



Oregon Public Transportation Plan

PAC Meeting #1

April 22, 2016

Welcome!



Agenda

Topic	Time
Introductions	1:00 – 1:30
The OPTP and Oregon transportation plans and policy	1:30 – 2:10
Project overview and PAC roles	2:10 – 2:45
Break	2:45 – 2:55
Public transportation in Oregon Review and discuss business case Public transportation existing conditions overview	2:55 – 3:35
OPTP Key considerations discussion	3:35 – 4:10
Public comments	4:10 – 4:20
Wrap up and next steps	4:20 – 4:30



PAC Member Introductions

- *Name*
- *Affiliation*
- *In 10 years, what is one thing you hope will be different about public transit in Oregon because of this plan?*





The OPTP and Oregon Transportation Plans and Policy

Describing the need and impact of the OPTP

Why Address Public Transportation?

- Integral part of the transportation system
 - We intentionally say “public transportation” not “transit”
- Many people depend on its services and have no other way of getting around
- AND, public transportation...
 - Is preferred by many
 - Should be accessible to all
 - Benefits everyone



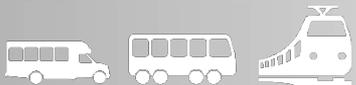
Why Now?

- Ability to provide services has been challenging
 - How do we be more strategic, leverage resources, tackle funding issues?
- Demands on the system are changing
 - Demographic shifts and changes in travel preferences
- New opportunities abound
 - Technology
 - Coordination and collaboration
 - Role in achieving statewide goals



Why a Plan?

- Describe the role of public transportation
- Provide a statewide framework
 - ODOT, Regional Entities, and Local Agencies
- Create a seamless system
 - Connecting public transportation services
 - Connecting to other modes
- Raise the prominence of public transportation

