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INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

A HEALTHY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR ALL IS FUNDAMENTAL TO A HEALTHY ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT

Members of the Oregon Transportation Forum recognize the importance of a well-funded, maintained, safe, reliable, and resilient multimodal transportation system that supports Oregon's economy, environment, and people. We are committed to fostering collaboration, innovation, and sustainability in transportation practices across the state and advocate for equitable, accessible, and efficient transportation solutions that enhance the economy and quality of life for all Oregonians while preserving the environment. Through meaningful dialogue, research-driven insights, and inclusive engagement, we strive to shape a resilient and forward-thinking transportation system that serves both current and future generations.



FRAMEWORK ELEMENTS

REVENUE & INVESTMENT

A broader and more equitable mix of funding sources is needed to provide long-term, dependable funding for a robust, equitable, and environmentally sustainable multimodal transportation system, including for maintenance, operations, and replacement. In all modes, leverage state and local resources to take advantage of federal grants and other funding opportunities.



Roads and Bridges

- Oregon should start now to transition away from the gas tax to a user fee(s).
- The legislature should explore a broader mix of funding sources to ensure a dependable source of funding for Oregon's roads and bridges.
- The legislature should consider indexing revenues to inflation.
- Increase funding for maintenance and operations.
- Maintain the 50/30/20 formula for allocation of statewide highway trust fund revenues among ODOT, counties, and cities, and refrain from preempting local governments' ability to raise revenue for transportation.

Transit

- Establish a fund to assist transit providers in matching federal grants.
- Provide state financed funding to help maintain and expand transit capital investments, including but not limited to buses, bus rapid transit, streetcars, and light rail, prioritizing based on equity, geographic coverage, and increasing ridership.
- Increase funding for transit operations.

Other Modes

- Restore ConnectOregon to a minimum \$100 million funding level per biennium.
- Restore Class 1 railways status.
- Provide state general fund dollars and/or a dedicated funding source sufficient to operate and maintain Amtrak Cascades service.
- Recognize the importance of intercity commuter rail, including extending WES to Salem to connect the Portland and Salem metropolitan areas.
- Ensure pedestrian and bicycle networks have ongoing and dependable funding by identifying new revenues for biking and walking safety projects inside and outside the highway right of way.
- Improve youth-focused transit service to expand youth access to schools, jobs, and other opportunities.
- Dedicate funding specifically to improve transportation services for disabled persons and older adults, such as paratransit.

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POLICY

- Prioritize the maintenance, rehabilitation, and operations of existing transportation facilities.
- Complete projects from the 2017 transportation package.
- Increase funding for the many programs that are over-subscribed and reach the transportation needs of many and diverse Oregonians, including: Safe Routes to Schools; road safety audits; pedestrian crossings; wildlife passage; speed limit reductions; completing bicycle and pedestrian network; and jurisdictional transfers.
- Integrate transportation investments and programs into other state policy goals, including housing and climate change, both mitigation and adaptation.



Environmental Stewardship

- Support the purchase of zero emission electric vehicles.
- Increase state funding for planning and projects that achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.



Emergency Resilience

- Prioritize investment in infrastructure to allow for evacuation, rescue, and recovery following a major earthquake, wildfire, flooding, and other natural disasters.
- Retrofit transportation infrastructure to enhance safety during major seismic, wildfire, flooding, and other natural disaster events.



Governance & Accountability

- Ensure ODOT management structure and spending decisions are transparent and accountable to Oregonians.
- Utilize principles from project prioritization, least cost planning, and practical design.

Safety

- Set a statutory goal of zero serious traffic and work zone injuries and fatalities by 2035; establish a task force to define shared safety goals focused on policy, roadway improvements, outreach, and enforcement.
- Expand Safe Routes to School program to build safe places to walk, bike, roll, and access transit to school; prioritize completion of Safe Routes to School Plans.
- Invest in Great Streets program and other approaches to safety improvements to major streets that function as main streets.

