DRAFT 2045 Transportation Vision

Portland's transportation system connects people to opportunity, supports a strong economy, and helps create safe, healthy, and vibrant communities.

We're building a future where everyone can get around easily, affordably, and sustainably—no matter who they are or where they live. Our streets will be well-maintained, welcoming places for people, goods, and services to move safely and efficiently. With community partnership and transparent leadership, we're investing in a transportation system that repairs past harms, strengthens neighborhoods, and prepares Portland for a climate-resilient future—one that is equitable, joyful, and boldly Portland.

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Transportation Goal: Access

Everyone in Portland can reach jobs, schools, services, and community destinations through a connected, multimodal transportation system.

Objectives:

- Build complete pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks.
- Prioritize infrastructure gaps near key destinations and on high-injury streets.
- Improve first/last mile connections with shuttles, e-bikes, and microtransit.
- Align transportation with land use to support walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.
- Ensure intuitive wayfinding and accessible design for all users.
- Support fast, frequent, reliable transit available to everyone—day and night.

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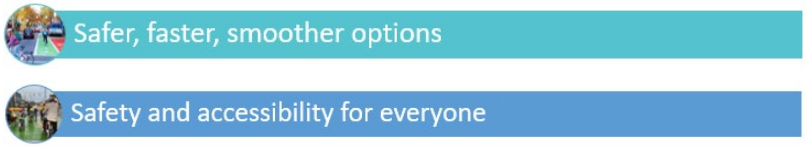


Transportation Goal: Safety

People can use streets in Portland without fear of injury or harm. Our transportation system protects people from traffic violence, supports personal security, and prioritizes vulnerable road users.

Objectives:

- Eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries (Vision Zero).
- Manage driving speeds to support multimodal interactions.
- Retrofit High Crash Network streets with crash-reduction treatments.
- Expand safe pedestrian, biking, and rolling infrastructure.
- Improve lighting, visibility, and automated enforcement at priority safety locations.
- Prioritize safety investments in underserved and high-crash areas.
- Design for vulnerable users, including children, elders, and people with disabilities.

Transportation Goal: Health

The transportation system makes Portlanders healthier by creating opportunities for active travel, cleaner air, quieter streets, and stronger social connections.

Objectives:

- Improve air quality and reduce health-related impacts by reducing exposure to emissions
- Build complete pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks
- Manage speeds to manage roadway noise
- Integrate trees and greenery into streetscapes
- Foster social connection and mental well-being by designing transportation infrastructure that encourages community interaction and reduces social isolation

A healthy climate and environment for future generations

Big moves

Transportation Goal: Sustainability

Portland's transportation system helps fight climate change by reducing transportation-related emissions.

Objectives:

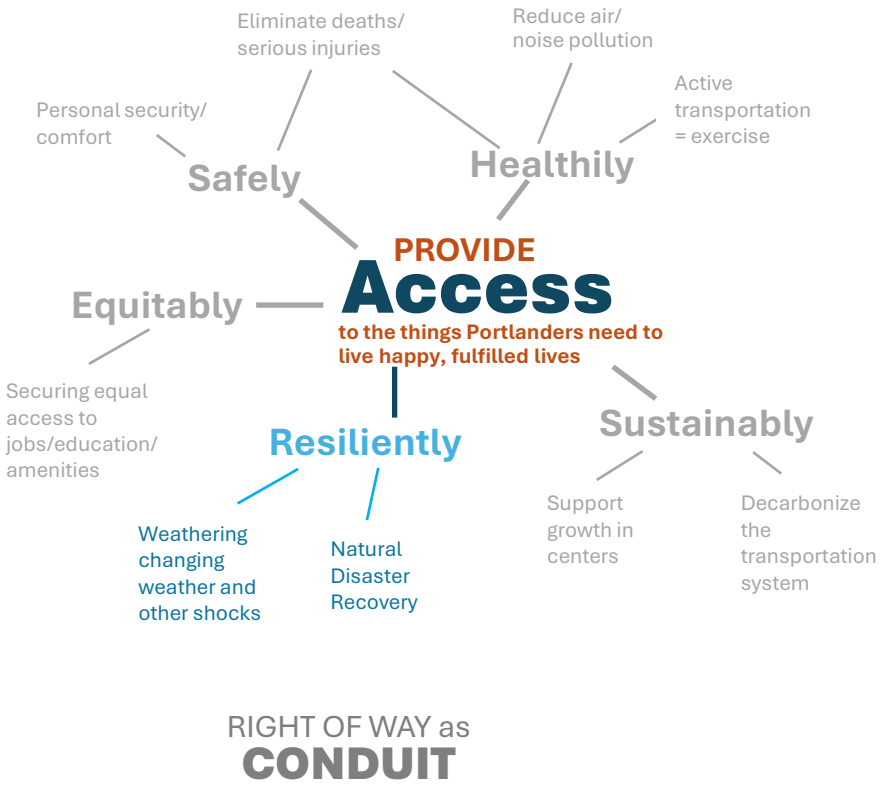
- Make walking, rolling, cycling and transit safe, convenient and attractive travel options.
- Concentrate growth in Centers and apply transportation demand management tools to help travelers reduce how much they drive.
- Reduce emissions from goods delivery by transitioning fleets to cleaner fuels and supporting last mile options that rely on smaller, cleaner and quieter delivery methods.
- Transition public transit fleets to cleaner fuels.
- Ensure equitable access to micromobility programs, such as bikeshare and scootershare.
- Expand public availability of EV and e-bike charging infrastructure where it is harder to charge at home, such as in multifamily housing.