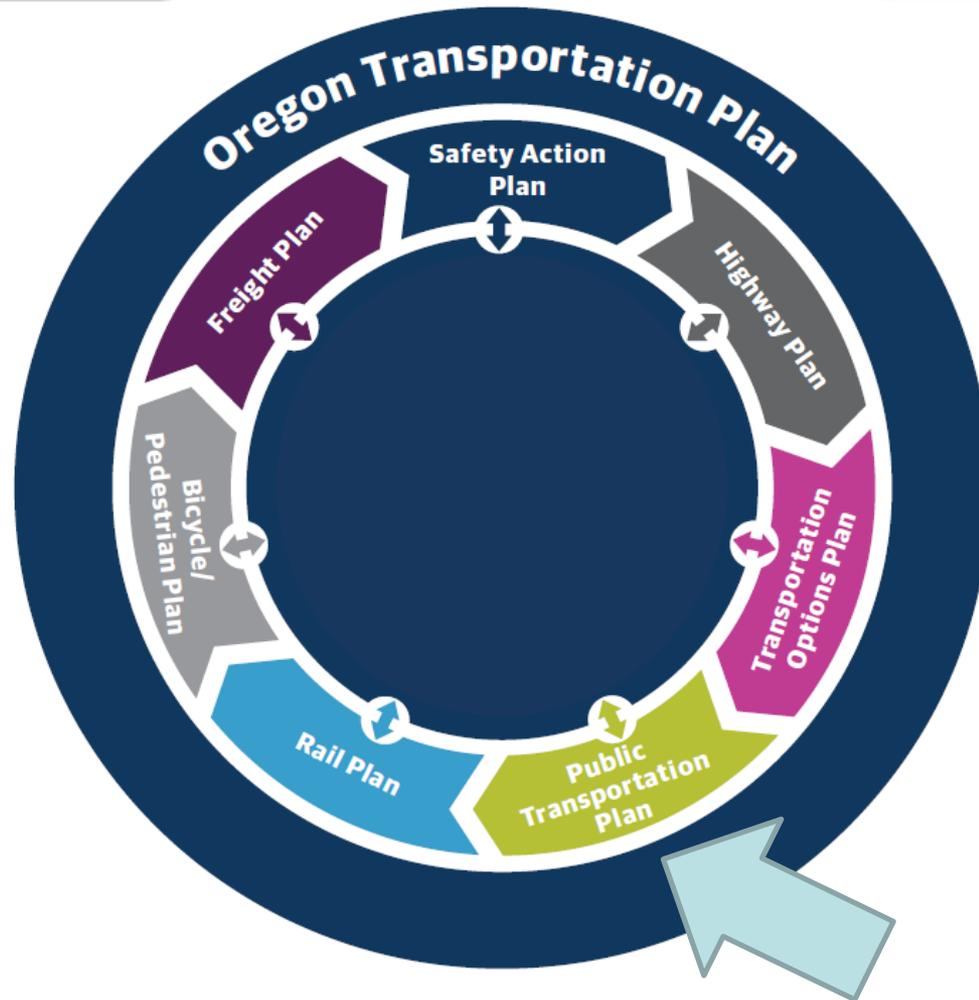


What is a Plan?

- Understand needs and issues
 - Today and into the future
- Establish a policy foundation
 - Develop a vision (the “what”)
 - Describe goals (the “why”)
 - Set policies (the “how”)
- Lay out investment and implementation considerations



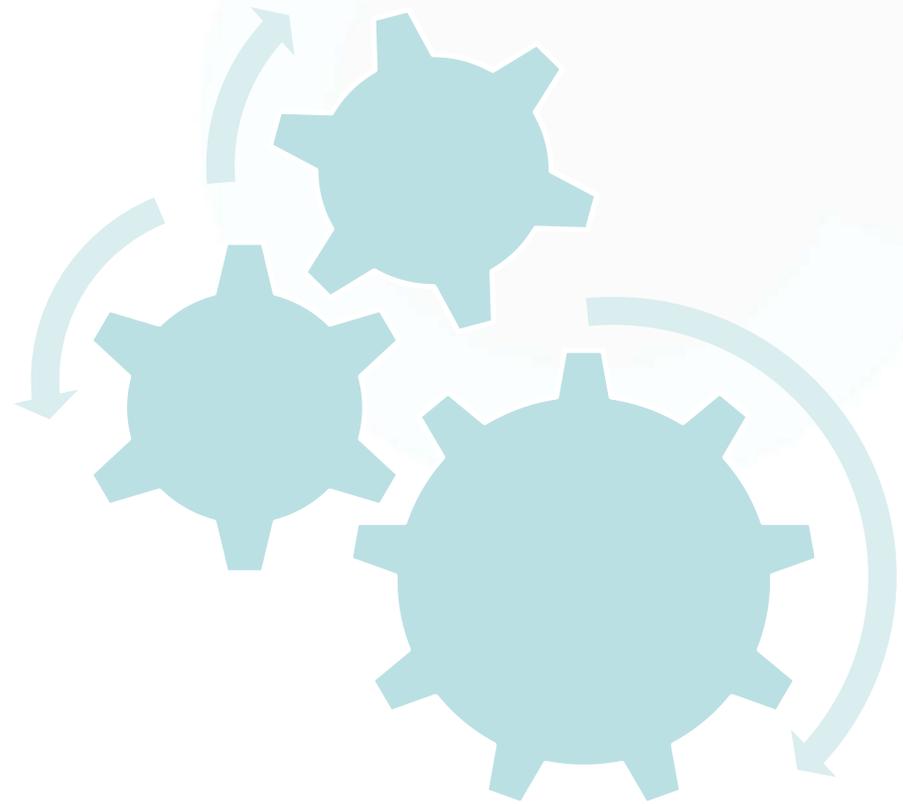
What is a Plan?



