

## Why Should I Get Involved?

If you use transportation, you are involved!



You probably used some form of transportation today. Whether it's a car, bike, bus, wheelchair or walking – you are involved.

Transportation allows us to get to and from work, school, shopping, meetings, events, medical services, etc.



Transportation affects our quality of life, from the air we breathe, safety of our families, and to our own personal budgets.

The transportation system is designed to serve you. The funding to develop and maintain our transportation system comes from several sources – including your tax dollars!

Your input is critical to the overall quality of our region's transportation system, and to ensure your transportation needs are being met.



- What type of transportation do you use?
- Are you satisfied with your choices?
- Do you have any problems with this method?
- Would you like more options?

## Interested in Getting Involved?

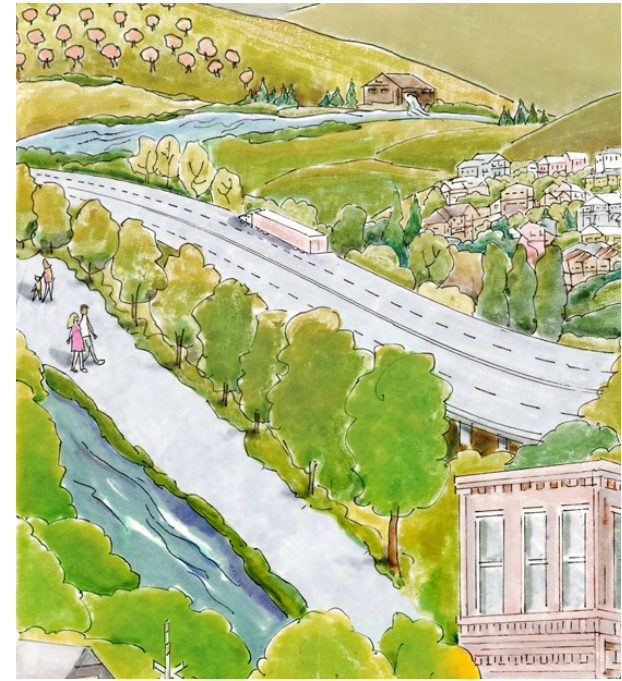
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## Citizens Guide to Metropolitan Transportation Planning

## Guide 4 RVMPO Plans & Programs



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# RVMPO Plans & Programs

RVMPO completes and coordinates many plans, projects, and studies. The MPO is responsible for preparing four primary federally required plans, programs, and findings. These are designed to create a vision, implement and monitor projects, conform to air quality requirements, and provide financial guidance. The documents are:

- **AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**
- **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**
- **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**
- **UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

View these documents at [www.rvmppo.org](http://www.rvmppo.org).

## Air Quality Conformity Determination

**What:** The RVMPO prepares air quality conformity determinations (AQCD) for the federal component of the RTP and the TIP as required by state and federal law.

**How Often:** Updates the RTP and TIP are required every 4-years. In certain cases, an AQCD may be needed when new projects are added to the RTP and TIP.

**Significance:** In order for the RVMPO to receive federal funding, the document needs to show that the region will continue to meet federal and state air-quality standards for the duration of the planning period.

## Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

**What:** The RTP is the main MPO document guiding future transportation improvements. It sets goals that are developed from federal guidelines and public and stakeholder input. The plan documents the transportation needs for the future, forecasts available revenue and estimates the costs of projects.

**How Often:** The RTP is updated every 4 years with a minimum horizon of 20 years.

**Significance:** Projects that use state or federal funds must be included in the RTP.

**Purpose of the RTP:** The goal of the RVMPO is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that serves regional needs, promotes safety, supports economic development, and facilitates personal choice in transportation decisions.

Transportation Needs Addressed in RTP		Transit
Transp. Options	Bike & Pedestrian	Street & Hwy
Safety & Security	Parking	Freight

**Other Key Components:** Land Use, Air Quality, Fiscal Constraint, Transportation Demand Mgmt., Transportation Systems Mgmt.

## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**What:** The TIP is used as a management tool to gauge progress in achieving the goals identified in the RTP. It documents the anticipated costs of projects and the expected revenues from local, state, and federal funding sources. Essentially, the TIP is the tool that allows federal funds to be programmed towards projects.

**How Often:** The TIP identifies and lists transportation projects for implementation within the next four federal fiscal years. It is updated annually.

**Significance:** To receive federal funds, projects must be included in the TIP and in most cases must have matching local funds available. As with the RTP, the costs of projects cannot exceed available revenue.

## Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**What:** The UPWP documents the transportation planning activities and products the RVMPO and RVTD will conduct or complete over a year's time.

**How Often:** The UPWP is updated yearly, however it can be amended as needed.

The public has multiple opportunities to comment on and be involved in the development of all plans and programs before they are approved by the RVMPO Policy Committee. **See back of pamphlet for information on how you can get involved!**