

Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour

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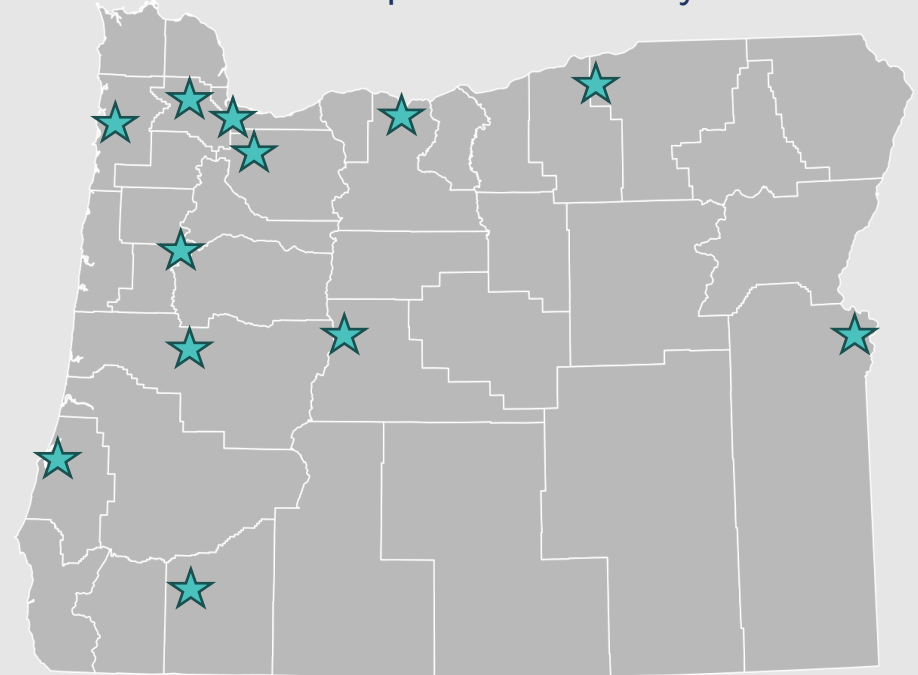
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A Statewide Tour

The 12-stop statewide tour aims to:

- Build public understanding of transportation funding challenges and potential funding tools to address those challenges.
- Build legislative understanding of statewide transportation needs and shared priorities.
- Build support and a sense of urgency for a transportation funding package focused on maintenance, operations, and safety.
- Gather input from the public and community leaders about potential methods for addressing the transportation funding challenge.

- Each tour stop includes three components
 - 1) planned site tours that demonstrate ongoing maintenance and operations needs
 - 2) a roundtable conversation with local officials, partners, and community leaders
 - 3) a public hearing including a presentation from ODOT and public testimony



Tillamook (Stop #2)

- Tour: unique coastal challenges; culvert maintenance; 101 paving, sidewalk, curb ramps
- Roundtable:
 - Maintenance, operations, safety, seismic resiliency
 - Diversify revenue (tolling, delivery, EV fees)
 - Non-vehicle options
 - Non-highway investment (transit, Connect Oregon)
- Public Hearing:
 - Safety
 - Bike/Ped
 - Community connections



Albany (Stop #3)

- Tour: “A Day in the Life of Maintenance”
- Roundtable:
 - Maintenance, Operations, Safety
 - Cost increases and drivers
 - Tolling
 - Diversified revenue
- Public Hearing:
 - All user safety
 - Transportation as economic development
 - Cost increases and drivers
 - Access to public transportation



Eugene (Stop #4)

- Tour: “Bridges Connect Communities”
- Roundtable:
 - Seismic, emergency preparedness
 - Diversified revenue
 - Need for airport investment
 - Building public understanding
 - Transportation nexus to land use, economic vitality, public health, climate
- Public Hearing:
 - Transit, non-vehicle options, passenger rail
 - Safety
 - Unique needs of rural communities
 - Electric vehicle transition, climate-friendly options





Maintaining the System

Oregon's Statewide Transportation System

ODOT's mission is to maintain a safe, accessible, and reliable transportation system for all Oregonians.

Statewide, ODOT is responsible for about 8,000 miles of roads, 2,770 bridges, 180,000 traffic signs, and countless critical safety features throughout the system. Our teams of dedicated professionals, locally based in 88 communities throughout Oregon, are on the front lines delivering essential day-to-day services that keep our roads open and safe every day.

