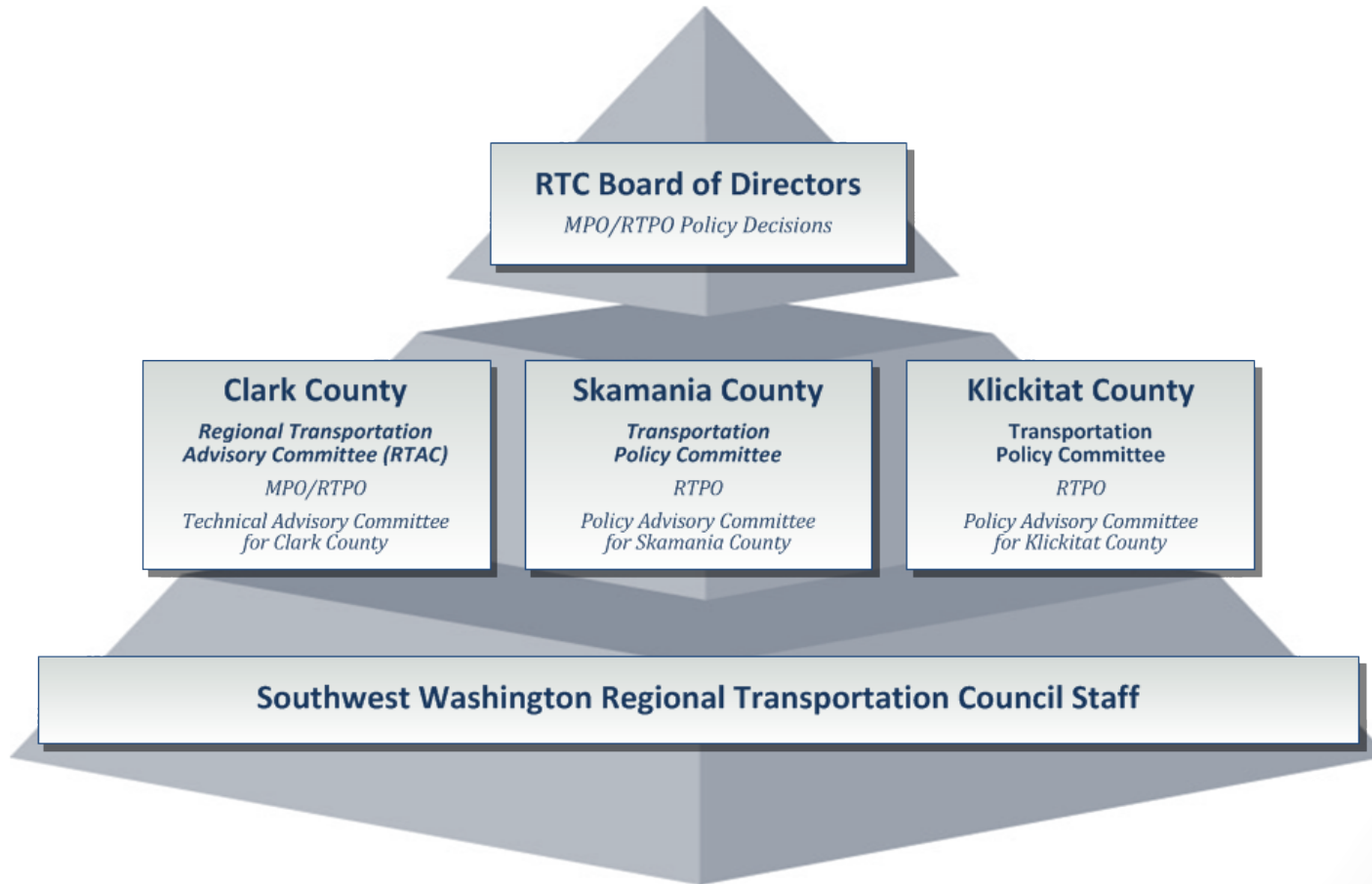




Overview of RTC

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

RTC Agency Structure



RTC Board of Directors

Voting Members:

Clark County	3 Councilors
Klickitat County	1 Elected Official
Skamania County	1 Elected Official
City of Vancouver	2 Representatives
Camas / Washougal	1 Elected Official
Battle Ground / Ridgefield / La Center / Yacolt	1 Elected Official
Ports of Vancouver / Ridgefield / Camas-Washougal	1 Port Commissioner
Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (C-TRAN)	Executive Director
Washington State Department of Transportation	SW Region Administrator
Oregon Department of Transportation	Regional Administrator
Metro	1 Council Member

Ex-officio Members:

14th Legislative District	3 Legislative Members
17th Legislative District	3 Legislative Members
18th Legislative District	3 Legislative Members
20th Legislative District	3 Legislative Members
49th Legislative District	3 Legislative members

Core Programs and Services

Project Funding

- Manage regional federal flexible funding grant program (STP, CMAQ, TAP)
- Produce & Administer Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Project development and grant writing consultation

Regional Planning Program

- Regional Transportation Plans
- Congestion Management Process
- Vancouver Area Smart Trek
- Skamania and Klickitat County RTPO
- Human Services Transportation Plans

