

Getting to know ODOT's Strategic Action Plan

Is it important for Oregon to have a modern transportation system? One that's based on equity and sufficient, reliable funding? At ODOT, we think it is.

That's why these three – a modern transportation system, equity and sufficient, reliable funding – are our top priorities in the agency's [2021-2023 Strategic Action Plan](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Pages/SAP.aspx) (www.oregon.gov/odot/Pages/SAP.aspx). The plan sets some goals for us around these priorities, such as [using innovative technologies](#) to improve safety and mobility (think of the recent [improvements in the snow zones on I-84](#), with variable message signs that can tell you what's happening on the road). Another example: upgrades we're making to [signal lights all across eastern Oregon](#) so they can be more responsive to traffic.

When we use equity to help make decisions, we're able to serve areas and populations in the state that might have been neglected – or worse, even harmed – in the past. We work with the state's sovereign tribes on a variety of projects, such as [restoring wetlands](#) and ensuring access to [funding for public transportation](#).

Having [sufficient, reliable sources of funding](#) helps ensure we can fund projects that have the greatest impacts. With so many vehicles getting better mileage (which is good for the environment), the state collects less and less in gas taxes at the pump. One way to make the playing field level for those high-mileage vehicles is to have them pay a per-mile fee instead of the gas tax (also known as a road usage charge). Our program is called "[OReGO](#)" (myorego.org) and it is being operated successfully in several areas of the state.

A map to guide us

Think of the Strategic Action Plan as a roadmap that will guide ODOT's evolution – in a rapidly changing world – and inform everything we do. It positions the agency so we can meet the transportation needs of all Oregonians. It considers things like:

- Investing in ideas and technologies that provide more options for moving people in, around, and through Oregon.
- Using creative strategies and strong partnerships to ensure sustainable funding.
- Listening and considering all input from diverse communities around the state and ensuring those voices influence our decisions, leading to better outcomes.

We encourage you to learn more about the plan at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Pages/SAP.aspx> and see how we're doing in reaching our goals. The plan, like us, is continually evolving, based on the needs of the people we serve: you!



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