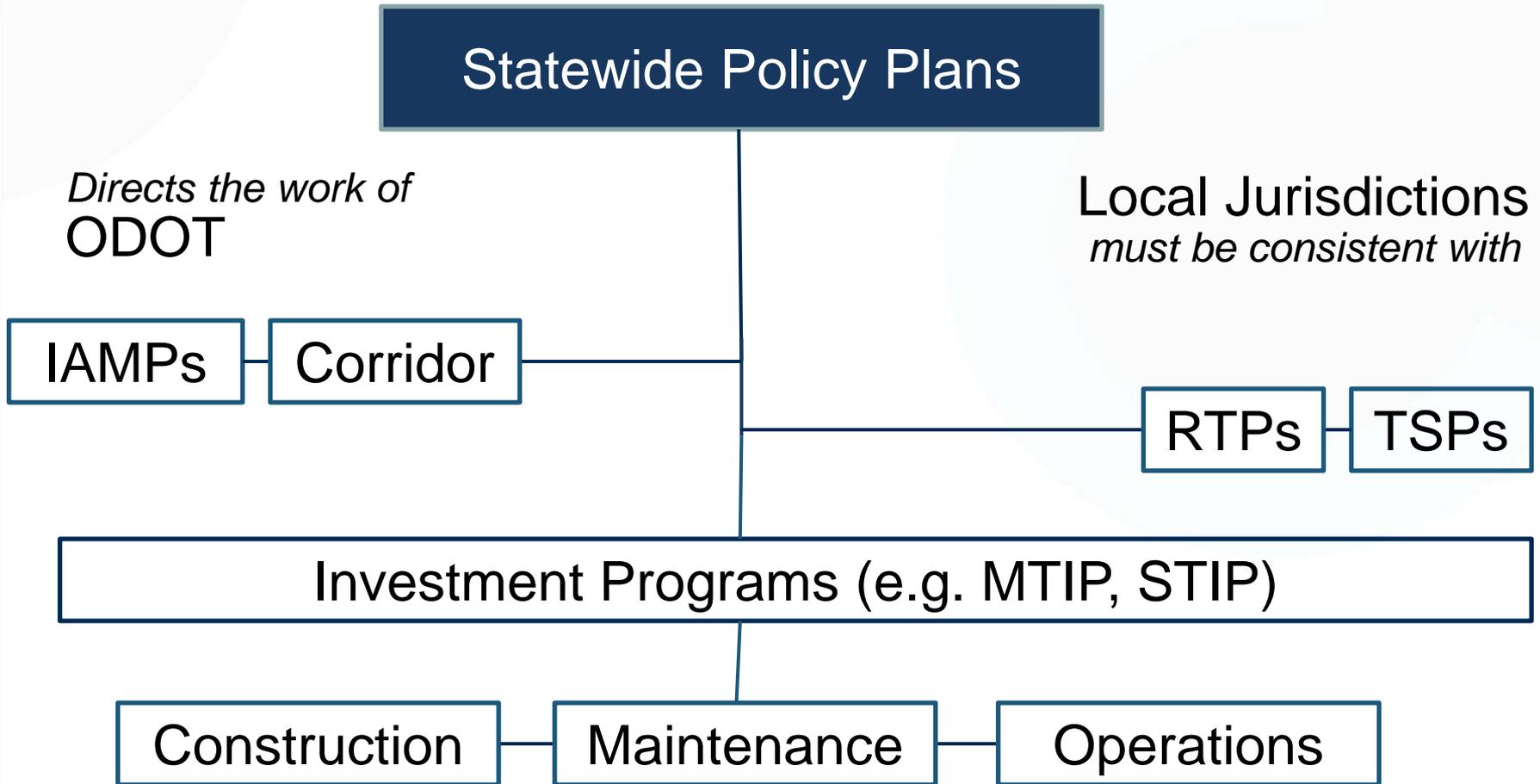
What is a Plan?

Visionary and Implementable

- Multimodal and intermodal
- Statewide
- Substantive but not prescriptive
- Accountable
- Adaptive



What will the Plan do?



What will the Plan do?



What is “Public Transportation?”

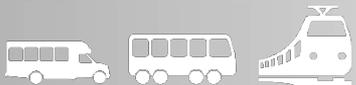
Can include many, many types of services!



What is “Public Transportation?”

