Regional efforts to address climate challenge

Charting a path to livable, prosperous, equitable and climate smart communities

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Presentation overview

- Metro's Mission and Role
- State Goals
- Metro's Climate Smart Communities Initiative
  - Regional collaboration and partnerships
  - Regional data, methods and tools development
  - Regional Scenario planning
- Q&A/Discussion

Metro mission

In 1992, the region's voters approved the Metro Charter to establish Metro as a regional government that "…**undertakes, as its most important service, planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for themselves and for future generations**…"

– Metro Charter, 1992

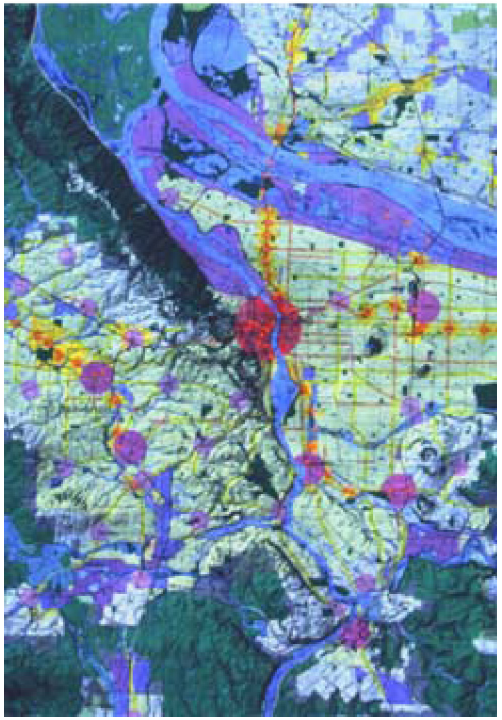
Metro's role

Metro Council climate direction

Resolution No. 08-3931 approved sustainability definition and development of climate action plan

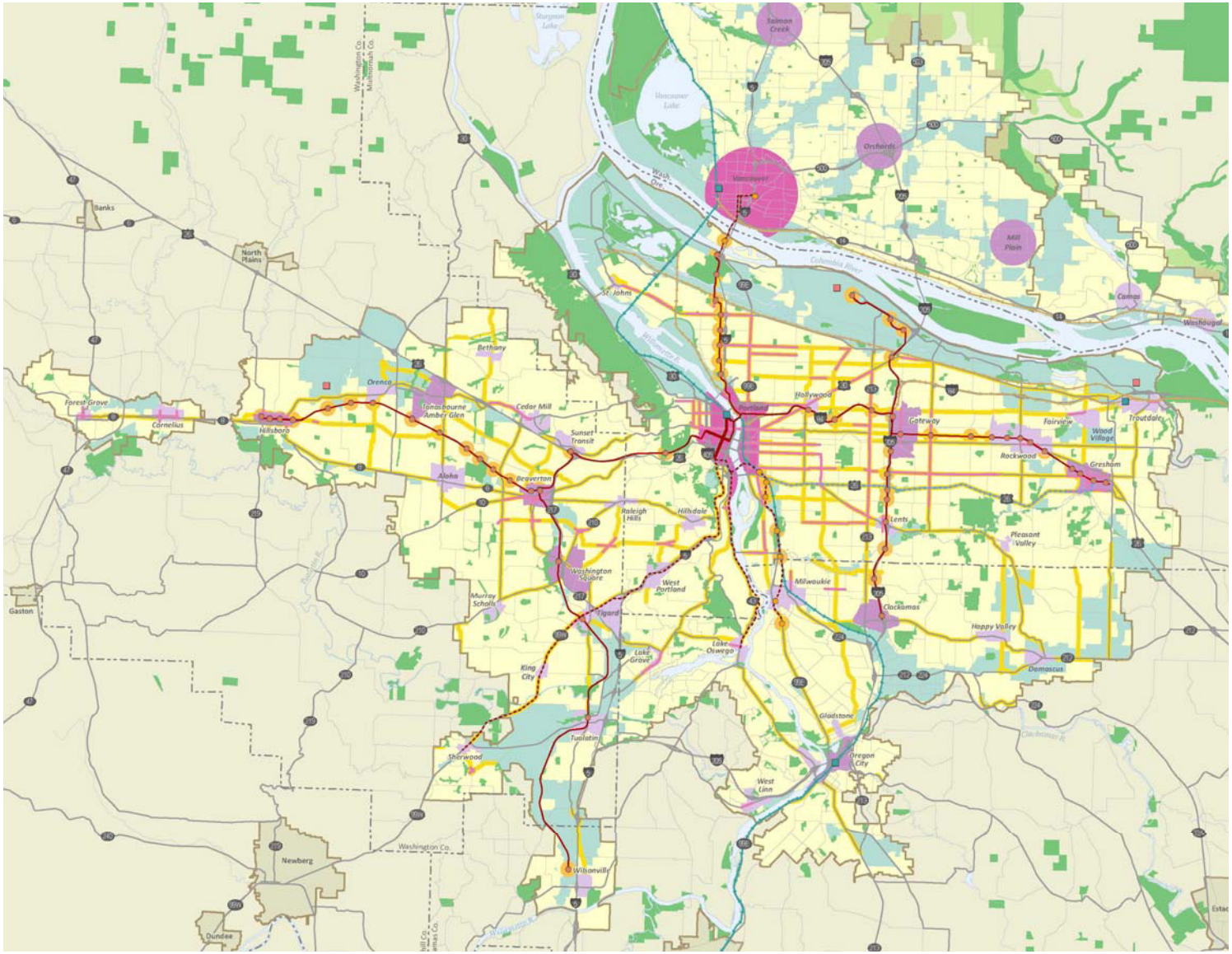
Resolution No. 08-3971 launched Climate Smart Communities Initiative

