

Public and Active Transportation

ODOT strives to build and maintain an equitable, accessible, and climate-friendly multi-modal public and active transportation network across the state. By increasing Oregonians' access to public transportation and promoting biking and walking as a means of travel, we can improve community connection, public health, and our environment. ODOT supports the state's public and active transportation network through:

- Establishing policies and rules for state funding programs.
- Distributing state and federal funds either through competitive grant programs or administration and oversight of formula fund programs.
- Providing training, technical assistance, and tools to transit providers, local jurisdictions, and other organizations.
- Convening stakeholders and facilitating coordination, collaboration, and partnership among public and active transportation stakeholders.
- Directly providing services that fill gaps in the statewide transit network, including the Public Oregon Intercity Transit (POINT) bus and the Amtrak Cascades passenger rail service.

ODOT's Public and Active Transportation programs are funded through various sources, including dedicated federal transit funds, dedicated state transit funds (payroll tax), and various non-state highway funds.

Multiple funding streams enable the delivery of public transportation to the general public as well as to targeted groups such as older adults, people with disabilities, and rural veterans. These programs provide grant funding as well as technical assistance to public transportation providers to help them operate transit service, purchase vehicles and maintain buses and bus facilities. In 2022, ODOT provided \$175 million in public transportation funding.

Multiple funding streams enable the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. These programs provide grant funding for construction, technical assistance, education, and outreach, and community planning and project development. In 2022, ODOT provided \$41.5 million in active transportation funding.

Rail Operations and Intercity Public Transportation

ODOT's Public Transportation Division jointly funds the Amtrak Cascades passenger rail service in partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). ODOT also provides intercity bus service, including the POINT intercity bus service, through a private provider. In 2022, the funding for this program was approximately \$14 million.



Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Schools

ODOT works to fill gaps in the statewide bicycle and pedestrian network through the delivery of infrastructure construction projects on ODOT and local agency networks as well as through administration of grant funds to local agencies. Current funding programs include the:

- Safe Routes to School Program which constructs infrastructure safety improvements within one mile of Title I schools on state and local facilities,
- Sidewalk Improvement Program, which makes sidewalk infrastructure safety improvements to state highways,
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Strategic Program, a new funding program created by the Oregon Transportation Commission to make safe and equitable infrastructure improvements to the state highway system, and
- Oregon Community Paths Program, which funds bicycle and walking paths off the state highway system, including on local networks.

Great Streets

The Great Streets Program was created by the Oregon Transportation Commission using \$50 million in IIJA flexible federal funding. Great Streets focuses on corridor-scale improvements that improve safety for all road users and creates better connectivity for those walking, biking, and taking public transportation; the program targets state highways that function as main streets or urban arterials through communities. Projects are prioritized in high-need social equity areas, based on measurable climate mitigation improvements, local support and engagement, and roadway infrastructure conditions or proposed improvements.

Transportation Options and Innovative Mobility Programs

The Transportation Options program focuses on connecting people to transportation choices, increasing accessibility, awareness, and convenience of options like biking, walking, taking transit, ride-sharing, and telecommuting. The Transportation Options Program provides funding for education and awareness, and not direct infrastructure improvement.

The Innovative Mobility Program builds on the existing Transportation Options Program using \$10 million in IIJA flexible funds and \$10 million in state funds to expand the reach, and enhance the equity lens, for delivery of multimodal transportation options programs. Through a combination of grants to community-based organizations and government agencies, and through ODOT-led initiatives, this new program will improve equitable access to multimodal transportation options, reduce single occupancy vehicle use, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and reduce GHG emissions from transportation.

Statewide Planning

The statewide planning program supports public transportation-related planning at statewide, regional, local, and corridor levels. PTD staff assist transit providers in long-range plans and short-range programs based on transportation investment priorities as well as research, development and the collection of standardized data to inform state-wide decision-making.