REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN
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SECTION ONE: Introduction

In 1992, the region's voters adopted a Charter for Metro which gave Metro jurisdiction over matters of metropolitan concern and required the adoption of a Regional Framework Plan. The Regional Framework Plan unites all of Metro's adopted land use planning policies and requirements. The Charter directs Metro to address the following subjects in the Plan:

- Management and amendment of the Urban Growth Boundary
- Protection of lands outside the Urban Growth Boundary for natural resource use and conservation, future urban expansion or other uses
- Urban design and settlement patterns
- Housing densities
- Transportation and mass transit systems
- Parks, open spaces and recreational facilities
- Water sources and storage
- Coordination with Clark County, Washington
- Planning responsibilities mandated by state law
- Other issues of metropolitan concern

This document brings together these elements as well as previous regional policies including the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives, 2040 Growth Concept, Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan and Regional Transportation Plan, to create a coordinated, integrated Regional Framework Plan.

State law provides that the Regional Framework Plan must comply with statewide land use planning goals. The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission acknowledged the Regional Framework Plan and its implementing ordinances on December 8, 2000.

Under the Metro Charter and state law, cities and counties within Metro's boundaries are required to comply and be consistent with Metro's adopted Urban Growth Management Functional Plans and the Regional Framework Plan. The Charter also required adoption of a Future Vision. The Metro Council adopted the Future Vision on June 15, 1995.