Here is what we heard from you:

- A broad definition – can include all modes
- What the public uses to move about
- Importance of last mile connections and access by walk and bike, etc.
- Within and between communities
- Private sector roles too
- Looks different depending on need and characteristics of area served



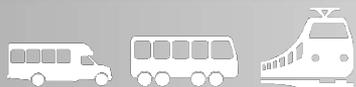
Working definition, focus for OPTP

OPTP is a state policy plan, so our *main focus* will be on modes and services with a public funding component

- E.g. local and intercity buses, shuttles, rail, LRT and BRT

However! We won't leave other types of transit services out (e.g. private companies' services). We will consider how to address:

- Roles of each
- Connections between
- Coordination and making all the parts work as a whole system



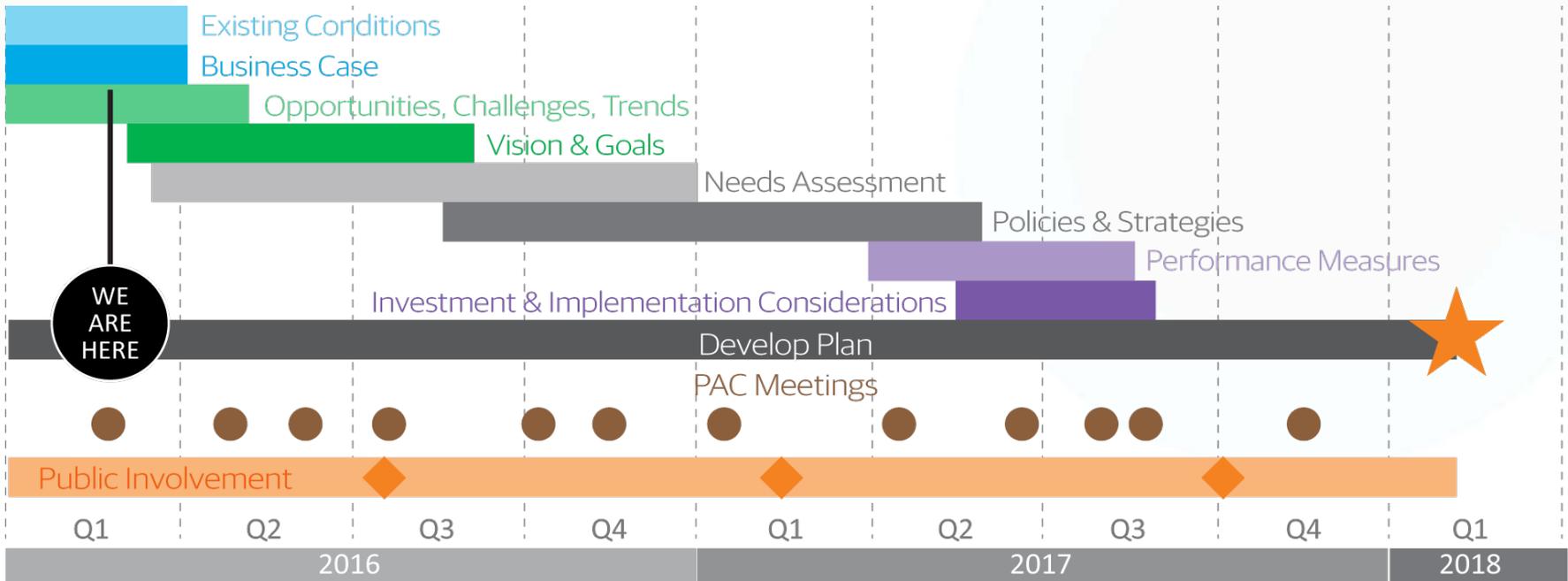


OPTP Project Overview and PAC Roles

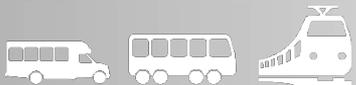
The Oregon Public Transportation Plan



Preliminary Schedule

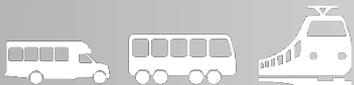


OPTP_510_05

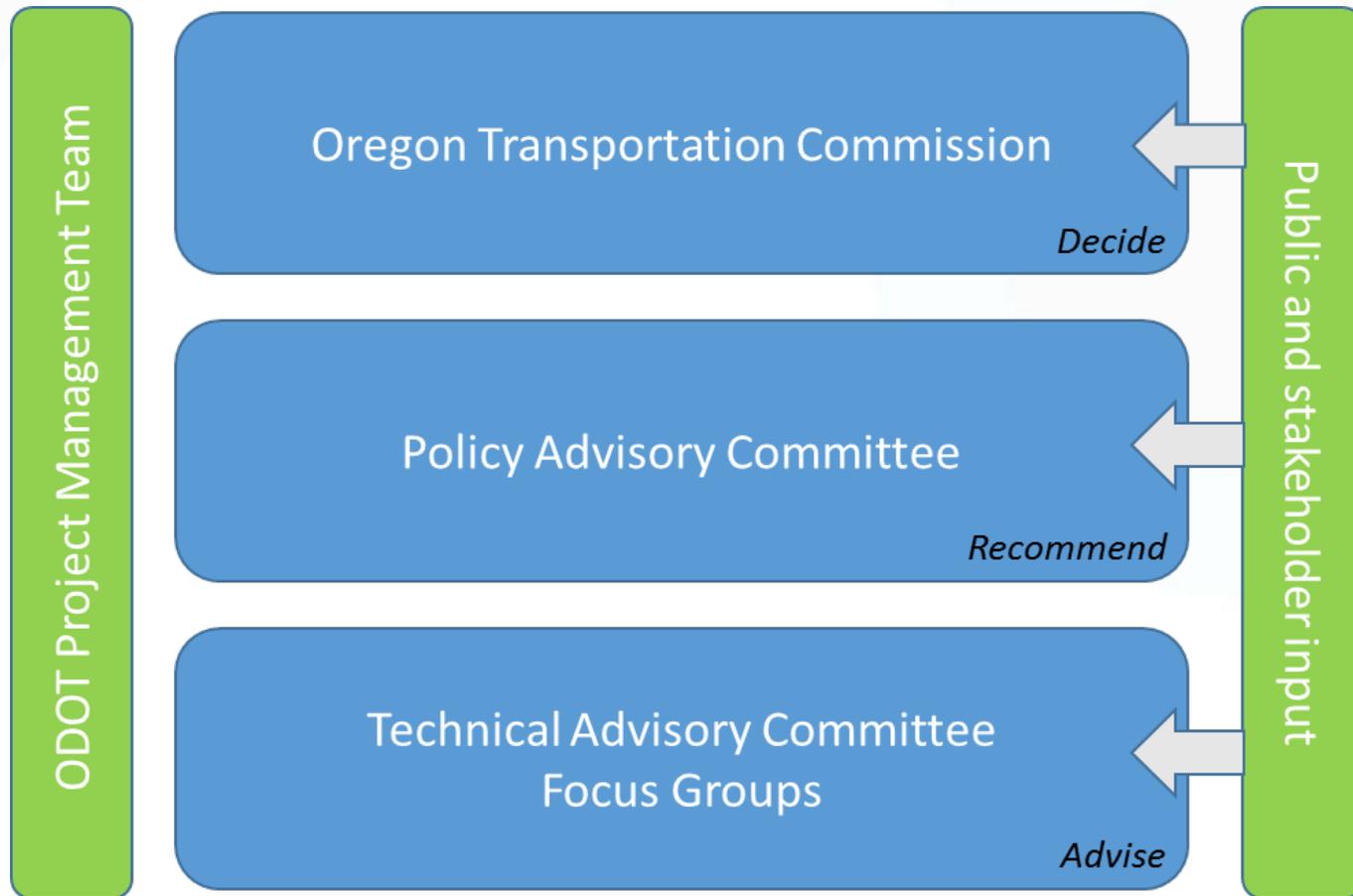


PAC Meetings

Meeting	Topics	Plan Chapter
#1	Kickoff	Ch.1: Introduction and Ch.2: Background
#2	Vision workshop	
#3	Review Vision & Goals draft	
#4	Finalize Vision & Goals Opportunities and Challenges	
#5-8	Policies and strategies work	Ch. 3: Policies and Strategies
#9-11	Key Initiatives, Performance Measures Needs assessment, Investment Scenarios	Ch. 4: Investment Considerations and Ch. 5: Implementation Considerations
#12	Review Draft OPTP	All
#13	Final OPTP	



PAC role and charge



PAC role and charge

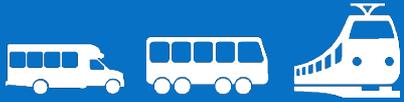
Purpose:

- Provide a broad range of perspectives to ensure outcomes reflect the diverse needs of the state's communities and its entire transportation system
- Provide ongoing advice to the project team
- Provide recommendations on the final OPTP to the Director and to the Oregon Transportation Commission

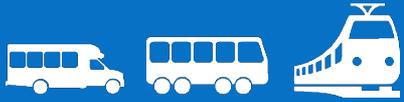




BREAK (10 minutes)



Public Transportation in Oregon



The Case for Public Transportation

Business Case: Transportation in Oregon



Connecting People and Places

Public transportation . . .

- Enhances urban transportation networks
- Provides rural connections
- Serves those with fewer transportation options
- Connects communities
 - *Intercity and intracity*
- Provides choices



38% Statewide, the percent of persons aged 65 and over have a disability that could require transportation accommodations.

Oregon's 65 and older population grew by 18 percent from 2010 to 2014

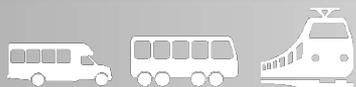
18%
↑
65 and older

88% of older adults agreed with the statement in an AARP survey

“What I’d really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible.”

Those aged 65 and older represented a larger share of rural than urban populations in Oregon

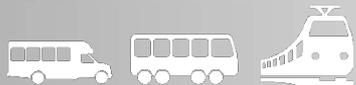
21% > **14%**
of rural populations of urban populations



Supporting Economic Vitality

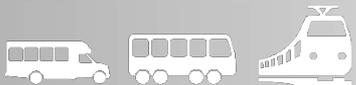


- Supports business by adding trip capacity in congested corridors
- Reduces transportation costs
- Can encourage or support development
- Supports tourism



Improving Health and Safety

- Increases physical activity
- Reduces air and water pollution
- Helps in attaining climate goals
- Can address equity issues
- Contributes to resilient communities
- Provides a safe and secure travel option

