# **Regional Transportation Plan**

# **PSC Briefing**

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# **Today's Presentation**

- Importance of Transit to Support Growth
- Process for informing the RTP Update
- Current Initiatives
  - Growing Transit Communities (GTC)
  - Enhanced Transit Corridors (ETC)
  - Portland Streetcar
- Next Steps

#### Metro 2040 Growth Concept



#### Transit needs our attention to support Portland as it grows

#### How Portland residents got to work

Sources: Census 2000, American Community Survey 2010, 2014









#### **Regional Transportation Plan High Capacity**

This map will be updated as part of the 2018 RTP Update

New transit projects will be identified



#### **Bus network**



### Traffic congestion is slowing transit service region-wide



PBOT

#### We need to do more to support Transit in Portland

- Ridership is not growing adequately to support growth
- Buses are getting stuck in traffic
- New growth is happening in areas in need of better transit service and access
- Limited sources of revenue







### **Enhanced Transit**

- Cities throughout the US are developing smaller scale projects to make transit more competitive.
- The Portland region needs to create a pipeline of lower cost transit offerings to improve transit capacity, headways and reliability.
- Improvements should be developed in partnership between TriMet and local jurisdictions
- We can do this in more places and more quickly!





RapidRide in Seattle

# **Enhanced Transit Corridors**

#### **TSP Refinement Plan**

"This study will identify corridors needing higher transit capacity to accommodate projected growth and to support TSP outcomes including prosperity, equity, safety and climate. The study will identify the general types of improvements needed in each corridor.

The result will be projects for the next RTP and/or TSP."

#### THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TSP AND RTP