As stewards of the state's multimode through two primary methods:

ODOT's Maintenance and Operations include incident response, snowplow, graffiti cleanup, and other essential services.

ODOT's Preservation Program invests in infrastructure to ensure long-term connectivity and reach Oregon's communities.



Region 2

ODOT maintains and operates the transportation system through the work of five distinct geographic regions. Each region includes unique communities, landscapes, and conditions that determine the priorities and approach to maintaining and operating the transportation system within the region.

Region 2 builds, operates and maintains the state's multimodal transportation system in the Willamette Valley, north and central coast, Oregon Coast Range, Willamette Valley metropolitan area and central Cascade Range passes. This area covers nearly 25% of Oregon's state highway miles. With just under 600 employees, Region 2 serves the residents of Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, western Washington and western Clackamas counties.

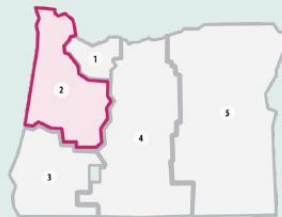
This region encompasses a wide range of Oregon landscapes—coastal beaches, mountains, rivers, lakes, large and small cities, farmland and vineyards, forests and even hot springs. The natural beauty and the state's two largest universities attract visitors throughout the year, contributing to a growing tourist industry and significant traffic on state-owned highways.

The diverse geography also presents Region 2 with its greatest challenges. In the heavily forested coastal side of the region, constantly shifting soil and heavy rains lead to rock and mud slides, highway sinkholes, flooding, and fallen trees along the highways. In the Willamette Valley, winter snow and ice events cause unsafe traveling conditions, congestion, crashes, and delays on I-5. In the central Cascades bordering central Oregon, heavy rain and snow challenge the snowplow crews on the Santiam and Willamette passes, causing landslides and hazardous tree and debris fall on the highways. There is also a high risk of wildfires along the region's highway corridors during the summer.

Along with insufficient funding and staffing levels to maintain deteriorating infrastructure, these conditions make Region 2 a dynamic environment to operate and maintain.

By the numbers Region 2:

- Total lane miles: 5,022 (25% of the state's total highway miles)
- Bike lanes and multi-use paths: 617 miles
- Number of bridges: 1,026 (37% of statewide total)
 - Average age: 55 years
 - 11.2 million square feet of deck area (about the same size as 194 football fields)
- Two major Cascade Range mountain passes
- Number of snowplows: 80 (21% of statewide total)
- More than 7,200 culverts
- Full-time employees: 575
 - Maintenance and operations: 337
 - Seasonal: 10
- Total maintenance facilities: 24
- Average maintenance facility age: 57 years



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By the numbers statewide (2021)

- Maintenance equipment inventory: 1,800
 - This includes a range of equipment from a grader (off-road construction) to a snowplow
- Total lane miles: 19,035
- Total bridges: 2,777
- Miles of barrier & guardrail: 1,800
- Maintenance facilities: 1,100
- Total signs: 179,795
- Traffic signals: 1,218
- Minor and major sign installments: 1,100
- Minor culverts and inlets cleaned: 1,100
- Pick up shoulder litter hours worked: 1,100
- Mowable acres of grass: 19,209

Focusing on the Tangible

Local services, local communities,
local needs, local voices

DMV

Central and Southern Willamette Valley

Regional Field Services

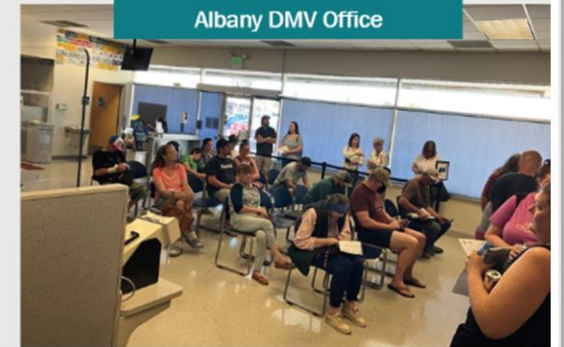
- 10 DMV offices in the Central and Southern Willamette Valley area
- Served ~405,000 customers in 2023 (16% of state's customer visits)
- 64 FTE serve this area

