

# Legislative Hearing: WSRC 2040 Center Boundary Amendment

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# What is a 2040 Center?

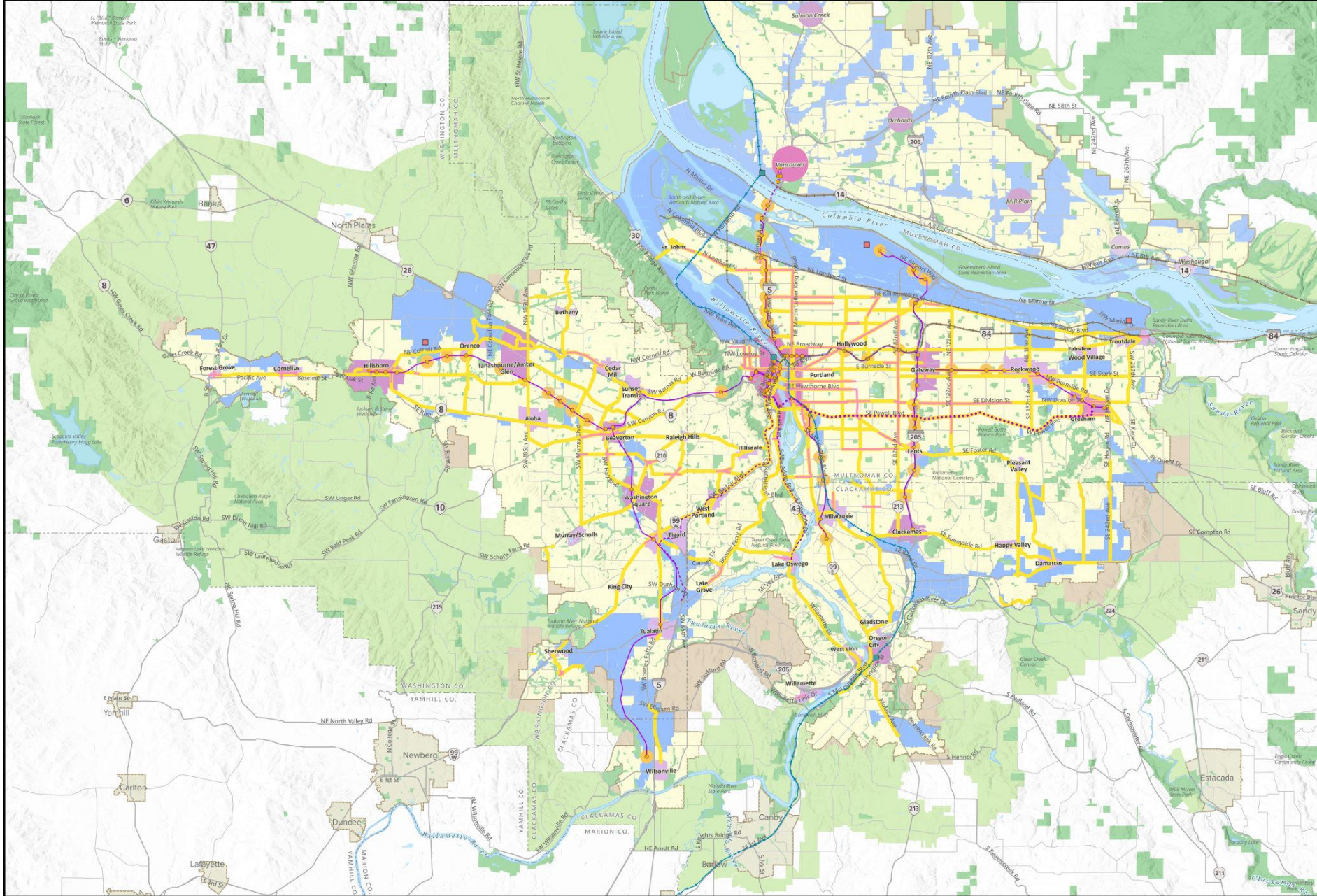
- Created by Metro in 1995
- Part of the 2040 Growth Concept
  - Centers (Town, Regional)
  - Corridors
  - Main Streets
  - Station Communities



