

What's on Metro's web site?

Information

- Current issues and news releases
- 2040 concept, Regional Framework Plan, urban growth boundary
- Fish and wildlife protection
- 2000 Transportation Plan, maps and fact sheets
- Metro Bike There! map
- Recycling and waste prevention
- Natural gardening and composting
- Hazardous waste disposal
- Metro regional parks, greenspaces protection plan, GreenScene magazine
- Open spaces acquisition program
- Maps and data from Metro's Data Resource Center, including Regional Land Information System data and MetroMap. Use MetroMap and Internet Explorer to see aerial photos and other maps of any location in the region.
- Job, grant and volunteer opportunities
- Curricula for educators
- Metro's elected officials, history, charter and code

Interactive tools

Interactive tools enable visitors to answer questions such as:

- What does the 2040 Concept map look like near where I live?
- Is a location in a fish and wildlife habitat study area or floodplain?
- Is a location in an urban growth boundary study area?
- Where is the nearest construction debris recycler?
- Who will pick up extra food from my business and give it to those in need?

The site also has Metro contact information, a meeting calendar and a form to sign up for mailing lists about Metro issues.





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A new web site for Metro!

Coming soon

If you visited www.metro-region.org lately, you have seen a pretty but old-fashioned web site. That's going to change soon. Metro's new web site, to be rolled out this spring, will save our visitors time finding information, increase opportunities for citizen involvement with Metro and reduce maintenance time and cost.

Look for these new features

- A whole new look and feel – a more contemporary interface that features the colorful artwork of Antonia Manda.
- More links at higher levels, including on the home page.
- A search box and helpful links in a primary navigation bar at the top of every page.
- Structure and link labeling based on Metro's programs, not departments
- A site map that is automatically updated.
- A searchable library, and later, a calendar to make finding documents and events easier.
- An optional view that is text only and free of tables.
- Opportunities for citizen involvement presented through a prominent link on the home page.
- A "quick links" drop-down menu to take visitors around the site in a snap.

To prepare for this redesign, we did homework. We surveyed our current web site visitors to learn what they like and don't like about Metro's site. We studied how visitors with all levels of internet experience navigate when they seek Metro information. We created a detailed design model. We listened to suggestions from the regions residents and Metro staff.

Will anything stay the same? Yes, the URL (web site address):

www.metro-region.org

If you have comments or questions, or would like to be notified when the new site is launched, contact Sue Gemell, webmaster@metro-region.org or (503) 797-1523.