Transportation Goal: Resilience

Portland's transportation system can withstand natural and human-made shocks. Resilient transportation infrastructure and operations helps hasten the city's recovery from disruption.

Objectives:

- Upgrade the most critical infrastructure to withstand earthquakes.
- Design infrastructure to withstand climate impacts and reduce community harm, especially among the most vulnerable, such as through expanded urban tree canopy and other green infrastructure.



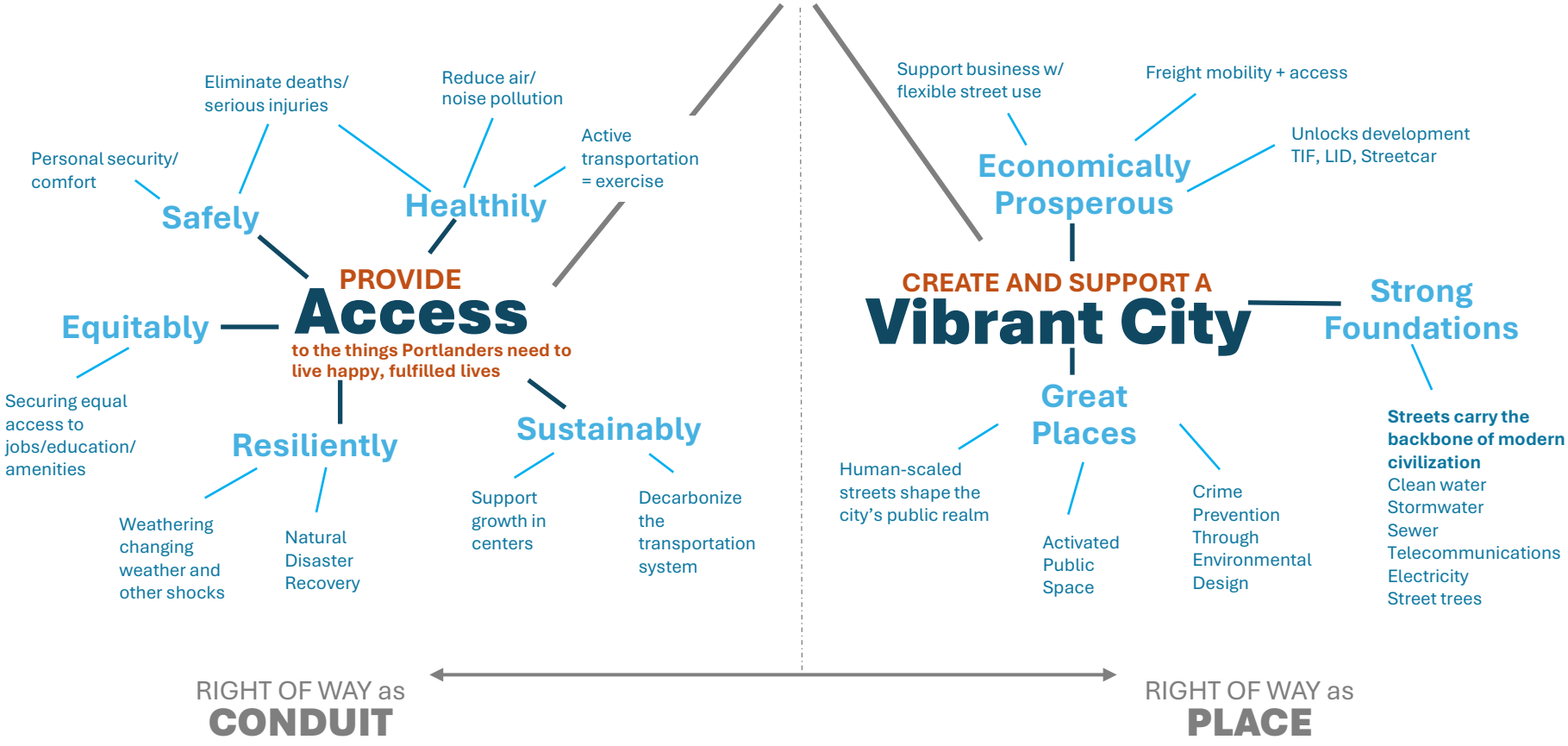
Transportation Goal: Equity

Portlanders experience a transportation system that is affordable, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of underserved communities. Identity should not be predictor for how much and of what quality access Portlanders have.

Objectives:

- Prioritize needed investments in communities with transportation disparities.
- Provide low-cost mobility options – in both time and money.
- Ensure ADA-compliant infrastructure citywide and prioritize filling ADA gaps in current infrastructure.
- Engage communities in co-creating transportation solutions.
- Offer language-accessible tools and culturally responsive outreach.
- Consider potential displacement impacts of new investments and develop and deploy community stabilization strategies.

What do we want our transportation system to do?



Transportation Goal: Economically Prosperous

Portland's transportation system supports a thriving, inclusive economy by improving access to jobs, supporting local businesses, and ensuring efficient movement of goods.

Objectives:

- Improve multimodal access to employment centers and job hubs, including the Central City and Neighborhood Business Districts across the city.
- Support freight movement and curb access for business operations.
