



# Emergency Transportation Routes for Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee

2020 RPDO PROJECT UPDATE

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# → Background

- Emergency Transportation Routes were identified to maintain major commerce access into and through the Portland Metro Region.
  - Helps the road authorities to prioritize maintenance and ensuring resiliency of these routes when identifying budgetary and work plan needs.
- This project, led by the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization and funded by an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant, facilitated the region-wide effort to update the 2006 ETR plan.
- The RDPO project coincided with an ODOT request for road authorities to identify routes to use as alternates around State highway vulnerabilities (seismically at-risk bridges).

# → ETR Update Phase 1

- RDPO facilitated Phase 1 for the five-county metro region
  - Validate and confirm that the ETRs identified previously were still accurate
  - Identify any changes in existing ETRs
  - Identify any new ETRs
- Expand the scope of ETRs from commerce routes
  - Add State highway alternate routes per the ODOT project
  - Add new construction meeting ETR intent
  - Add new routes using local criteria (e.g. access to critical infrastructure sites)
- Introduced the “Regional Emergency Transportation Route (RETR)” level of routes



# Phase 1 Results for Washington County

- Road Operations and Maintenance and city partners added eight routes due to new construction and the ODOT project.
  - Gales Creek Road
  - Greenville-Kansas City-Kemper
  - Fern Hill-Spring Hill-Gaston
  - Roy Rodgers-Tualatin Sherwood
  - Allen-Garden Home
  - Cornell-Barnes
  - Merlo-Jenkins
  - 65<sup>th</sup>-Nyberg-Tualatin Sherwood



# Adoption of 2020 ETR Updates

- Road Operations and Emergency Management are working together to submit the proposed updates to the County's roads to the County Board or Commissioners for adoption.
- Updates to segments within another authority are the responsibility of that jurisdiction and have different approval processes.
- Updates outside of Washington County are under other local authority and responsibility, but in general this has been a coordinated effort to ensure route continuity through the region.



# Project Results and Products

- Data and new maps have been developed by METRO, and are available on the RDPO Project website at:
  - [Emergency Transportation Routes — Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization \(rdpo.net\)](https://rdpo.net)
- METRO Map Viewer: [Regional Emergency Transportation Routes update \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

# → ETR Project Phase 2

- When funding is secured, Phase 2 goals include:
  - Prioritize or tier the regional ETRs
  - Develop RETR management plans to include: RETR operations in an emergency, evaluation of specific hazard events, maintenance and coordination between jurisdictions, and transition to recovery
  - Better address vulnerable populations
  - Formalize the RETRs and agree to a plan for consistent updates
- Work on these goals will be facilitated by RDPO, and jurisdictions will support with information and input from the local perspective

# Questions?

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