
Appendix C: Regional Transportation Plan compliance



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Mayor Charlie Hales
Portland City Councilors
City of Portland, City Hall
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RE: Transportation System Plan Stage 2: compliance with regional transportation requirements

Dear Mayor Hales and City Councilors:

Portland is a crucial partner for protecting quality of life in the region for decades to come. I would like to thank Bureau of Transportation and Planning and Sustainability staff for working consistently and proactively with Metro to ensure that regional requirements are reflected in the city's updated Transportation System Plan.

Portland is updating and adopting the Transportation System Plan in three stages. Metro provided a letter in June 2016 acknowledging compliance with regional requirements for Stage 1 of the Transportation System Plan. This letter comments on how Stage 2 of the Transportation System Plan complies with applicable Metro code sections. Stage 3 of the update will finalize the last components of the Transportation System Plan with an expected adoption date for the final Transportation System Plan in December 2017. This will be past the city's compliance deadline of December 2016. However, most of the components of Stage 3 are not required for state or Metro compliance but are housekeeping and internal compliance; finalizing performance measures are the components that require compliance with regional requirements. However, the City has made significant progress on the remaining components of Stage 3 and is working in coordination to develop the remaining parts such that Metro recognizes the plan as in compliance with regional transportation requirements. Please enter this letter into the record for these proceedings.

Regional Transportation Functional Plan (Metro Code, Chapter 3.08) compliance

The Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) implements the Goals and Objectives in section 2.3 of the RTP and the policies of the RTP and its constituent freight, high-capacity transit and transportation system management and operations plans which cities and counties of the region will carry out in their comprehensive plans, transportation system plans (TSPs), other land use regulations and transportation project development. As described below, there are several RTFP sections that are relevant to the elements in Stage 2 of the proposed Portland Transportation System Plan. Through its Further Findings of Fact – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Ordinance, the City has demonstrated that it is in compliance with all of the relevant sections of the RTFP.

Title 1- Transportation System Design

Title 1 addresses street, transit, freight, bicycle and pedestrian system design, green street design, street connectivity, bicycle and pedestrian connections to the transit system, modal plans, and system management. The City has provided findings that demonstrate that it meets and is in compliance with Title 1 of the RTFP.

Title 2 – Development and Update of Transportation System Plans

Title 2 describes certain elements that must be included and standards that apply when a city updates its Transportation System Plan (TSP). The City has provided findings that demonstrate that it meets and is in compliance with Title 2 of the RTFP.

Title 3 – Transportation Project Development

Title 3 requires the City to identify the location and general description/parameters of planned facilities. The TSP is consistent with this title because the project list has been mapped, and includes project descriptions/parameters, estimated costs, and timeframes.

Title 4 - Regional Parking Management

Title 4 requires cities to establish parking ratios within a specified range (minimums and maximums) in their development codes. This title also requires that cities establish minimum bicycle parking requirements, and requires certain design standards for large parking areas. The title also requires parking management plans and policies in centers and station communities. The City has provided findings that demonstrate that it meets and is in compliance with Title 4 of the RTFP.

Title 5 – Amendment of Comprehensive Plans

Title 5 requires cities to consider certain strategies, including, transportation system management, transportation demand management, transit improvements, bike improvements, pedestrian improvements, traffic calming, land use, connectivity, and capacity. The City has provided findings demonstrating that these strategies have been incorporated into the plan and is therefore in compliance with Title 5 of the RTFP.

Title 6 – Compliance Procedures

Title 6 describes procedures a city must follow to be in compliance with the RTFP. The City has fulfilled these procedures and is in compliance with Title 6 of the RTFP.

Metro thanks you for the opportunity to participate in this process and looks forward to our continued partnership.

Respectfully,



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