

# OREGON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN

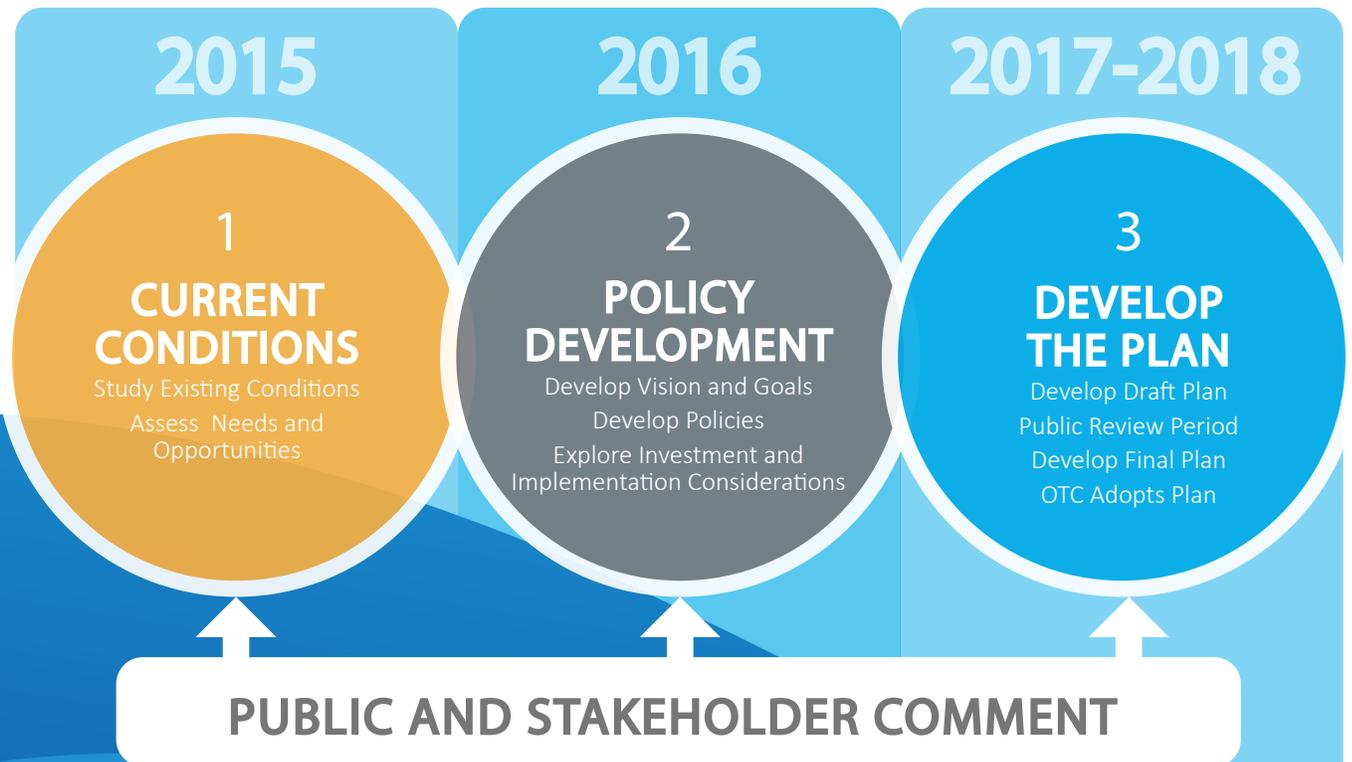


Oregon is preparing a new statewide Public Transportation Plan. This effort will reflect how Oregonians use and interact with public transportation, including fixed route and demand response transit, in and between communities small and large, throughout the state. The Oregon Public Transportation Plan (OPTP) will provide a view into the future of public transportation and create a strategic plan to meet current and projected future needs. It will capture opportunities and facilitate connections between public transportation and walking, bicycling, and driving, for people and freight alike. The resulting plan will be a modal element of the Oregon Transportation Plan. It will establish policy,

strategies, and actions that are useful and scalable to help guide organizations of different sizes across the state. Rather than making decisions about services, the OPTP will be designed to assist local agencies and jurisdictions in their service decisions.

The OPTP is being led by the Oregon Department of Transportation's Planning Unit in partnership with the Rail and Public Transit Division. It is approximately a two year effort after the Policy Advisory Committee begins in 2016, with pre-work such as research to describe the current conditions of the public transportation system. This effort is organized into three phases, as shown in the chart below.

## THREE PHASES





## RESEARCH EFFORTS

Research is now underway. This work needs to be done early to help inform upcoming discussions with stakeholders and the public. Those discussions begin in 2015 with a provider survey and a workshop at the Public Transit Conference. Research efforts include:

- Establish existing conditions – what does our public transportation system look like today? How does it work? How does this differ by size and location of the community, etc.
- Define the business case – what contributions do public transportation make to the state? What impact does this have on Oregon and our transportation system overall?
- Identify trends, opportunities, and challenges – how has the role of public transportation evolved over time, and what role could it play in the future?

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

There will be a variety of opportunities to be involved in OPTP development throughout the remainder of the project.

- The OPTP will rely on the insights and expertise of several stakeholder groups as work progresses including a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to guide plan development, and a Technical Advisory Committee and Focus Groups to assist with complex topics.
- You can follow PAC activities, involvement opportunities, and the project overall by signing up for email updates from the project website. The website will be one primary way of communicating project status.
- Online open houses are planned to ask for public comment at key points in plan development.
- In-person meetings will be held in each ODOT region, including at Area Commission meetings to get the word out and ask for comment.

## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Sign up for email updates on the website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/optp.aspx>.

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### POSSIBLE PLAN TOPICS

ODOT has heard about the following topics from stakeholders so far:

-  **Access and Connections**
-  **Safety and Security**
-  **Mobility and Efficiency**
-  **Strategic Investment**
-  **Equity and Demographic Changes**
-  **Coordination, Communication, and Cooperation**
-  **Economic Vitality**

Starting in 2016, the advisory committees, focus groups, and outreach will help the project team figure out how the plan might address these and other topics.