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TITLE

PEA-09-08 Oregon Population Survey

PROBLEM (Description of need)

Every two years since 1990 a consortium of 17 state agencies has used the OPS to ask Oregonians a set of questions that cover such topics as childcare, employment, technology, transportation use, and many other facets of life in the state. The result is an in-depth picture of the lives, families and jobs of Oregonians and the state's quality of life. The last OPS was conducted in 2006 and the next will be conducted in 2008.

PROPOSED RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITY

This project is a request for funding for the ODOT portion of the OPS which will cover such topics as commuting behavior, work force characteristics, motor vehicle use, opinions concerning congestion, highway safety, mass transit use and the quality of the state's transportation system. Total cost approximately \$75,000, which covers ODOT's contribution to the cost of producing the survey data, as well as ODOT staff time for coordination of the project and subsequent data analysis.

BENEFITS

The OPS has been produced every two years at least since 1990. The project provides data for number of Oregon Benchmarks. Other data may be used in performance measures, as well as for planning and program tracking purposes. This survey is the source of data used to estimate commuter mode split for the Oregon Transportation Plan.

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