- Minimize freight impacts on neighborhoods while supporting industrial growth.
- Align transportation investments with economic development strategies.
- Create good-paying jobs through infrastructure projects and workforce development.

Transportation Goal: Strong Foundations

Portland's streets support and host the city's system of utilities that provide the essential functions of modern society: clean drinking water, sewage, electricity, stormwater, and telecommunications. The transportation system is built and maintained to protect and uphold these functions.

Objectives:

- Identify opportunities to address asset condition while making system improvements.
- Prioritize replacement and/or modernization of critical or high-risk assets.
- Identify opportunities for joint projects with partner public works bureaus.

Transportation Goal: Great Places

Streets should be places to gather, celebrate, and connect—not just move cars. Portlanders want vibrant, people-centered public spaces.

Objectives:

- Create car-free plazas and pedestrian-only streets.
- Support outdoor dining, public art, and community-led events.
- Integrate trees and greenery into streetscapes.
- Reclaim space from parking for community use.
- Design streets that foster joy, health, and social connection.

CAC's 6 Interest Themes

Safety and accessibility for everyone

Safer, faster, smoother options

Supporting community and neighborhood development

A healthy climate and environment for future generations

Maintaining our assets

Big moves

Theme 1: Safety and accessibility for everyone

Portland's transportation system should be and feel safe and accessible no matter who you are or what part of town you live in so that everyone can enjoy the freedom of making the transportation mode choices they please.