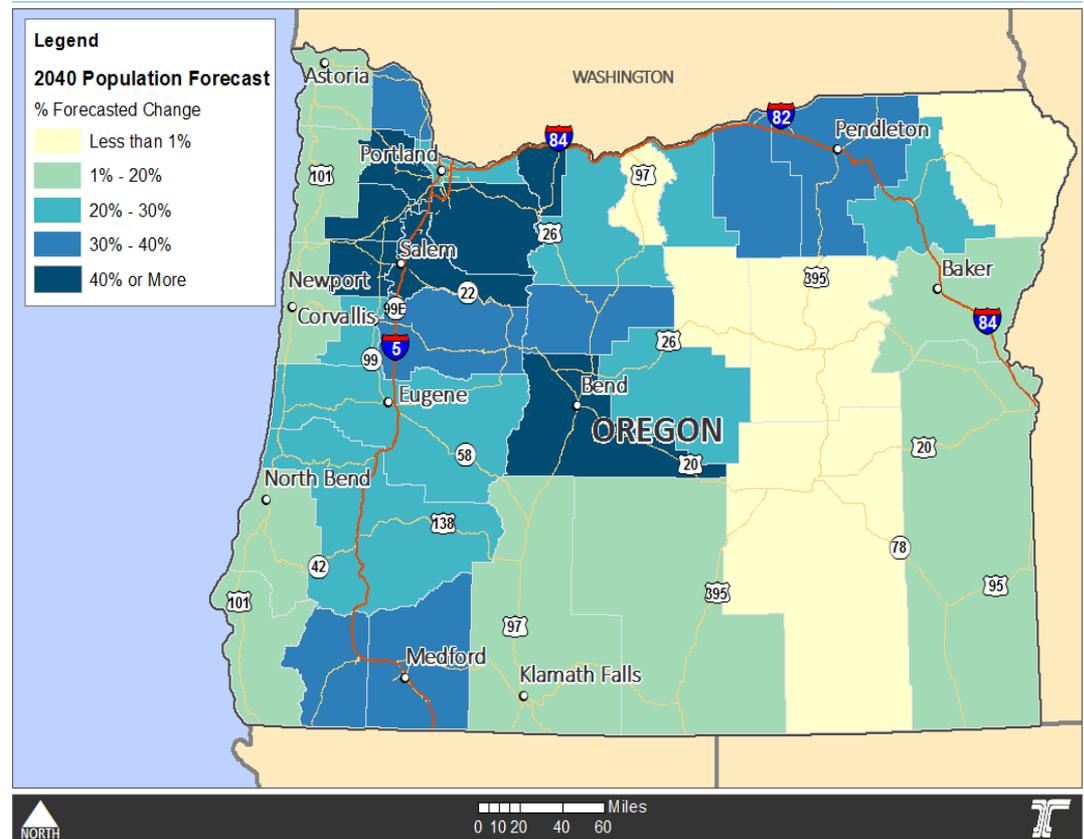




Overview of Existing Conditions

Trends: Oregon is growing

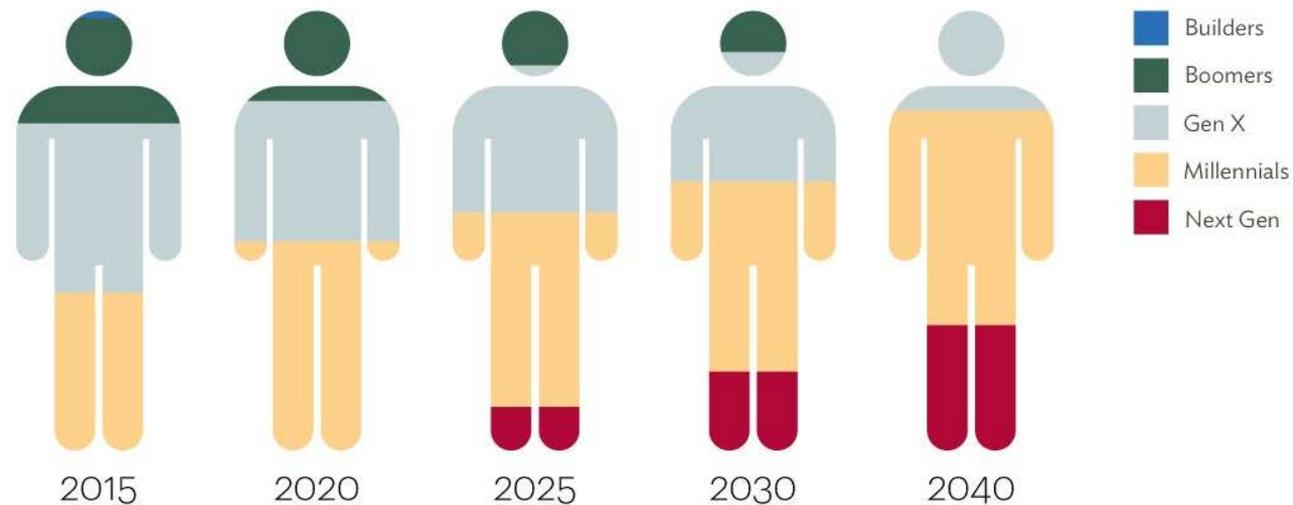
- One million more residents since 1990s!
- Willamette Valley anticipated to grow the most
- Bend area growing fast
- Drives the need for all forms of transportation



Trends: Shifting travel preferences and needs

- Millennials using transit at high rate
- Oldest adults likely to be more transit dependent
- Minorities/lower income households use transit at a high rate

Millennials will comprise the majority of the workforce by 2025

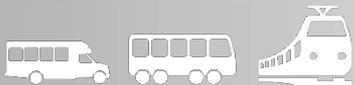


Source: U.S. Census Bureau



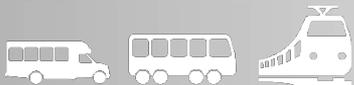
Trends: Budgets are strained

- Major maintenance/capital replacement needs
- Operations funding is a continuing challenge
- Often focus on maintaining current assets and services



