



Researching Oregon State Highways

Are you interested in the history of state roads in Oregon? Good news! We have digital access available for many of the records. Follow the steps below to start your research and find digitally available documents. Also included are instructions for records that may not be digitally accessible.

Step 1: Read through our History of State Highways in Oregon publication

Start here: [History of State Highways in Oregon](#)

This document provides a timeline of state highways in Oregon. It includes references to documents that record and further expand on the history of each highway.

Please note that this guide is specific to state highways so it will not have a history of local or county roads. You will need to contact your county records office for that information.

Step 2: Access documents referenced in the History of State Highways in Oregon

Many documents provide a more detailed history of the development of these state highways. Here are links to the documents that are digitally accessible:

Oregon State Highway Commission Meeting Minutes

[ODOT History Center](#) of the Oregon Department of Transportation website

Navigate to the “Commission Meeting Minutes” section of the page.

Dates available: 1913 – 1937, 1962 – 1974, and 1981 – 1982

[Oregon DOT Commission Meeting Minutes](#) on the Internet Archive

Dates available: 1943 – 1994

Oregon State Highway Commission Biennial Reports

[Oregon Department of Transportation Biennial Reports](#) on the Internet Archive

Dates available: 1916 – 1987

ODOT Map Center

[Oregon Department of Transportation Map Center](#)

Use the left navigate panel to select any of these searches:

1. Right of Way Maps
2. Contract Plans
3. Transit Notes

Step 3: For non-digitized physical records, submit a public records request through ODOT Public Records Center.

In order to obtain documents not available digitally, you will need to request these request here: [ODOT Public Records Request](#)

Records not available digitally:

- Highway Designation Files
- Jurisdictional Transfer Files
- Miscellaneous Contracts & Agreements
- Other documents

Questions?

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