



Prospectus for an update to the
Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan

In 2022, ODOT will collaborate with partners to update the Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan, a multi-jurisdictional plan created to improve safety for all highway users and expand options along the Mt. Hood Highway corridor.



What is the Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan?

The Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan (MHMTP) is the primary transportation plan for the Mt. Hood Highway corridor (US 26 and OR 35) from just west of Sandy to Hood River.

While Mt. Hood corridor problems have been studied for years, the MHMTP takes a different approach to resolving these issues through strong, multi-jurisdictional partnerships focusing on working collaboratively to move projects from planning to implementation.

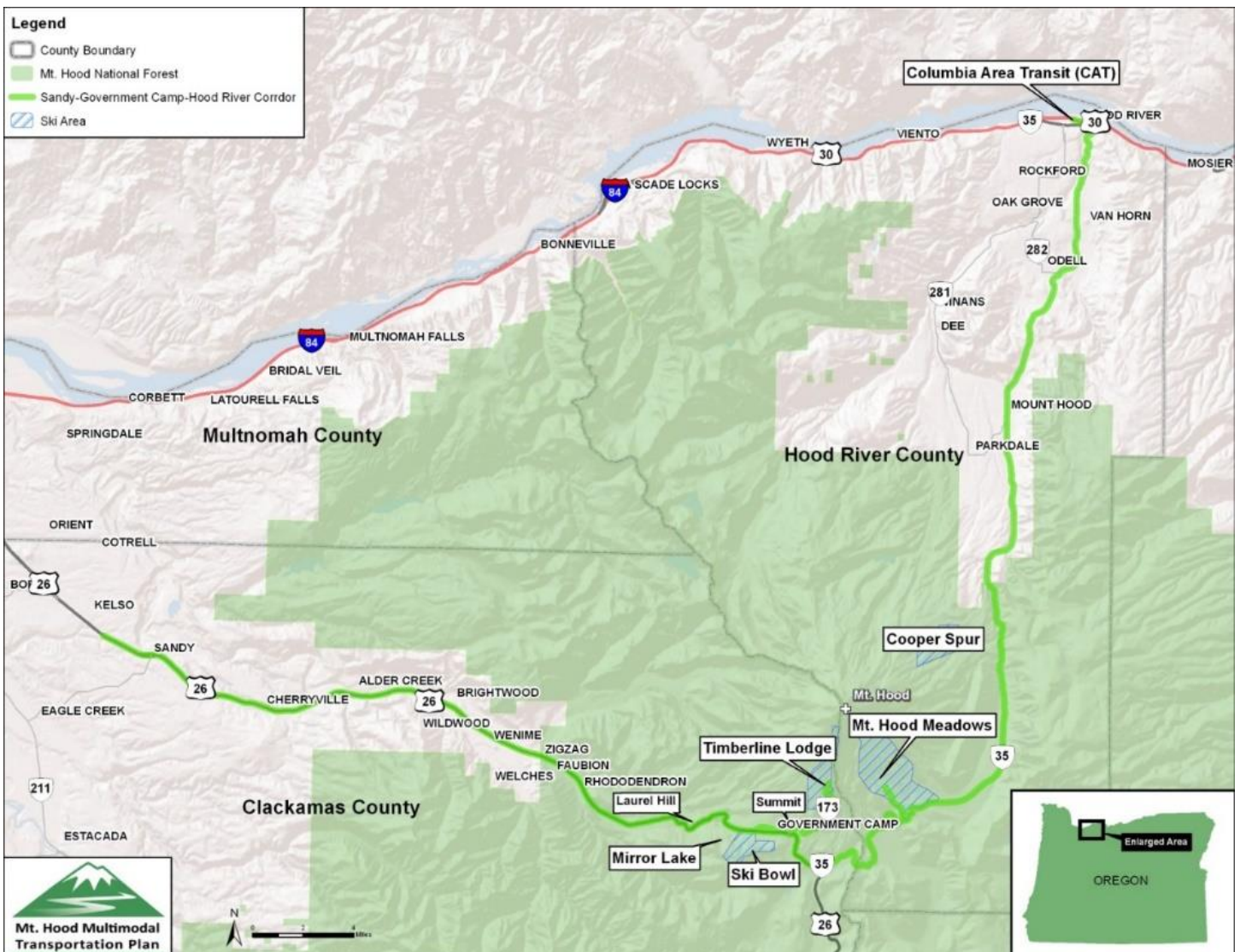
Prioritizing Action

The MHMTP is not a typical long-range plan. It is a 15 year “rolling plan” focused on getting projects accomplished.

