

OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Chapter 1 – Call to Action

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CALL TO ACTION

Partners and Commitment

The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) focusses on eliminating deaths and life altering injuries on Oregon’s transportation system. The TSAP is for all users, all modes, all agencies and all roadways in Oregon. The broad reach of the plan is matched by the broad array of partners that will need to commit to implementing plans, policies, and programs to save lives and injuries. These partners include State, Regional, County, and Local:

- Transportation planning and engineering organizations;
- Enforcement agencies;
- Emergency medical service providers;
- Education providers;
- Public health agencies;
- Safety advocacy groups;
- Private employers; and
- The traveling public.

Collectively these stakeholders have the opportunity to improve our transportation system and save lives by integrating safety into all aspects of planning, programming, project development, and maintenance and operations. Not only is the system improved with responsive investments targeting specific safety issues, the transportation system is also improved by investing in projects, programs and policies that proactively save lives and injuries.

This plan summarizes existing transportation safety conditions in Chapters 3 and 4. Long-term vision, goals, policies and strategies to eliminate fatalities and life changing injuries on the Oregon transportation network are presented in Chapter 5. Detailed actions for stakeholders to begin implementing are documented in Chapters 6 and 8. Chapter 7 outlines how the state will measure and report progress towards achieving the plan vision. At the broadest level, to achieve the plan vision all stakeholders will need to:

- Support the TSAP planning process and find opportunities to implement recommended safety strategies and action steps in all planning, project development, programming, and maintenance and operations activities;

- Communicate and collaborate about the TSAP vision, goals, policies, and emphasis areas to agency staff and partners;
- Integrate safety planning, programming and policies into current work responsibilities and authorities, immediately;
- Champion the cause of safety by educating the public on the critical role they play in preventing transportation fatalities and serious injuries;
- Commit to adopt and institutionalize a change in Oregon’s safety culture; and
- Engage in implementing the TSAP and updating the TSAP in the future.

Thank You to Safety Partners

Developing the Oregon TSAP would not have been possible without the significant efforts of committed safety practitioners throughout the state. Primarily, the many years of leadership provided by the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC) make it possible for this plan to continue to become a stronger multi-disciplinary plan focused on saving lives and eliminating serious injuries for all travelers on Oregon’s transportation system. In addition, the TSAP Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) gave many hours of hard work and consideration to the development of the plan. The ODOT Transportation Safety Action Plan Project Coordination Team (PCT) carefully reviewed all aspects of the plan striving to achieve a plan that is meaningful and implementable across all units of ODOT and to partner agencies in Oregon, and public and private stakeholders from many different organizations and interests provided input at public meetings and via online interactive tools. Appendix [A](#) provides a list of the members of the OTSC, PAC and PCT.