Regional DMV needs and challenges

- Challenges in hiring and retaining qualified staff
- Staff shortages can lead to reduced service hours and office closures
- DMV Offices need facility upgrades or relocation
- Increase in safety concerns and threats towards DMV staff
- Eugene DMV office recently relocated providing space for growing customer base (Total cost: \$2.5M)



Customers at the Albany DMV Office



Building Public Understanding and Support

- Identifying opportunities to build understanding of structural revenue challenge, consequences, and possible solutions
- Amplifying legislative outreach, building momentum and urgency

THE STORY

ODOT faces a maintenance funding gap. Lawmakers want to know how Oregonians would prefer to pay for it

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**TRANSPORTATION LISTENING SESSION:
Coastal residents urge ODOT and lawmakers to
“maintain what we have”**

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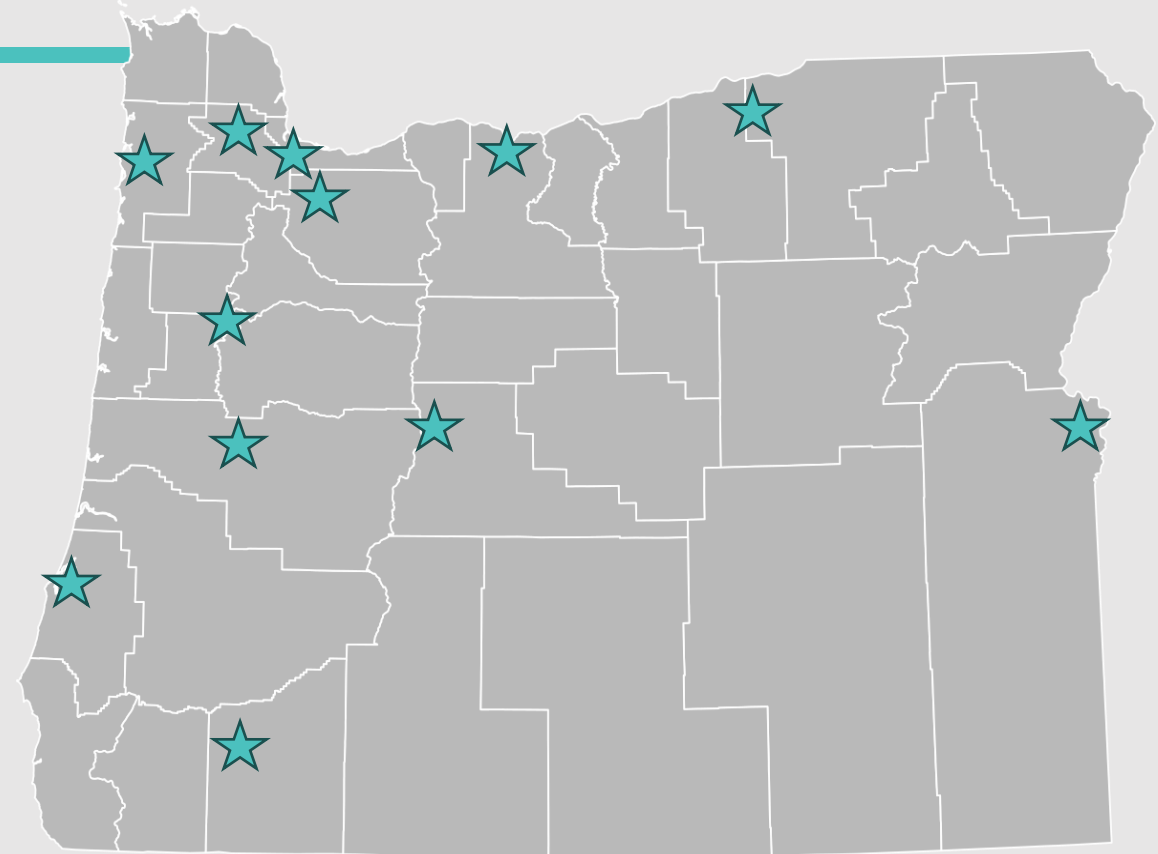
Oregon lawmakers begin work on transportation package focused on maintaining roads

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Tour Dates & Locations

- 8/7: Coos Bay
- 8/8: Medford
- 8/28: Ontario
- 8/29: Hermiston
- 9/12: Bend
- 9/13: The Dalles
- 9/26: Happy Valley
- 9/27: Hillsboro



Questions?

