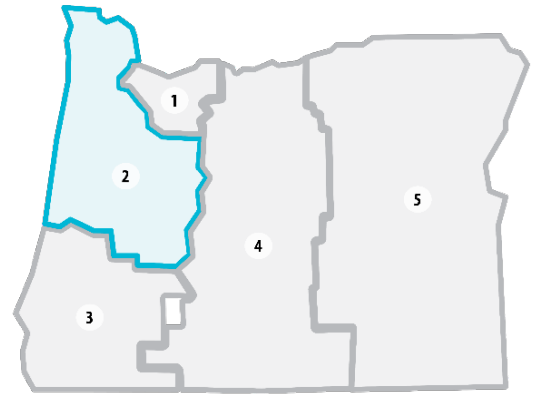


Level of Service Reduction: Region 2

We have long relied on gas tax revenue to maintain the transportation system, but that revenue is forecast to decline. More Oregonians are buying fuel efficient, hybrid and electric vehicles and using less gas. Meanwhile, the cost of doing business is increasing. ODOT can no longer maintain the system at the level Oregonians need and expect.

In response to this structural funding issue, we are reducing our expenses and services. We must prioritize our efforts and focus on safety. Drivers, cyclists, freight haulers, pedestrians – everyone who relies on our system – will experience a reduction in the service ODOT provides and a decline in the condition of the transportation system.



Region 2 serves northwest Oregon. Our crews operate out of 25 communities, maintaining 2,075 road miles, and 1,018 bridges.

Implementing our 2023-2025 budget

For our next budget, we implemented a 5% cut across all programs funded with state dollars. Within maintenance, we cut our services and materials an additional 15% to account for inflation and our reduced buying power. We are reducing service in three primary areas:

- Low-volume road maintenance.
- Roadside maintenance.
- Winter maintenance.

Additionally, we are reducing our use of overtime, reserving it for emergency events and storms. As we reduce the amount of proactive maintenance work we fund, we expect an increase in potholes, pavement ruts, and plugged and failed culverts.

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

We will reduce the volume and frequency of clearing and cleaning work in these areas:

- Mowing grass, spraying weeds and vegetation.
- Litter and debris pickup.
- Graffiti removal.

In Your Area

We'll mow, spray, and trim trees less often. This may decrease visibility and increase the risk of wildfire starts, wildlife collisions and weed growth.

We are removing litter less frequently so you can expect to see more debris along highways.

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

We are reducing pavement maintenance for low-volume roads – highways averaging less than 3,000 vehicles daily. We are deferring pothole and chip seal projects, and we are not repainting edge lines.

In Your Area

In Region 2, roughly 30% of the north valley's state highways are low-volume roads. System users can expect rougher roads, with more potholes and deeper ruts. If conditions deteriorate enough, we may reduce speeds to give people more time and opportunity to navigate rough stretches of highway.

Edge lines will fade over time, particularly around curves. Drivers will need to rely on the centerline for lane locations. **We will not restripe faded edge lines** on the following highway segments:

- OR 202 from Williamsport RD to OR 47.
- OR 47 from Clatskanie to U.S. 26 at Buxton, and from U.S. 26 to Banks.
- OR 103 from OR 202 at Jewell to U.S. 26 at Sunset Highway State Park.
- OR 53 from U.S. 26 to U.S. 101 at Nehalem Bay.

- OR 221 from OR 18 to OR 153.
- OR 233 from OR 99W to OR 221.
- OR 153 from OR 18 to OR 221.
- OR 22 from U.S. 101 to OR 18.
- OR 130 from OR 22 to U.S. 101.
- OR 214 from Silverton to OR 22.
- OR 194 from OR 223 to Monmouth.
- OR 223 from OR 22 to Falls City RD. (excludes Dallas).
- OR 229 from U.S. 101 to Siletz.
- OR 180 from Eddyville to Blodgett.
- OR 226 from U.S. 20 to Scio.
- OR 34 from Philomath to U.S. 101.
- OR 501 from OR 34 to Lobster Valley/Hazel Glen.
- U.S. 20 from Sweet Home to OR 126.
- OR 36 from OR 99 to Mapleton.
- OR 242 from OR 126 to Sisters.
- OR 126 from Aufderheide DR to U.S. 20.
- OR 429 from OR 58 to Crescent Lake RD.

Reducing pavement maintenance and eliminating edge line restriping on low-volume roads allows crews to address critical maintenance activities on primary routes.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

This winter, we are reducing the amount of sand and deicer we apply to state highways. We will focus our efforts on key highways, hills, curves and known trouble spots.

In Your Area

With fewer seasonal employees, our crews will prioritize key routes, including I-5, U.S. 26, U.S. 20, OR 22 and OR 126. Our crews will plow, and sand other highways, including OR 99 and OR 6; however, sanding and plowing will occur less often.

We encourage travelers to prepare for the possibility of extended delays and varying degrees of traction as they navigate roads. Extended closures and chain restrictions for areas outside the valley are likely. With smaller budgets for staff and the materials needed to plow, sand, and deice, the potential for traffic jams and crashes increases. Incidents will take longer to clear.

We strongly recommend travelers carry a fully stocked emergency kit, including a phone charger, and refuel or recharge their tanks often.