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Regional Transportation Plan Update

Project foundations and
engagement overview

Welcome & purpose of today

Why we're here and what this session will cover

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To provide an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan foundations and outline the proposed engagement approach moving forward.

What this session is intended to accomplish

- Share key themes emerging from early analysis
- Provide an overview of the direction and engagement approach
- Outline next steps in the planning process

Where this fits in the RTP process

This is an early step in developing the Regional Transportation Plan.





About the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

This update builds on the 2014 RTP with refreshed goals, actions and strategies, and a renewed focus on implementation through the RTS.

Scope

The RTP will cover all local governments within the capital region, focusing on transportation issues of regional significance and identifying priorities for the Regional Multimodal Network. The Plan is scheduled for completion in Q4 2027.

Relationship to other plans

The RTP will align with local and regional plans and address region-wide transportation gaps by clarifying roles, priorities, and coordination across jurisdictions.

Project background & work to date

With the newly established Regional Transportation Service and growing transportation pressures across the region, we are setting a new and clear direction. The update will help align planning efforts, clarify roles, and position the region to unlock future funding.

Work completed to date

- **Foundations Memo** – At the onset of the project, the planning team drafted a memo which establishes early foundations of the plan. This memo lays the groundwork for the new Regional Transportation Plan by outlining major issues and opportunities the plan is positioned to address
- **Key research inputs** – Key inputs include internal team workshops, a scan of relevant jurisdictions facing similar issues and opportunities, and a review of previous planning efforts
- **What we've learned so far** – Through drafting the Foundations Memo, we have identified some key issues and opportunities to address within the RTP update

The capital region today: Key challenges

Growth and land use pressures – Population growth and housing development are accelerating across the region. Transportation investment has not always kept pace, underscoring the need for closer coordination between land use and infrastructure planning.

Mobility gaps – Many communities lack reliable transit service, limiting access to jobs, education, health care, and social connection. For many residents, driving remains the only viable option right now, contributing to congestion and inequitable access.

Inconsistent regional experience – Policies, standards, and investment approaches vary across key regional system components, creating inconsistent travel experiences across the region.

Mode share trends – Walking and cycling increased, while transit mode share remains comparatively low.

- In the Growth Management Area, cycling mode share increased from 2.6% to 7.9% (2001–2022)
- While overall Transit trips have increased, Transit mode share has remained flat at 6.5% in the same period

What direction could the RTP provide?

01

Set clear regional priorities

Define what matters most for transportation across the region, including the role of key corridors, transit routes, active transportation networks, and goods movement, and what outcomes the region is working toward.

02

Align and sequence investments

Provide guidance on how transportation investments should be coordinated and phased across municipalities, modes, and funding sources so projects work together rather than in isolation.

03

Better connect transportation + land use

Clarify how transportation planning and investment should support housing, growth, and land use decisions, and how those land use decisions should inform transportation priorities.

04

Establish shared regional approaches

Develop consistent regional guidelines, in collaboration with municipalities, on topics such as safety, transportation demand management, access to opportunity, curb management, island connectivity, and design standards.

05

Clarify governance and decision-making

Define regional roles and responsibilities for transportation, and outline how decisions should be made and coordinated across jurisdictions over time.

Engagement overview

How we are gathering input and who we are engaging

Q1 2026

Validate priorities and decision criteria

Build shared understanding of needs and goals. Define key issues and identify early priorities.

WHO'S ENGAGED

Transportation Committee (Inform)

RTAC & DPAC (Collaborate)

Interest holders (Consult)

Q2 2026

Refine draft strategies and key actions

Test and strengthen strategic directions, address trade-offs, and inform the draft plan.

WHO'S ENGAGED

CRD Board & Committees (Collaborate)

Elected officials (Collaborate)

RTAC & DPAC (Collaborate)

Regional public (Consult)

Q1 2027

Confirm direction and readiness for approval

Resolve outstanding questions and confirm direction ahead of plan approval.

WHO'S ENGAGED

CRD Board & Committees (Collaborate)

RTAC & DPAC (Collaborate)

Regional public (Consult)

Q3-Q4 2027

Support approval and communicate the plan

Demonstrate how engagement shaped the final plan and communicate the approved direction.

WHO'S ENGAGED

CRD Board & Committees (Collaborate)



Next steps

What happens next and key milestones ahead

- Finalize and share the “What We Heard” summary from early March engagement onto the project “Get Involved” page.
- Continue refining draft strategies and key actions (Q3 2026)
- Test trade-offs and strengthen alignment ahead of the draft Plan (Q4 2026)
- Return to Committee with updates as the draft Plan takes shape