

ConnectOregon: Creating Options

In both 2005 and 2007, the Oregon Legislature approved \$100 million to be invested in transportation modes other than highways. The \$200 million total *ConnectOregon* program is a lottery-backed bond initiative to invest in air, rail, marine and public transit infrastructure to ensure Oregon's transportation system is strong, diverse and efficient. It is focused on improving the connections between the components of a whole transportation system by improving the flow of commerce and easing delays in travel.

Both *ConnectOregon* I and *ConnectOregon* II are:

- “fast-track” programs, aimed at getting funds into communities to infuse the economy and build transportation options;
- multimodal programs, focusing on transportation projects other than highways; and
- statewide initiatives, making key investments in transportation infrastructure where it is needed.



ODOT received more than 180 applications for *ConnectOregon* funding, from a variety of public and private organizations, all looking to enhance the reliability, safety and connectivity in the transportation system. Applications were reviewed by modal advisory committees (air, rail, marine, freight and public transit) as well as Area Commissions on Transportation, ODOT staff, a feasibility consultant and a final review committee before being forwarded to the Oregon Transportation Commission for final decisions.

A complete list of all the approved projects is available on the *ConnectOregon* Web site, www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/CO/.

ConnectOregon leverages the significant investments Oregonians have made in the highway network (such as OTIA I, II and III) and the ongoing Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. *ConnectOregon* is helping attract and sustain businesses and jobs in Oregon, ensuring Oregon is well connected to the ever-growing global market.

Summary of dollars allocated

	<i>Connect Oregon</i> I	<i>Connect Oregon</i> II
Rail	\$39,115,790	\$56,625,094
Aviation	\$16,712,229	\$26,905,916
Marine	\$16,847,300	\$5,481,680
Transit	\$13,743,929	\$10,572,000
Multimodal	\$11,466,400	N/A
Multi-Region	\$1,615,681	N/A

	<i>Connect Oregon</i> I	<i>Connect Oregon</i> II
Region 1	\$27,274,271	\$46,146,744
Region 2	\$19,298,591	\$22,313,716
Region 3	\$16,880,000	\$5,384,000
Region 4	\$17,584,760	\$10,625,749
Region 5	\$16,848,026	\$15,114,482
Multi-Region	\$1,615,681	N/A