Frequently Asked Questions



What information is available through OR-Plan?

OR Plan is an online searchable tool that consolidates all of the policies and strategies from the nine statewide modal and topic plans, including the Oregon Transportation Plan, Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Oregon Freight Plan, Oregon Highway Plan, Oregon Public Transportation Plan, Oregon State Rail Plan, Oregon Transportation Options Plan, Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan and the Oregon Aviation Plan. OR Plan provides a comprehensive view of how the statewide plans relate to one another and illustrates the policy framework related to specific transportation issues and modes.

How can I search for a policy and strategy within OR Plan?

Users can search OR Plan for policies and strategies through three methods: by issue area, by plan and by specifics (i.e. keyword or policy/strategy number).

What are the "issue areas" used to categorize the policies and strategies? How do I know if a specific policy or strategy is included in an "Issue Area"?

Across Oregon's modal and topic plans, ODOT has identified 10 fundamental issue areas that further describe the vision for the transportation system. Issue areas include: Safety and Security; Mobility; Accessibility and Connectivity; Community and Economic Vitality; Land Use; Health; Equity; Environmental Sustainability; Communication, Collaboration and Coordination; and Strategic Investment. Using the issue area icons, select an issue. Click 'See Definition' to see the types of policies and strategies included in each issue area.

How do I search by a "plan"?

Searching by plan allows users to search one or more plans for all the policies and strategies.

How do I search by "specifics"?

- You can search by keyword. If you want to search for an exact match, include a word or phrase inside quotes. For example, "safety funding requirements".
- If you want to search for two keywords combine the searches by placing an "OR" between each keyword. For example, "health OR safety".
- The keyword must be included in the specific policy and strategy (i.e. bicycle will produce different results than bike).
- If you search for a specific policy or strategy number, punctuation must be consistent with what is documented in a plan (i.e. Policy 3G will provide a different result than Policy 3.G).

How do I know if OR Plan includes the most recent adopted policies and strategies?

Statewide plan policies and strategies are updated in OR Plan when the plan is adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission. Plans that are currently undergoing an update or amendment are flagged notifying the user that the existing policies and strategies are from the current plan. Only the most current adopted policies and strategies are available in OR Plan.

What are Policy Briefs?

Policy Briefs call attention to important statewide policy considerations, relationships, and guidance for use by planners, engineers, implementers and community members. They highlight the relationship between statewide policy and strategies, and local implementation; they also highlight relationships across the statewide transportation plans.

What Policy Briefs are currently available in the online tool?

All Policy Briefs are available for download on the OR Plan home page. Current Policy Briefs include:

- Driveway Spacing
- Funding Prioritization
- Land Use
- Rail Banking
- Roadway Classification
- Healthy Communities (in development)

Can I print from the online tool?

Yes, print functionality is available on OR Plan. Select the results you want to print by checking the box corresponding to the result and then click the "Print Selected Results" button on the right hand side of the screen.

What if I need more guidance using and understanding the tool?

A tutorial is available on the OR Plan homepage for your review. If you have additional questions, contact Mary McGowan at Mary.M.Mcgowan@odot.state.or.us.

Other helpful guidance and tools

Exploring Oregon's Transportation Policies with OR Plan (webinar)

Transportation Matters Improving Planning Coordination with the OR Plan Tool

Oregon Statewide Policy Plans