

# Maintenance & Operations Service Levels: 2023-2025

Over 60 million miles are logged on Oregon roads daily. Businesses, communities, residents, and visitors depend on a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system. ODOT maintains and operates this system, helping get people safely where they need to go.

Whether it's plowing snow, repairing potholes, helping a driver fix a flat on the side of the highway or keeping a bridge in good shape, our maintenance and operations program is critical to serving Oregonians.

Day-to-day maintenance and operations of Oregon's transportation system is supported by revenue from state fuels taxes, DMV fees, and taxes on commercial trucks.

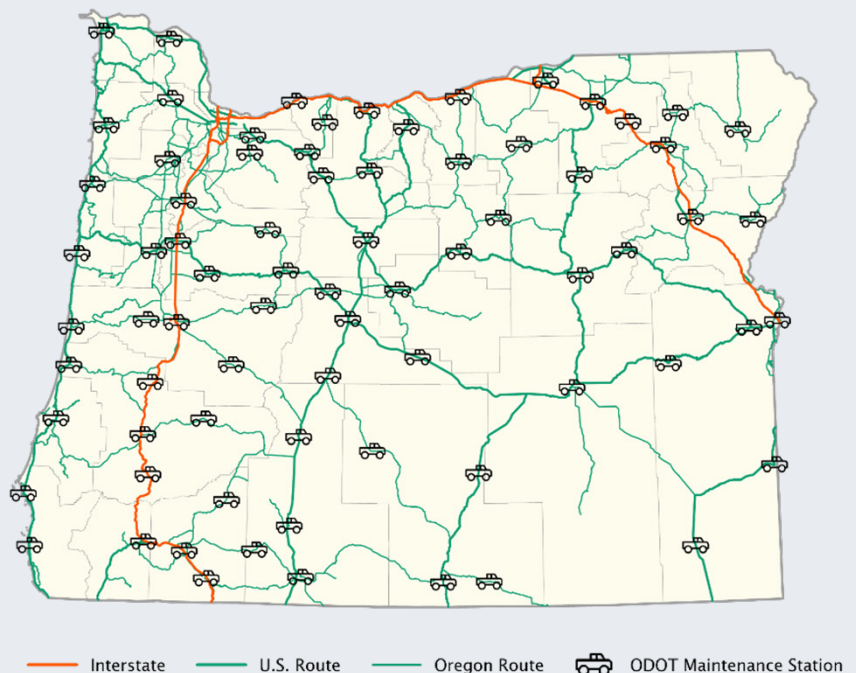
The funding from fuels tax is forecasted to decline as vehicles continue to become more efficient while the cost of doing business has increased rapidly in recent years. Without stable revenue sources, ODOT can no longer maintain the system at the level Oregonians need and expect.

## Current Service Level

Our Maintenance and Operations Program includes a broad body of work needed to operate Oregon's transportation system safely and efficiently. Approximately **1,000 maintenance employees** provide direct service across **88 communities** statewide.

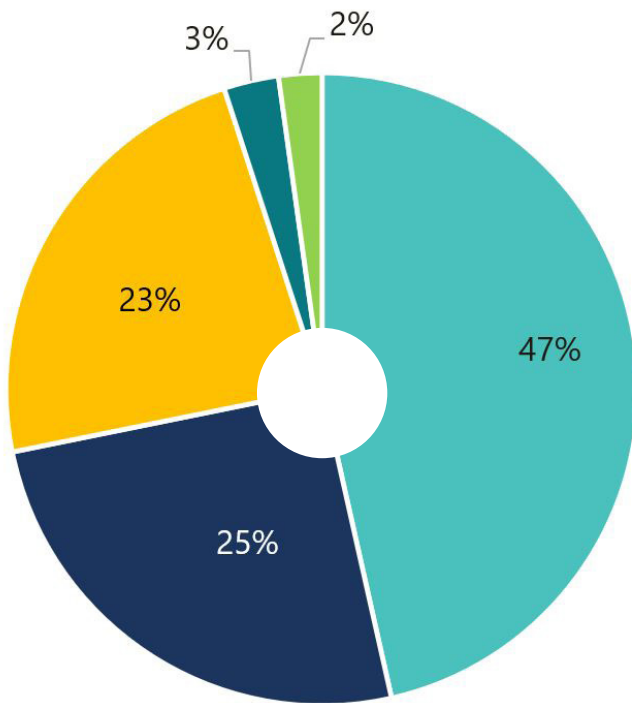
### ODOT Maintenance crews:

- **Maintain 8,000 miles** of roadway and **2,771 bridges** statewide – including clearing and repairing 19,032 lane miles of pavement.
- **Respond to incidents**, coordinate with response agencies, and provide support for **crashes, storms, wildfires, and other emergency events**.
- **Install signs, pave, apply paint, and maintain barriers** to improve safety.
- **Ensure safety features**, like traffic signals and flashing beacons at pedestrian crossings, remain operational.
- **Clear roads in winter months** using snowplows, deicer and salt.
- **Provide critical radio communication services** for ODOT, Oregon State Police and local partner agencies.



## Maintenance Expenditures

2021-2023 Biennium



Figures are approximate and shown in millions. Data through 02/15/23.

**\$288** Respond to Incidents, Emergencies and Weather Events

**\$157** Maintain Roads, Bridge & Traffic Services

**\$144** Purchase Fleet, Fuel, Materials & Supplies

**\$17** Cleanup Camp & Graffiti

**\$14** Manage Utilities, Permits, Roadside Cameras

## Impact of Budget Reductions



**Fewer personnel** to ensure roads are safe, functional and accessible for all users.



**Maintenance station closures** in multiple communities.



**Slower** incident response times and **extended closures** following major events.



**Increased safety risks** due to deferred maintenance and lack of materials.



**Significant deterioration** of pavement on Oregon's highways.



**Reduced frequency** of litter, graffiti, and campsite cleanup.



**Prioritize** plowing and deicing **interstates** and key freight routes.

## Looking Forward

System users – drivers, cyclists, freight haulers, pedestrians – will experience a reduction in the service ODOT provides. Without sufficient, reliable, and dedicated funding, this trend will only grow more severe.

Maintenance is preventive work – a lack of stable funding poses risks across the state to safety, the environment, livability and the economy. ODOT will continue to mitigate these impacts, stretch every dollar, and develop creative

solutions; yet, in the absence of a resilient funding structure, even critical core services are in jeopardy.

This funding crisis can lead us to failing infrastructure, unserved communities, and unmet needs, or it can serve as a beacon leading us toward a resilient funding structure that provides a safe, accessible, reliable transportation system for generations of Oregonians to come.