

Oregon Public Transportation Plan Outreach

Summer 2017

ODOT will conduct Oregon Public Transportation Plan outreach from May until September 2017. The OPTP will provide a vision and policy foundation to guide public transportation investment decisions by state, regional, and local agencies in Oregon. The OPTP will become a part of the Oregon Transportation Plan when it is adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

The purpose of OPTP public outreach in 2017 is to share OPTP draft policies and strategies with stakeholders and the public and gather feedback to inform the draft plan. Activities will include an online open house and presentations to stakeholder groups. The OPTP project team will gather and summarize comments received, share them with the plan Policy Advisory Committee, and use them to develop and refine plan contents.

Purpose and Outcomes

The purpose of this outreach is to share the draft policies and strategies of the Oregon Public Transportation Plan with stakeholders and the public. The policies and strategies are the core of the OPTP. They need to address the right issues and help inform and guide decisions by agencies in public transportation planning and investment. ODOT is seeking input regarding the content, usefulness, and practicality of the policies to help refine them and guide further plan development. Please use the online open house to submit your comments (open from early July through August).

Online Open House Link: <http://optpfeedback.org>

OPTP Stakeholders

Stakeholders include the public; transportation, policy, and planning professionals; public transportation providers; and other government agencies that might be affected by the plan or might be partners in implementing the OPTP. Stakeholder organizations include:

- Public transportation providers
- Associated Oregon Counties
- League of Oregon Cities
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Local, state, and federal agencies
- Tribes
- Affected state-level commissions
- Transportation options groups
- Travel and tourism organizations
- Area Commissions on Transportation
- ODOT advisory committees

How to Participate

Please see the project website for more information and announcements at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/optp.aspx> . Share your feedback on the draft OPTP policies and strategies through the Online Open House (open early July through August) at: <http://optpfeedback.org> .



OREGON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN



A NEW STATEWIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OREGON IS COMING SOON!

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working with stakeholders across the state to develop a new Oregon Public Transportation Plan (OPTP). The plan will include policies and strategies to help anticipate change and invest public resources wisely. Policies and strategies direct ODOT's work and help frame and support the decisions of public transportation providers and other government agencies, impacting transportation decisions throughout the state. The OPTP will become part of the family of mode and topic plans under the Oregon Transportation Plan, which provides overall direction for transportation in Oregon.

The OPTP is a statewide mode plan. It will not include specific projects or investments. However, it will provide a broad policy foundation for public transportation decisions and investment throughout the state. The OPTP will focus on policies and strategies relating to transportation services provided or funded by public agencies. These include fixed-route bus lines, demand response (door-to-door) services, streetcar, and light rail. The plan will also address interactions between public services and existing and emerging private services, such as intercity bus systems, ridesharing, and carsharing.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN OREGON:

- Connects people to one another, to places, and to critical services within and between Oregon's urban and rural communities
- Supports Oregon's economic vitality
- Contributes to the health and safety of Oregon communities

OPTP VISION

In 2045, public transportation is an integral, interconnected component of Oregon's transportation system that makes Oregon's diverse cities, towns, and communities work. Because public transportation is convenient, affordable, and efficient, it helps further the state's quality of life and economic vitality and contributes to the health and safety of all residents, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

OPTP GOALS

GOAL 1: Mobility – Public Transportation User Experience

GOAL 2: Accessibility and Connectivity – Getting from Here to There

GOAL 3: Community Livability and Economic Vitality

GOAL 4: Equity

GOAL 5: Health

GOAL 6: Safety and Security

GOAL 7: Environmental Sustainability

GOAL 8: Land Use

GOAL 9: Strategic Investment

GOAL 10: Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination



WHAT ARE THE OPTP'S OUTCOMES?

- Set a vision and goals for public transportation in Oregon
- Provide a statewide policy framework for decision-making
- Describe possible priorities under different levels of funding for public transportation
- Describe investment and implementation opportunities and challenges
- Define the role of public transportation as a key part of Oregon's transportation system

DRAFT POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

ODOT and the OPTP Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) have used public and stakeholder feedback to develop draft policies and strategies that will help advance each of the OPTP's ten goals. These draft policies and strategies are intended to address the major opportunities and challenges facing public transportation today and into the future. Now, the drafts are ready for public review and comment. ODOT and the PAC will use the feedback to refine the draft policies and strategies.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

ODOT needs to hear from people across Oregon, including community members, public transportation providers, and government agencies to ensure that the OPTP policies and strategies reflect public transportation needs and desires throughout the state. During the summer of 2017, ODOT will be reaching out for feedback and input on the draft policies and strategies. These are the heart of the plan and set direction for agencies throughout the state. This is an opportunity to share your ideas about public transportation while the plan is still mid-development. **Your participation will help shape the OPTP, and in turn, the future of public transportation in Oregon.**

After outreach during the summer of 2017, ODOT will return to ask the public for review and comment on the full draft plan in mid-2018.

Stay tuned for more updates!

OUTREACH MILESTONES

There are several opportunities for the public to weigh in on the OPTP. The first round of outreach in 2016 focused on the draft vision and goals and public transportation opportunities and challenges.

Summer 2017 outreach focuses on review of the draft policies and strategies

Summer 2018 outreach will focus on review of the draft OPTP

PROJECT CONTACTS AND WEBSITE

You can find more information about the OPTP and sign up for email updates at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/optp.aspx>. Email updates will help you to follow the Policy Advisory Committee and other OPTP activities.

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Provide your input through the online open house at optpfeedback.org

Please provide your comments by August 31, 2017