Building on past innovation and successes



- **1995: Region 2040**
- **1996-2009: 2040 Implementation**
- **2010: Community Investment Strategy**
  - Six Desired Outcomes
  - Regional Transportation Plan
  - Urban and Rural Reserves
  - The Intertwine
- **2011 & beyond: CIS Implementation**

2040: The region's adopted strategy



2040: Six desired outcomes

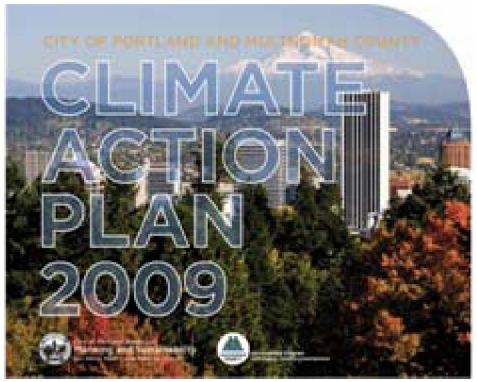
Vibrant communities

Equity

Economic prosperity

Transportation choices

Clean air & water



Climate leadership

2040: Local aspirations and actions

Beaverton Civic Plan
growing together

THE PORTLAND PLAN


COFFEE CREEK MASTER PLAN
Prepared for:
City of WILSONVILLE

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Hillsboro 2020

SPRINGWATER COMMUNITY

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Complete Communities
FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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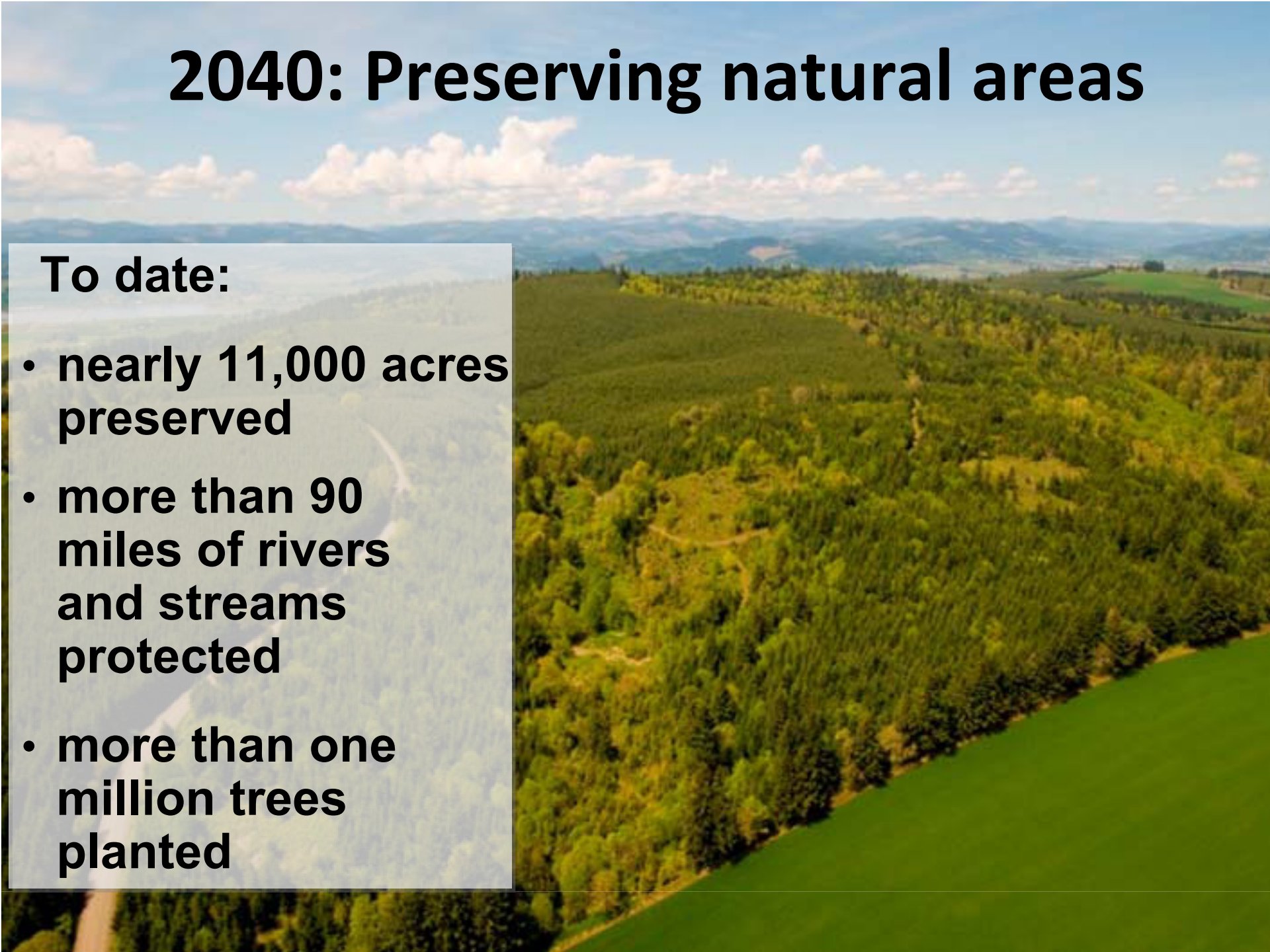
Planning for People, Places and Prosperity

