



Oregon Transportation Plan Update

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Oregon Transportation Plan update addresses future needs

How does Oregon meet the transportation needs of our aging population? What can be done to relieve congestion and make travel times more reliable? How can we make the system safer and more secure? Can we develop a transportation system that works for the next generation as well as it does for this generation? These and other questions will be addressed in the update of the Oregon Transportation Plan.

The Oregon Transportation Plan, adopted in 1992, is the state's 20-year multimodal plan for highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, airports, railroads, waterways and pipelines. The plan considers both public and private transportation facilities and services. It presents policies, sets direction for state, regional and local transportation plans

and establishes investment strategies and priorities.

Why is the plan important?

The Oregon Transportation Plan influences transportation planning statewide. The update will renew the vision of the 1992 plan, address the challenges we see coming in the next 20 years and reflect the new technologies available to relieve congestion and increase safety. The update will look at transportation needs forecast through 2025 and develop strategies to improve services and infrastructure.

The plan update process

Three OTP Policy Committees will update policies involving transportation choices, mobility and economic vitality, and safety and security. A Steering Committee will analyze transportation scenarios and then recommend a system

Check out the Oregon Transportation Plan Web site

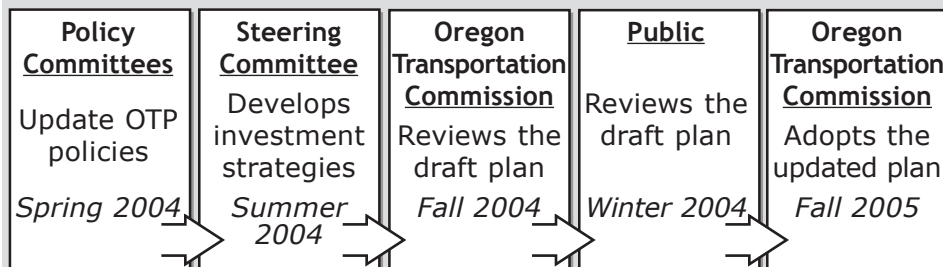
Stay current on meetings, contacts and publications by going to the OTP Web site at

www.odot.state.or.us/tdb/planning/OTPUupdate/

Read about the plan update, review material and send comments directly to OTP staff. Spanish translation is available.

that can best meet Oregon's needs within the state's funding limitations. The steering committee's recommendations will go to the Oregon Transportation Commission for review and then out for public review. After revisions to reflect public comment, the Commission will adopt the plan, scheduled for late fall 2005.

Oregon Transportation Plan process



Representatives of cities, counties, freight interests, environmental groups and safety advocates, as well as air, highway, public transportation, rail and bicycle interests are among the members of the committees. Transportation Commissioner Gail Achterman will chair the Steering Committee.

How can you get involved?

The Oregon Transportation Plan Web site provides the best way to stay informed. Through the OTP Web site, citizens and businesses can read about committee issues, provide comments on proposals and review the draft plan.

Visit the OTP Web site at www.odot.state.or.us/tdb/planning/OTPUpdate/ or participate in meetings for your area advisory committees and the general public.

Comments are always welcome. Staff members also are available to discuss plan recommendations at meetings of interested groups.

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Oregon Transportation Plan advisory committees meeting schedule

Mobility and Economic Vitality Policy Committee

8:30 a.m. to noon in Room 122 of the Transportation Building, 355 Capitol St. N.E. in Salem:

- * Tuesday, March 9
- * Friday, April 16
- * Friday, May 21

Sustainability and Transportation Choices Policy Committee

9 a.m. to noon in the Mount Jefferson Room, ODOT Region 2, Building B, 455 Airport Road S.E. in Salem:

- * Thursday, March 11
- * Thursday, April 8
- * Thursday, May 13

Safety and Security Policy Committee

8:30 a.m. to noon at these locations:

- * Friday, March 12. Mount Jefferson Room, ODOT Region 2, Building B, 455 Airport Road S.E. in Salem
- * Friday, April 9. Room 122, Transportation Building, 355 Capitol St. N.E. in Salem
- * Friday, May 14. Room 122, Transportation Building, 355 Capitol St. N.E. in Salem

OTP Steering Committee

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, ODOT Region 1 Building, 123 N.W. Flanders in Portland:

- * Friday, April 2
- * Friday, May 7
- * Friday, June 18
- * Friday, July 9

Meeting dates are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the OTP Web page.