Oregon’s Transportation and Growth Management Program supports community efforts to expand transportation choices for people. Linking land use and transportation planning, TGM works in partnership with local governments to create vibrant, livable places in which people can walk, bike, take transit or drive where they want to go.

TGM is a partnership between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. The program receives support from the State of Oregon and the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

TGM promotes smart growth principles that enable communities to meet transportation needs while retaining their livability and economic vitality. These principles include:

- integrated multi-modal transportation and land-use planning;
- efficient use of land and resources;
- well-designed, walkable communities;
- good connections between local destinations;
- pedestrian-, bike-, and transit-friendly development; and
- stewardship of existing resources and investments.

TGM provides:

- Grants to communities for Transportation System Planning (TSP) and Integrated Land Use and Transportation Planning; and
- Direct Community Assistance through Quick Response, Code Assistance, Outreach, and TSP assessments

Grants are typically awarded annually in October. Since 1993, TGM has provided over 700 transportation planning grants and 400 community assistance projects to Oregon communities.

Direct Community Assistance services (described on the next page) are available throughout the biennium. These services are generally provided for eligible projects on a first-come, first-served basis and at no cost to local governments.
Local governments use TGM grants to plan for transportation and land use systems that enhance the livability of Oregon’s communities and the mobility of their residents. Grants are distributed among the five ODOT regions based on a formula that considers the population and number of cities in each region. For more information on grants, visit www.oregon.gov/LCD/TGM/Pages/grants.aspx.

Local governments use TGM Code Assistance to help identify and remove barriers to smart growth in their zoning and development codes. Planning consultants hired by TGM work with communities to:

- review and revise local planning policies and code standards; and
- solve specific code problems identified by the community.

Cities can also use TGM’s Model Development Code for Small Cities to update their codes independently or with the support of a consultant.

Quick response teams help communities evaluate development proposals in a timely manner to meet the goals of local governments, developers, and citizens.

Design consultants hired by TGM identify ways to improve access to local destinations, such as schools, parks, and shops, while encouraging walking, biking and using transit.

Through workshops and public forums, TGM helps communities identify solutions to transportation and growth management challenges. Since 1993, these events have reached thousands of Oregonians.

TGM provides information on transportation and land-use planning through a variety of publications. See www.oregon.gov/LCD/TGM/pages/publications.aspx to obtain these publications or to find links to other useful resources.