2040: Public-Private partnerships

2040: Linking local and regional

2040: Preserving natural areas



To date:

- **nearly 11,000 acres preserved**
- **more than 90 miles of rivers and streams protected**
- **more than one million trees planted**

The Intertwine

- Conservation
- Active transportation
- Acquisition
- Regional system
- Conservation education

2040: Nature in Neighborhoods

State Goals

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's Climate Smart Communities Initiative

Progress to Date and Work Ahead

Climate Smart Communities

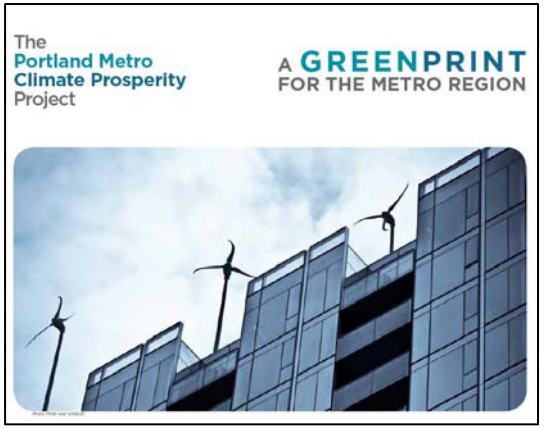
Collaboration and partnerships

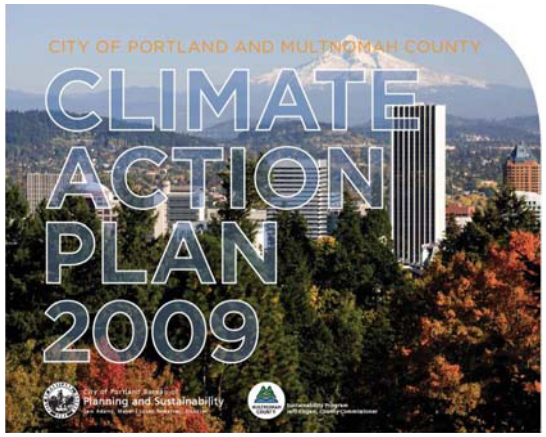
CLI
CLIMATE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
INSTITUTE FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
http://climlead.uoregon.edu