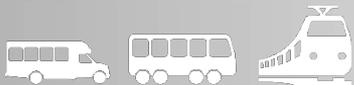
Existing Public Transportation Services

- 80+ providers in state
 - 14 public transportation districts
 - Numerous city, county, COG providers, tribal providers
- Wide range and frequency of services
 - Urban: conventional bus, demand response, light rail, BRT
 - Rural: conventional bus, demand response



Existing Public Transportation Services

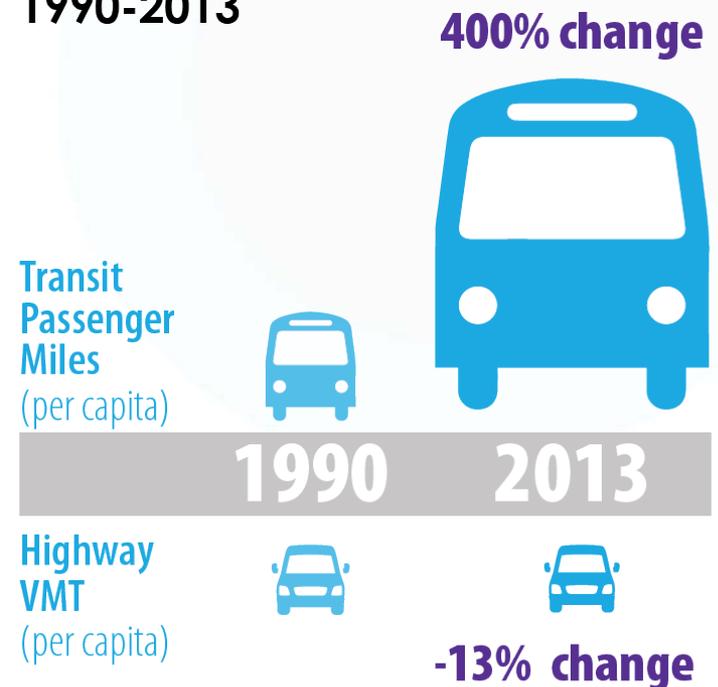
- Intercity public transportation accomplished through
 - Amtrak, POINT, Greyhound, other bus services
 - Coordination among providers
- Wide range of needs met
 - Daily travel, commuting, recreation, intercity, interstate, medical transport . . .



Key Findings: Support and Use of Public Transportation

- Increasing use of public transportation
 - 20% households use at least once per week
- Strong support for public transportation services
- New technology affecting how people make travel choices, interact with public transportation

Annual Total Passenger Miles vs. Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT), 1990-2013



OPTP_400_06



Key findings: Providers

- Funding for maintenance and fleet replacement is an issue
 - 50% of state's vehicle fleet will need replacement by 2020
- Providers must meet multiple needs and requirements
- Funding is variable and not always predictable



Key findings: Providers



- Rural providers especially challenged to maintain and increase service
- Interest in coordination, achieving intercity connections
- Interest in implementing new technologies
- Urban providers concerned about roadway congestion affecting reliability





Key Considerations

Key considerations – stakeholder outreach

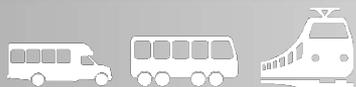
- Connections – modes and places
- Ensuring access
- Coordination and collaboration
- Equity
- Economic development
- Communicating about transit
- Safety and security



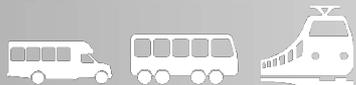
Key considerations – PAC members

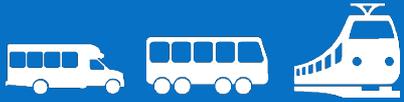
Indicators of OPTP success include:

- Plan is implemented
- Plan is applicable throughout Oregon
- Transit is a standard consideration
- Helps communicate about transit
- Better integration of regions, modes
- Expands access
- Serves variety of riders
- Seamless, easy to use system
- Enables travel throughout Oregon

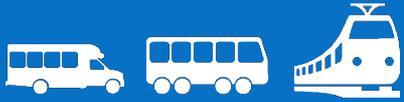


Discussion





Public Comment



Wrap up and Next Steps

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Continue foundational work for OPTP
- Prepare for Visioning Workshop with PAC
 - Next PAC meeting date: May 18, 2016





Thank you!