

Low Volume Road Prevention Program

Background Information

The program started with the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan. It covered Region and District level highways with an average daily traffic of less than 1,000 vehicles. The program's intent is to maintain these highways at their 1999 conditions with thin "maintenance only" treatments such as chip seals or thin overlays. As a result of efficient treatment, pavement conditions on low volume highways increased beyond expectations. The average daily traffic threshold was increased to 2,500 for the 2005-2007 biennium. It was raised again for the 2009-2011 biennium to 5,000 vehicles per day. This was to keep pavement conditions balanced across traffic levels.

Faced with declining conditions and reduced funding levels, another change was implemented for the 2009-2011 biennium. Statewide level highways were added to the program. An additional filter of less than 3 million equivalent single axel truck loads projected over 20 years was included. This ensured that routes with heavy truck volumes remained in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Preservation Program to receive thicker treatments where appropriate.

Regional Allocations

The Maintenance Leadership Team sets the regional allocations using data from the ODOT Pavement Services Unit. Mileage from gravel surfaced highways and frontage roads is included for funding allocation purposes.