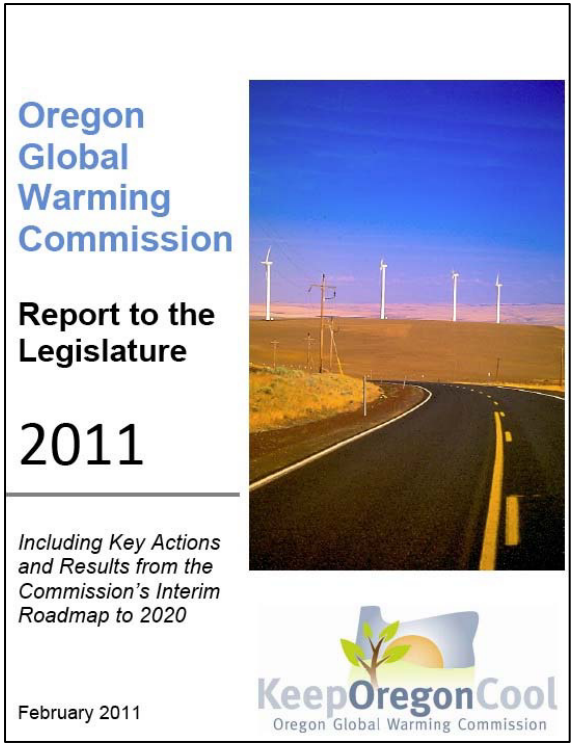
The Resource Innovation Group

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Greenlight Greater Portland







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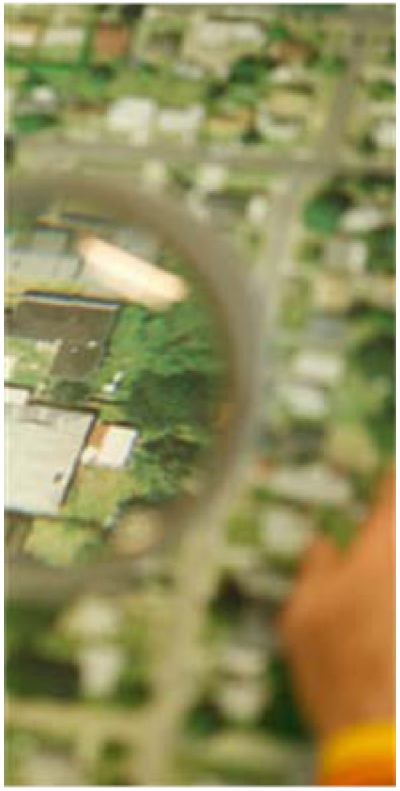
Institute for a Sustainable Environment



Climate Smart Communities

Regional Data, Methods and Tools Development

Region's emissions sources (2006)

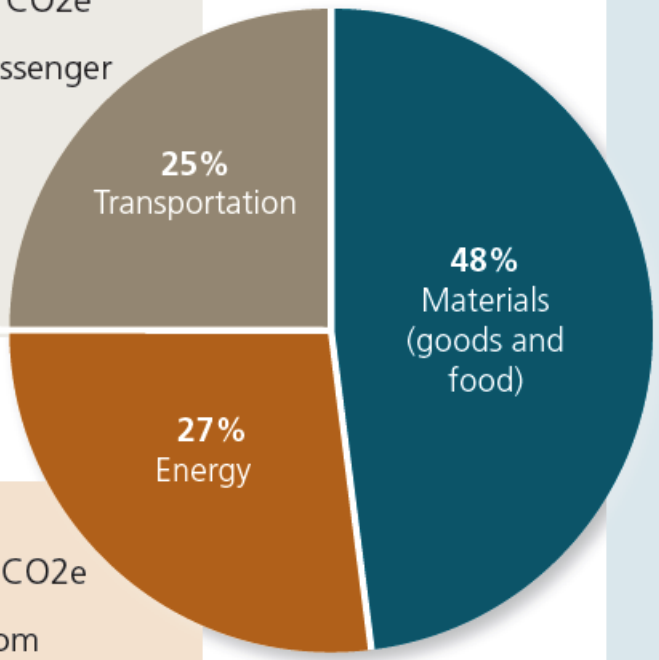
Metro Area Greenhouse Gas Emissions

31 Million Metric Tons Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MMT CO2e)

Transportation

Estimated emissions: 7.8 MMT CO2e

- Vehicle miles traveled by passenger vehicles and light trucks
- Operation of public transportation system (TriMet)



Energy

Estimated emissions: 8.2 MMT CO2e

- Natural gas consumption from residents and businesses
- Fossil fuel consumption from utilities' imported electricity

Materials (goods and food)

Emissions related to the production, manufacture and disposal of materials, goods and food

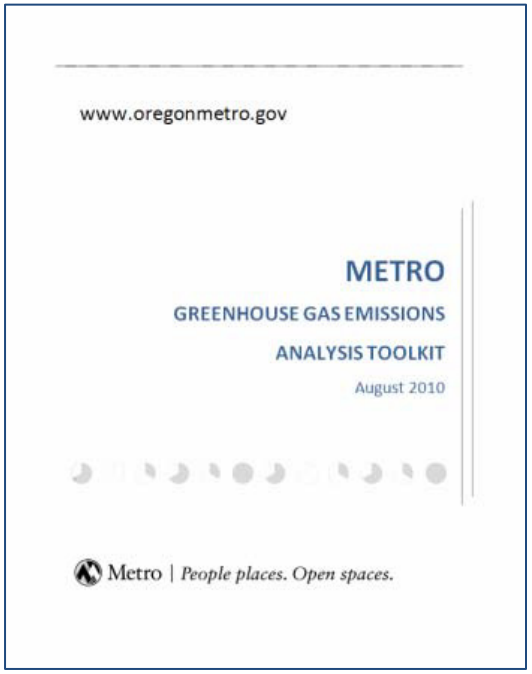
Estimated emissions 14.9 MMT CO2e

- Manufacture of products and food (from inside and outside the region) consumed by metro residents and businesses
- Freight movement of materials, goods and food (heavy truck, rail, air)
- Waste management and recycling system (collection, landfills)

