

Oregon Transportation Options Program

2019 Annual Snapshot

The Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Transportation Options Program helps to reduce congestion and emissions by reducing drive-alone trips. The program, known to the public as "Get There", includes regional and local partners across Oregon and SW Washington. Partners conduct programs and provide education and outreach statewide, bi-state, or regionally. A crucial element of the program success is the online tool for trip planning, trip logging, and matching carpool partners, hereafter referred to as "tool".

In 2019, ODOT launched a new tool, replacing the entire Drive Less Connect program and companion carpool matching tool that was over 10 years old. The new tool, powered by the software company RideAmigos, offers an easy-to-use interface, a variety of new features, and a more successful ride matching function. On the website homepage, a current snapshot can be seen showing cumulative data for trips logged including CO₂ reduced, calories burned, and money saved.

Key metrics based on trips logged in 2019

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Non-drive Alone Trips¹ 275,214	Alternative Distance (miles) 2,400,071	CO2 Savings (tons) 706.33		
# of Trips Logged by Mode	 Bike 93,523	 Carpool 67,509	 Walk 42,451	 Transit 38,089
 Telework 15,252	 Train 8,591	 Vanpool 5,269	 Electric or Kick Scooter 430	 Skate 289
# of Get There Users² 5,441	# of New Sign Ups 3,779	# of Challenge Participants 2,281		

¹Non-drive alone trips include bike, carpool, transit, train, vanpool, walk, electric or kick scooter, skate, telework, compressed work week, and did not work.

²An annual statewide challenge to encourage Oregon residents and employees to try out non-drive alone modes of travel.

Oregon Get There Challenge

Each October, ODOT hosts a 14-day statewide challenge to encourage Oregon residents and employees to try out non-drive alone modes of travel. Throughout the Challenge, participants are encouraged to make trips by carpool, vanpool, walk, bike, transit or telework and log their trips. Stories shared by participants are a testament to the success of outreach efforts in encouraging and supporting Oregonians to use transportation options.

Get There Challenge Poster



Get There Challenge Rack Card



2019 Challenge Stats

38,131 trips logged	\$116,948 saved	95.5 tons of CO2 avoided
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Participant Quotes



"I have a pretty busy fall season going from my teaching job to a coaching job across town that involves going up some decent hills. When my energy levels are drained at this time of year, I would normally be inclined to drive my car. The Get There Challenge inspired me to push through and ride my bike putting in a lot of extra healthy miles and avoiding being another car on the road."

- participant from Bend



"Vanpooling allows me to meet new people, save money, reduce emissions, and do other things when I am not the main driver."

- participant from Corvallis



"I wanted to start walking for health benefits and the prizes were the tiny bit of motivation it took to get me started. Now I do it every day and the potential prize is an extra perk."

- participant from Bend



"The Oregon Get There challenge opened my eyes to the fact there is a better way to get to work. I live in Salem, but work in Portland during the week. The commute is brutal. While stopped with all of the other cars on the freeway, it really made me think, we as a community have to change. I now take the Amtrak two days a week."

- participant from Salem