation system plans, comprehensive plans and land use regulations
ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct focus groups, public opinion research and targeted stakeholder outreach on values, beliefs and climate strategies (<i>Jan. - March 2011</i>) ▪ Convene region’s elected officials and community leaders on policy choices and tradeoffs (<i>Spring and Fall 2011</i>) ▪ Conduct stakeholder outreach on preliminary findings (<i>Fall 2011</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue stakeholder outreach on findings and recommendations (<i>Winter 2012, Fall 2012</i>) ▪ Convene subarea scenario planning workshops (<i>Spring-Summer 2012</i>) ▪ Conduct focus groups on choices and tradeoffs (<i>Spring 2012</i>) ▪ Convene region’s elected officials and community leaders to provide input on preferred scenario (<i>Fall 2012</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct stakeholder outreach on findings and recommendations (<i>Spring 2013</i>) ▪ Convene region’s elected officials and community leaders to provide input on preferred scenario (<i>Fall 2013</i>) ▪ Conduct stakeholder outreach and public review of preferred strategy as part of RTP update (<i>Spring 2014</i>)
MILESTONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirm scenario evaluation approach and policy assumptions to test (<i>MPAC, JPACT and Council in June 2011</i>) ▪ Approve findings and recommendations report for consideration by the 2012 Legislature and Phase II (<i>MPAC, JPACT and Council in Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report findings and make recommendations to the 2012 Legislature (<i>by Feb. 2012</i>) ▪ Approve policy recommendations to direct development and evaluation of preferred scenario (<i>MPAC, JPACT and Council by Dec. 2012</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Release preferred land use and transportation strategy for public and stakeholder review (<i>March 2014</i>) ▪ Approve preferred land use and transportation strategy (<i>June 2014</i>) ▪ Approve updated regional plans and policies, and new local government implementation requirements (<i>Dec. 2015</i>)
RELATED METRO ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portland-Vancouver Greater Indicators, June 2011 ▪ Regional Flexible Fund Allocation, Dec. 2011 ▪ Draft. East Metro Connections Plan Investment Strategy, Dec. 2011 ▪ Urban Growth Boundary decision, Oct. 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2040 regional growth forecast, Jan. 2012 ▪ East Metro Connections Plan Investment Strategy, March 2012 ▪ Active Transportation Action Plan, June 2012 ▪ Regional Transportation Plan Update Work Plan, Dec. 2012 ▪ Draft SW Corridor Plan Investment Strategy, Dec. 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SW Corridor Plan Investment Strategy, June 2013 ▪ Federal Regional Transportation Plan, June 2014 ▪ Urban Growth Report, Dec. 2014 ▪ <i>State Regional Transportation Plan, Dec. 2015</i> ▪ <i>Functional plans, Regional Framework Plan and 2040 Growth Concept amended, Dec. 2015</i>