Regional greenhouse gas inventory

- Identify and manage risks and opportunities with regional systems
- Baseline for regulatory and legislative developments
- Provide foundation to collaborate with local governments, ODOT, TriMet and others
- Set stage for integrated suite of tools for Metro program analysis and monitoring

Regional greenhouse gas emissions toolkit



- Establishes a framework to guide climate impact assessments
- Provides consistent guidance on analysis methods, reporting and evaluation of Metro projects, programs and policies
- Mechanism to engage policymakers in clear and consistent discussions around regional priorities and processes to address climate change

Selecting a tool

1. Step 1: Scale definition
2. Step 2: Boundary definition
3. Step 3: Emission type
4. Step 4: Tool selection

Climate Smart Communities
Scenario Planning

Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative

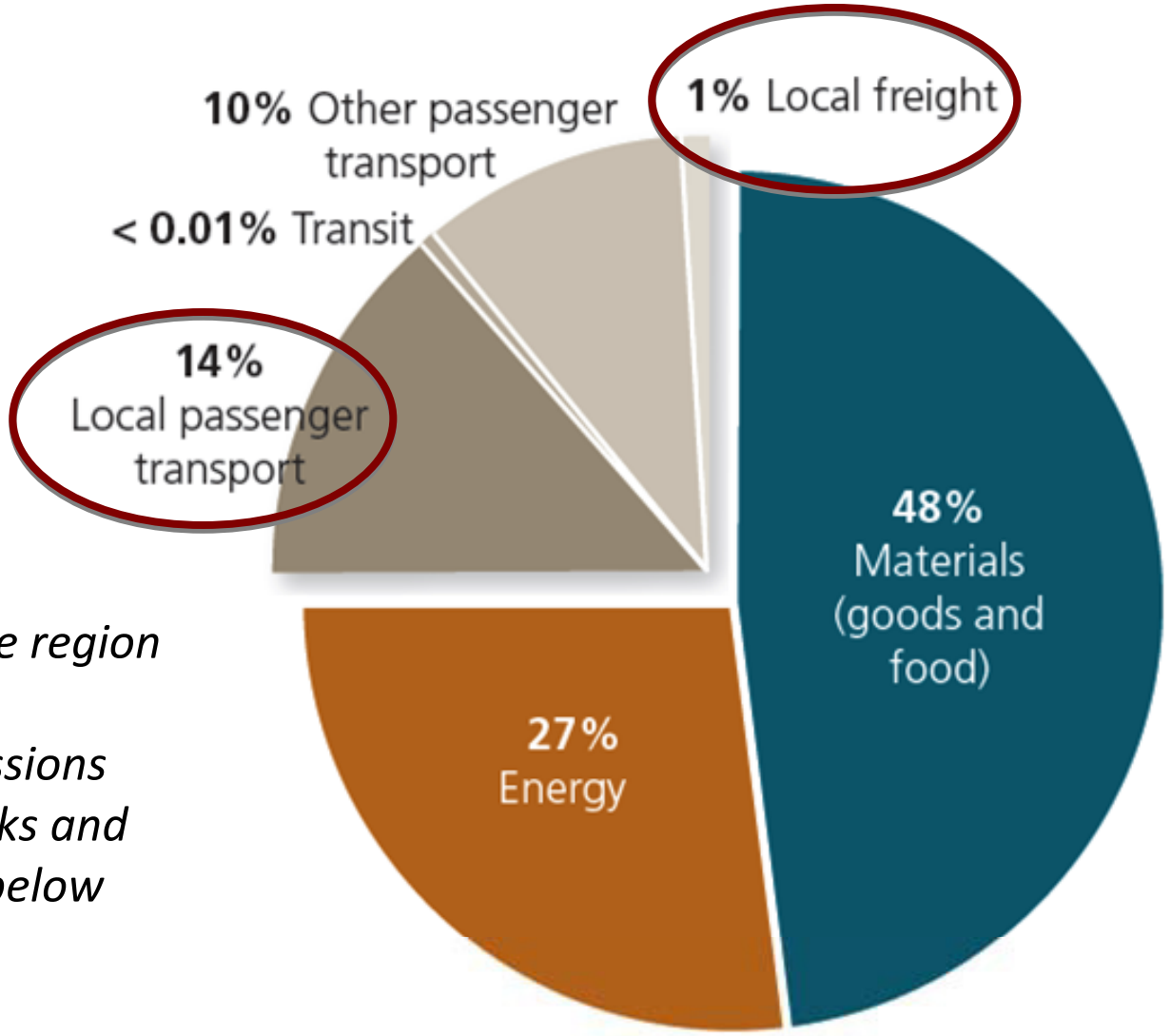
(HB 2001 & SB 1059)

State and Metropolitan Area Partnership

- Statewide Transportation Strategy
- Target Rulemaking Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Scenario Planning

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

Light vehicles: region's mandated focus



The State calls for the region to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions from cars, small trucks and SUVs by 20 percent below 2005 levels.