Technical Modeling/Data

- Traffic Data Collection & Management
- Travel Forecasting Models & Analysis
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis
- Member Agency and Private Technical Services

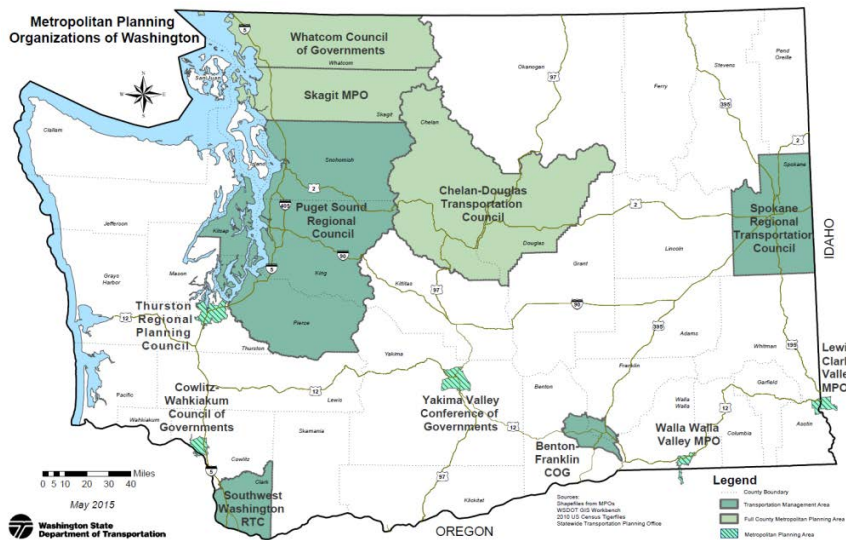
RTC Geography & Functions

RTC provides services across three counties in southwest Washington: Clark, Skamania and Klickitat. Functions and services provided are mandated by federal and state statutes, and vary by statute and county.

(Detailed descriptions follow.)

Function	Geographic Coverage
Metropolitan Planning Organization <i>(Federal statute U.S.C. Title 23 Subpart C, S.450.300)</i>	Clark County
Transportation Management Area <i>(Federal statute U.S.C. Title 23 Subpart C, S.450.300)</i>	Clark County
Regional Transportation Planning Organization <i>(State statute RCW 47.80)</i>	Clark, Skamania, Klickitat counties

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)



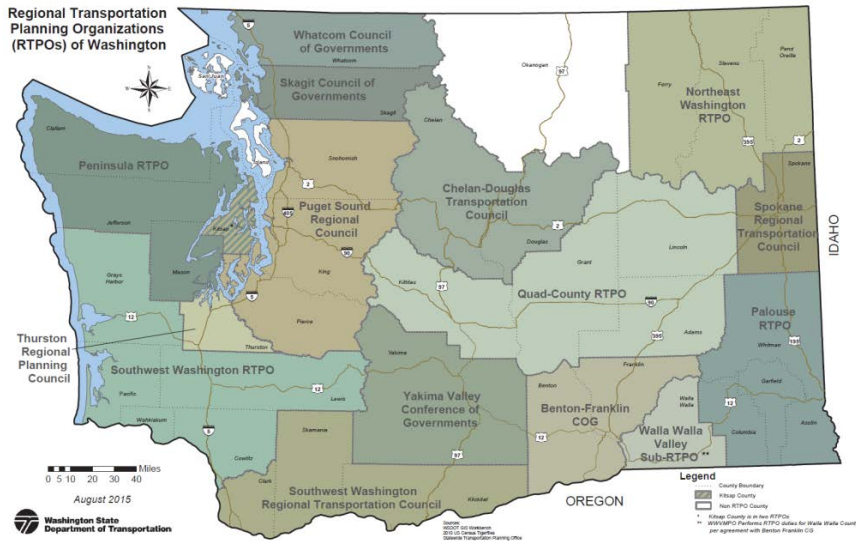
- Purpose is to ensure that the expenditure of federal transportation funds is based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process
- RTC is designated Lead agency for transportation planning and decision-making in the metropolitan planning area
- MPO Boundary must include the urbanized area and the contiguous geographic areas likely to become urbanized within 20 years
- There are 12 MPOs in Washington state (urbanized areas of more than 50,000 residents)

Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)



- TMA's are designated for urbanized areas over 200,000 in population by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation
- Greater authority is given to TMAs in project selection of federal funding programs
- The FHWA and FTA jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process every four years
- Air-quality monitoring and maintenance plans are required, and FHWA and FTA jointly review to ensure air quality conformity regulations are followed
- Additional responsibilities of TMA's include:
- Congestion Management Process

Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)



RTPO Formation (WA State):

- Voluntary association of local governments designated as the regional transportation planning policy board
- Authorized as part of the 1990 Growth Management Act to ensure local and regional coordination of transportation plans
- 14 RTPOs in 38 of the 39 counties

RTPO Duties:

- Prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Certify that countywide planning policies and the transportation element of local comprehensive plans are consistent with the RTP
- Develop and maintain a six-year regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)