Theme 2: Safer, faster, smoother options

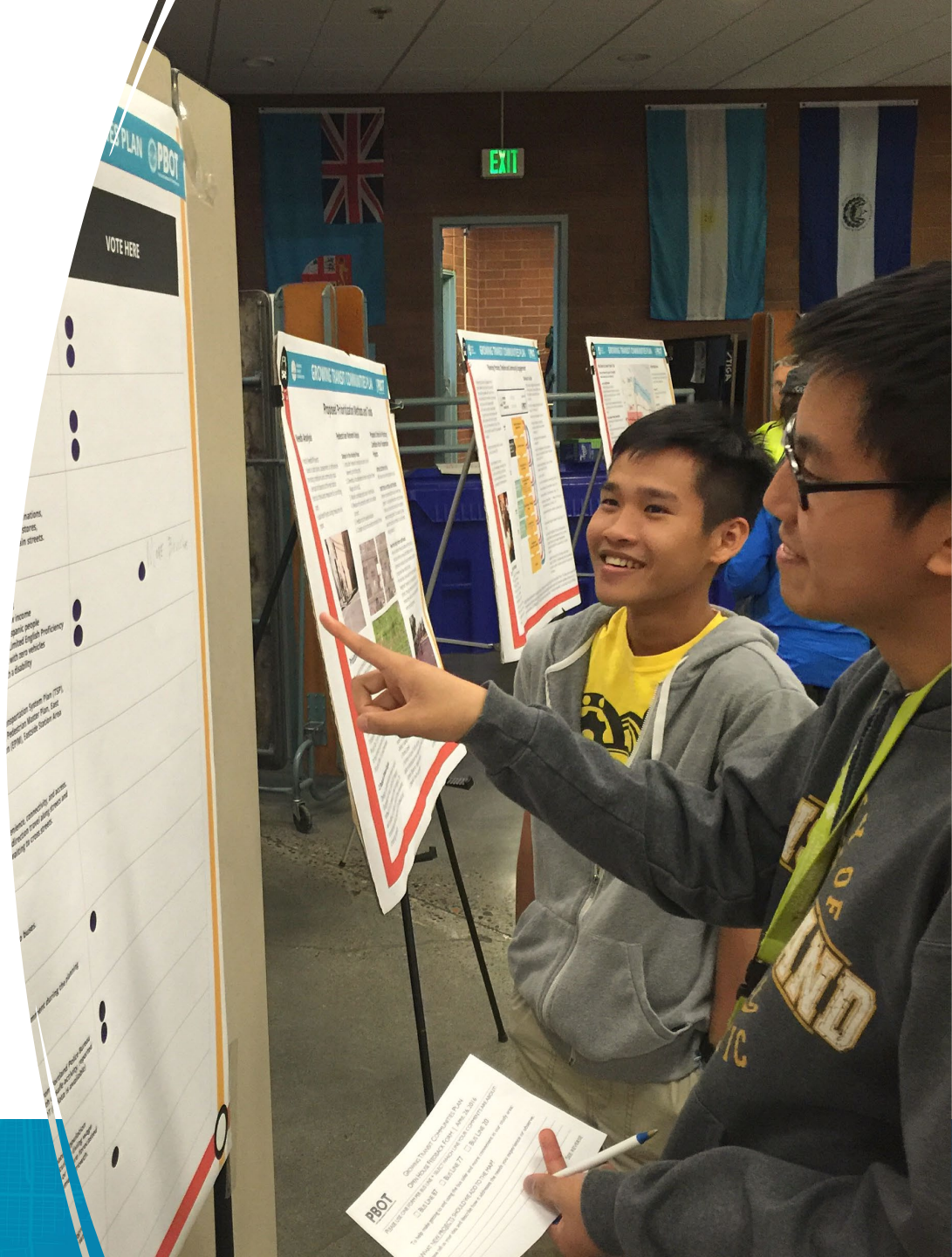
Safer, faster, smoother transportation options and solutions to help people and goods move more reliably and sustainably while making alternative mode choices more practical for more people to choose them.

Theme 3: Supporting community and neighborhood development

Develop the transportation system to serve and support Portland's housing and land use for vibrant people-centered neighborhoods.

Theme 4: A healthy climate and environment for future generations

Ensure the transportation system of tomorrow is shaped with and for the next generation of Portlanders so they inherit the benefits of a healthy climate and environment where equitable access to efficient, affordable, and sustainable transportation is the norm.



Theme 5: Maintaining our assets

Funding the basic maintenance needs of our transportation infrastructure and delivering projects with fiscal responsibility and sustainability so the public knows they can rely on the system to serve their needs safely now and into the future.

Theme 6: Big moves

Lead with innovation and big moves for the transportation system.