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

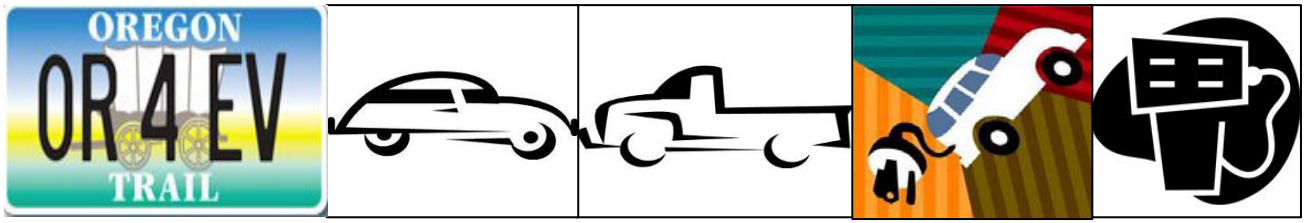
Expand low carbon travel options

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

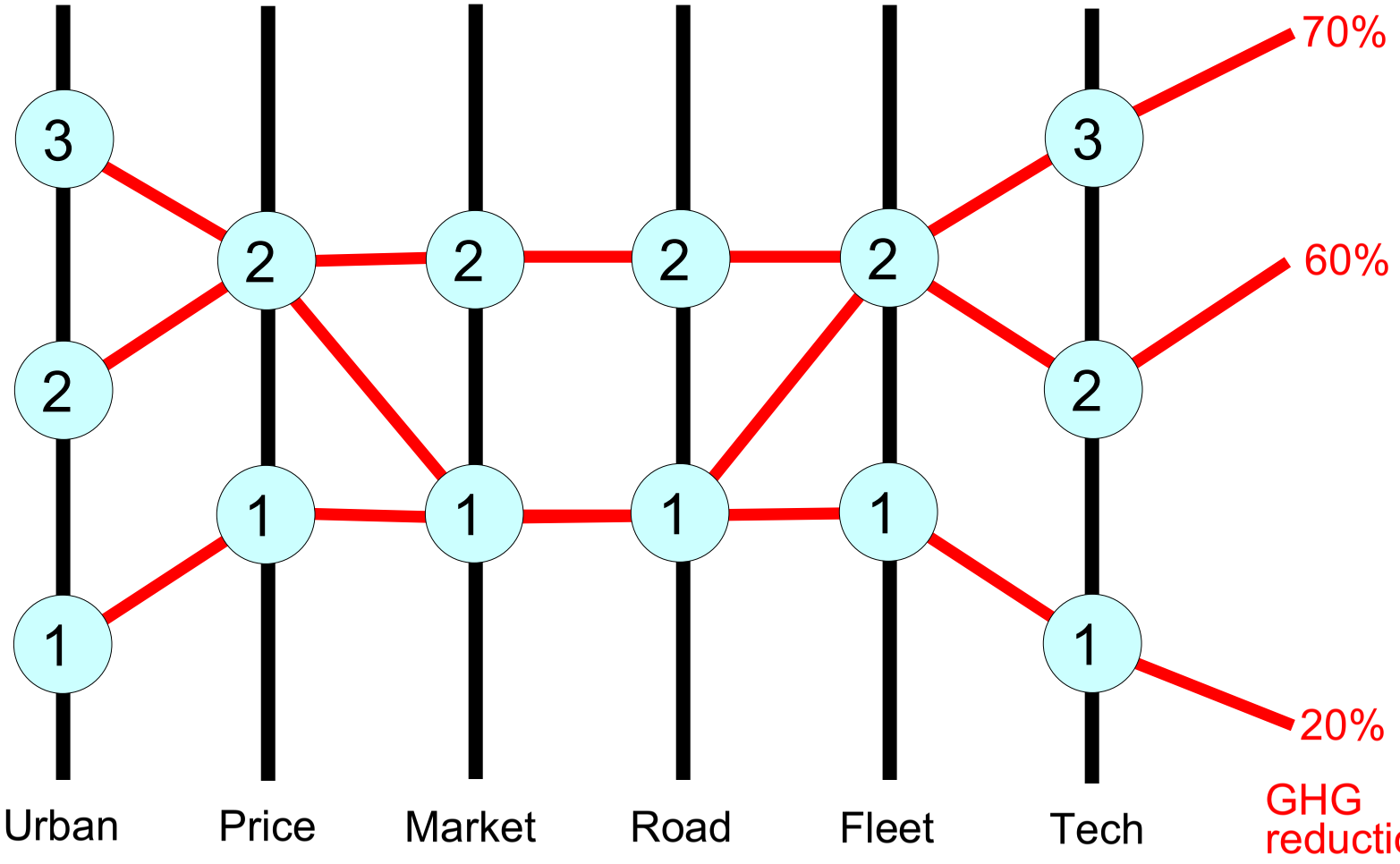
Technology & fleet estimates for the Portland region

