



PREFACE

The **Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP)** is intended to meet the requirements of ORS 184.618(1):

As its primary duty, the [Transportation] Commission shall develop and maintain a state transportation policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a multimodal transportation system for the state which encompasses economic efficiency, orderly economic development, safety and environmental quality. The plan shall include, but not be limited to aviation, highways, mass transit, pipelines, ports, rails and waterways. The plan shall be used by all agencies and officers to guide and coordinate transportation activities and to ensure transportation planning utilizes the potential of all existing and developing modes of transportation.

The OTP also meets the requirements of the State Agency Coordination Program and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) Goal 12: Transportation Planning Rule regarding the system plan. It carries out the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act requirements for a state transportation plan.

The first part of the plan, the **Policy Element**, defines goals, policies and actions for the state over the next 40 years. It gives direction to the coordination of transportation modes; the relationship of transportation to land use, economic development, the environment and energy use; the coordination of transportation with federal, state, regional and local plans; transportation financing; transportation safety and related matters.

The **System Element**, the second part, identifies a coordinated multimodal transportation system, a network of facilities and services for air, rail, highways, public transit, pipeline, waterways, marine transportation, bikeways and other modes to be developed over the next 20 years in order to implement the goals and policies of the plan. The System Element includes an inventory of existing facilities and services, a base forecast of transportation demands, identification of corridors and transportation facilities of statewide significance, a description of minimum levels of service, and an implementation strategy. This document summarizes the data that form the basis of the System Element; the Multimodal System Element Technical Report contains the basic data.

Five advisory committees involving over 70 citizens participated in developing the goals and policies. The public reviewed this Policy Element in November and December 1991. The OTP Steering Committee, made up of members of the Oregon Transportation

Commission, state legislators and representatives of local governments, has guided the development of the System Element. After examining four alternative approaches to providing transportation facilities and services, the committee chose a preferred system. The committee distributed a draft of the System Element for public review in late spring 1992. This review included 23 public meetings throughout the state, meetings with local governments and business and civic organizations and written testimony.

The Oregon Transportation Commission held a public hearing on August 25 in Bend, and, at its September 15 meeting, adopted the OTP, including both the Policy and System Elements. Changes in transportation policies, financing and other legislation required for implementation of the plan will be introduced to the 1993 Legislature.