

**Oregon Department of Transportation
Public Transportation Advisory Committee
Purpose and Structure**

The Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) was appointed by the OTC in January 2000. It provides a forum for transportation providers serving the general public and special constituencies (elderly and people with disabilities) and other public transportation stakeholders to communicate with the Public Transit Division. The PTAC reviews and makes recommendations on policy issues and investment options affecting mobility in Oregon. Members provide input to the Public Transit Division, ODOT and the Oregon Transportation Commission on issues of regional and statewide significance affecting public transportation. This work helps ODOT include appropriate mobility and modal elements in public transportation policy.

The PTAC serves as a forum for discussing and identifying public transportation issues and solutions. Specifically, the members collaborate to:

- Recommend actions to the Public Transit Division, ODOT, and the OTC regarding public transportation policies and programs.
- Respond to issues brought to it by the PTD, ODOT, OTC, other partners and the public.
- Advocate for the transportation needs of Oregon's seniors and people with disabilities,
- Advocate for alternative transportation modes and travel options strategies.
- Support and endorse local community and regional public transportation and alternative travel solutions.
- Disseminate information on public transportation and travel options.
- Provide members to participate on Sub Committees as requested by ODOT or the OTC.

PTAC membership includes representatives of transportation providers and other stakeholders throughout Oregon. Membership is diverse in terms of geography and types of interests represented. Committee members rotate through the Committee on three year fixed terms of office. State agencies, districts of over 200,000 population and state commissions appoint their representation and may at their discretion choose different persons acting as voting members of the advisory Committee. Rotating positions are filled by persons appointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation. The positions consider balance of organizational-type as well as geographic balance. Characteristics of the Committee membership are intended to reflect, to the largest extent practicable, diversity in gender, race, ethnicity and disability.

Staffing the PTAC is the responsibility of the Public Transit Division.