	Fuel Economy mpg cars & trucks	Fleet Mix percentage cars & trucks	Hybrids percentage cars & trucks	Fuel Carbon Content percentage improvement
2005	29 & 21	57 & 43	0	0
2035	68 & 48	71 & 29	8 & 2	20

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



Statewide scenarios show a range of potential reductions (2050)



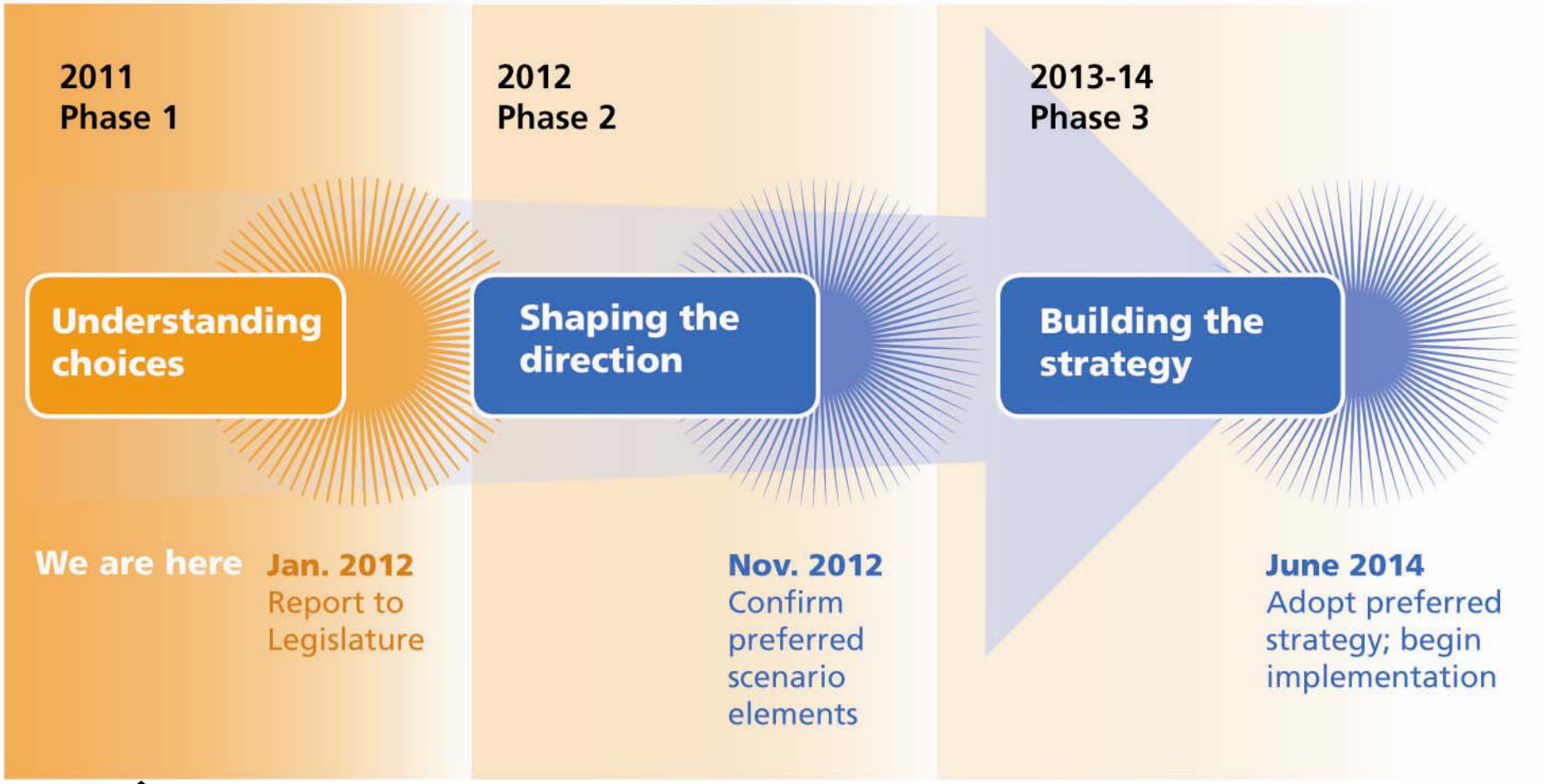
Most effective strategies

- 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

Scenarios timeline



We are here.