The MHMTP includes an Implementation Plan identifying critical tasks, time frames, and responsible party needed for getting the projects built.

A total of 38 projects were selected for implementation by year 2029. Page 4 of this prospectus conveys the status of these original 38 projects. In 2022, partners will reevaluate projects for implementation throughout this decade.

Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan – Project Corridor



Problem Statement

Stunning views greet travelers along the Mt. Hood Highway, which is designated as a National Scenic Byway. The highway also provides access to an abundance of natural, cultural and historic resources.

Public demand for these resources continues to grow, resulting in heavy congestion during peak times, particularly during winter and summer weekends. Congestion is made worse by poor weather conditions and vehicle crashes.

Suite of Solutions

The MHTMP includes a variety of solutions to address these problems. Solutions include demand management, transportation options, traveler information, and infrastructure connections/improvements bundled into the following project categories:

- Safety & road improvements
- Pedestrian & bike
- Transit
- Parking
- Intelligent transportation systems
- Organizations, programs, & legislation

MHTMP 2022 Update

ODOT will convene regional partner agencies in 2022 to reassess project readiness pursuant to funding, regulatory and other existing conditions.

The MHTMP 2022 Update is not a redo of the original plan. Rather, it is an update to the action plan with achievable, fiscally constrained (phased) projects outlining implementation through 2029/30.

All Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan Projects					
Group A First priority for implementation		Group B Second priority for implementation		Group C Third priority for implementation	
ITS-2	Safe-1	ITS-3	Safe-9	PriT-2	
PB-1	Safe-2	ITS-4	Safe-12	PubT-3b	
PB-3	Safe-3	Org-2	Safe-13		
PB-5	Safe-4	PB-4	Safe-14		
PB-7	Safe-5	PB-6	Safe-16		
PB-8	Safe-6	PriT-1	Safe-16		
PubT-2	Safe-17	PubT-1			
ITS-1	PB-9	PubT-3			
Org-1	PubT-4				
Park-2	Safe-10				
Park-3	Safe-11				



Project Guiding Values

Project Partners selected these project values for the original MHTMP planning process. These values are focused on affordable and achievable solutions, and will once again guide the 2022 Update:



Improving highway safety for all users.



Expanding travel options year round to enhance mobility and access recreation and rural communities.



Projects should support economic development.



Projects should support preserving the landscape

Additional project conditions:



Projects should be financially feasible and sustainable.



Projects should be implemented within 15 years.

Identifying Projects for Implementation

Projects selected for implementation will be sourced from the 2014 MHMTP as well as other local plans, studies, and safety and transportation options.

Projects will be evaluated based on viability for implementation using seven requirements (criteria).

1. **Implementation Timeframe**
2. **Project Dependencies**
3. **Project Sponsor**
4. **Funding Potential**
5. **Permitting / Regulatory**
6. **Administrative / Organizational**
7. **Financial Sustainability**

Equity consideration

Social equity will be factored into the MHMTP through an equity assessment using various social equity tools and strategies, including targeted engagement with traditionally under-represented communities. This equity assessment will provide Project Partners with qualitative and quantitative feedback when updating the Action Plan with project priorities for implementation through 2029/30.

Outreach

ODOT will convene various leadership, management, and technical groups to ascertain project readiness, viability, and feasibility. ODOT will also conduct outreach to the public through on-line open house and engagement with key stakeholders.

MHTMP Project Completion Progress Report (2014-2021)