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# 2040 Growth Concept Map

December 2018

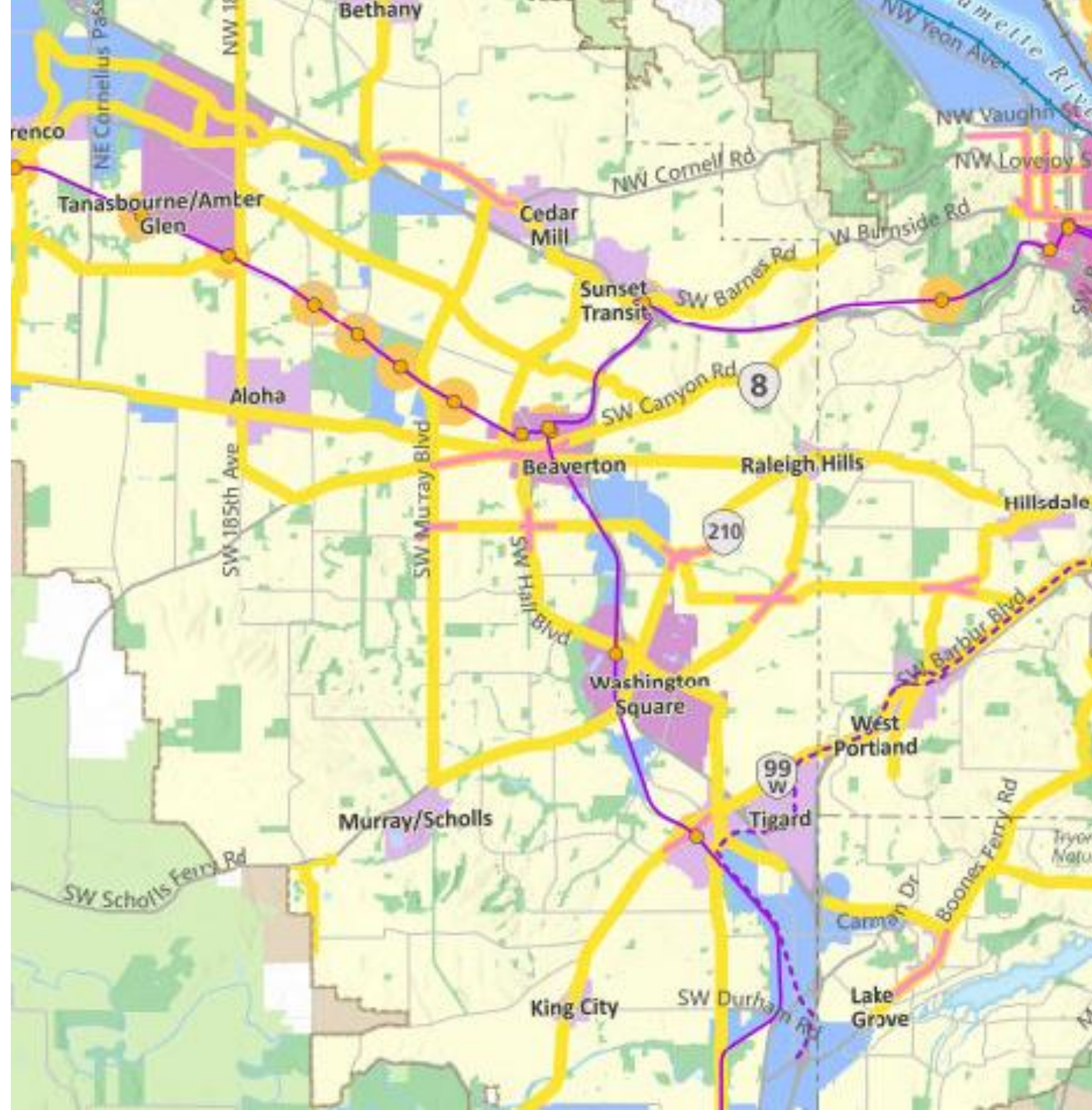
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The Metro 2040 Growth Concept defines the form of regional growth and development for the Portland metropolitan region. The Growth Concept was adopted in December 1995 through the Region 2040 planning and public involvement process. This concept is intended to provide long-term growth management of the region.

The map highlights elements of parallel planning efforts including: the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan that outlines investments in multiple modes of transportation, and a commitment to local policies and investments that will help the region better accommodate growth within its centers, corridors and employment areas.

- Central city
- Regional center
- Town center
- Station communities
- Main streets
- Corridors
- Employment land
- Parks and natural areas
- Neighborhood
- Rural reserve
- Urban reserve
- Urban growth boundaries
- Existing high capacity transit
- - - Proposed high capacity transit
- . . . Proposed high capacity transit tier 1
- Mainline freight
- - - High speed rail (proposed)
- - - County boundaries
- Neighboring cities
- Airports
- Intercity rail terminal





# How Were 2040 Centers Used?

- Method of directing growth to mixed-use areas
- Implemented by Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan
- Boundaries were not historically required to be adopted
- Primary nexus is planning grants – must adopt to be eligible



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# How Are 2040 Centers Used Now?

- CFEC required designation of Climate –Friendly Areas (CFAs)
- 2040 Centers take the place of CFAs within Metro
- Boundaries are now required to be adopted under state rules
- Determine the level of transportation analysis required for zoning and development code amendments



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# Proposed Amendment to Boundary

- Brings boundary into alignment with Washington Square Plan District



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# Washington Square Regional Center (WSRC): Metro 2040 Growth Concept Existing and Proposed Boundaries



# Recommendation

- Recommend adoption of the revised 2040 Regional Center Boundary for Washington Square



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# Thank You

Discussion and questions



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