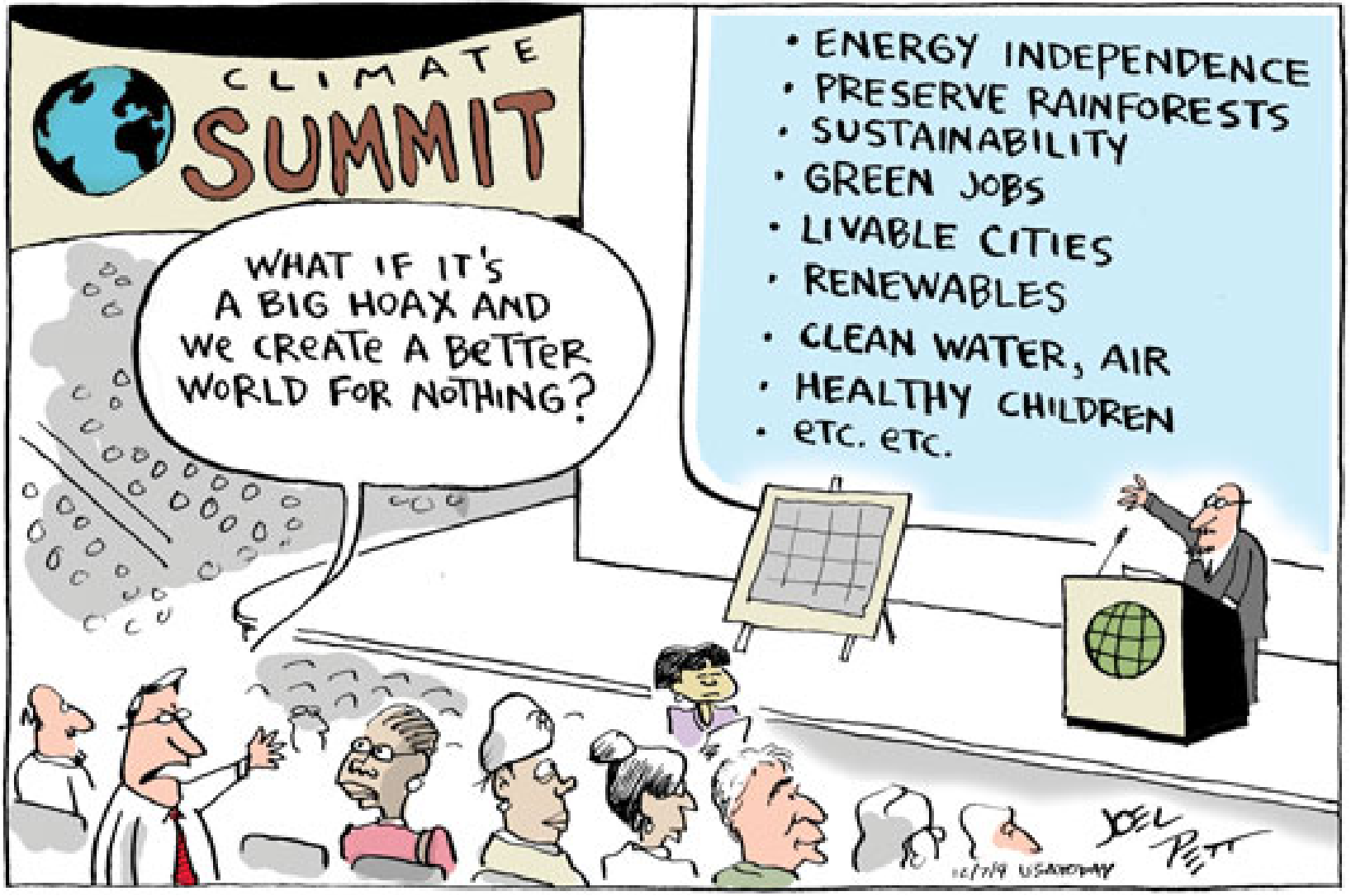
Local implementation

Comprehensive plans and zoning

Transportation system plans

Development codes

Community investments



For more information, www.oregonmetro.gov/climatechange

Discussion

- Do you have questions about Metro's Climate Smart Communities efforts?
- How can Metro's efforts support your work?
- What similarities/differences do you see between the Portland Plan and Metro's efforts?
- Do you have concerns that you would like us to be aware of as we move forward?