

Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour

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A Statewide Tour

Through this summer, the Joint Committee on Transportation (JCT) is embarking on a 12-stop tour across the state to hear from Oregonians and discuss the need for sufficient and sustainable transportation funding to support a safe, accessible, and reliable transportation system.

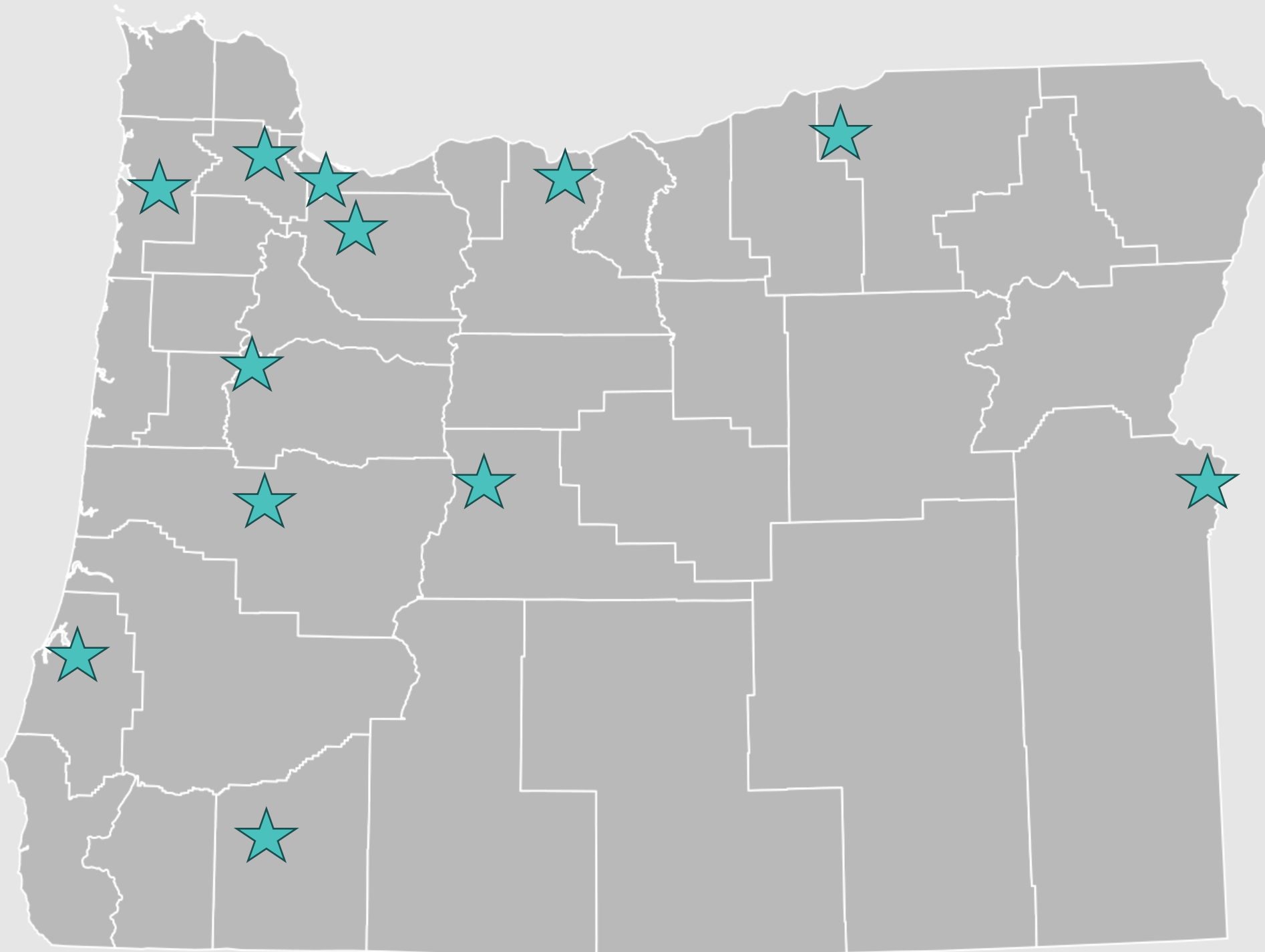
The statewide tour aims to:

- 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.



Tour Components

- Each tour stop will include 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



Tour Dates & Locations

- 6/4: Portland
- 6/18: Tillamook
- 7/16: Albany
- 7/17: Eugene
- 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

Portland (Stop #1)

- Tour: County bridge shop, city pavement conditions, Downtown DMV, ODOT safety project
- Roundtable:
 - Build structural stability
 - Establish trust + confidence in delivery
 - Demonstrate stewardship
 - Build public understanding of outcomes (connect to service)
- Public Hearing:
 - Transit needs
 - Seismic/Emergency Preparedness
 - Roadway projects
 - Climate change



Keeping the Focus on Maintenance, Operations, Safety, and HB 2017 Commitments

Demonstrated Support



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Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis:

We want to thank you for your leadership and commitment to crafting a transportation package that will ensure the safety of Oregonians as they utilize our state's transportation systems now and into the future. The work you are leading is vital to maintaining a safe, functional, and efficient multimodal transportation system, particularly as we respond to a changing funding landscape. We support and commend the plan you have built together to set the stage for this important discussion, including the efforts you will make to directly engage with communities on this critical issue during your statewide tour.

We want to highlight our shared priorities as you prepare to build public understanding of the structural funding challenges Oregon faces and to gather input from communities about preferred solutions. First and foremost, we must provide stable and predictable funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation so the agency can provide the essential maintenance and safety services that Oregonians deserve. Our solution needs to be equitable, sustainable and sufficient to provide a safe and reliable multimodal transportation system that connects people and helps Oregon's communities and economy thrive. We must consider a mix of solutions, but our final package must incorporate community input and be true to Oregon's values and priorities.

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Sharing Our Work

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



Impacts to Oregonians

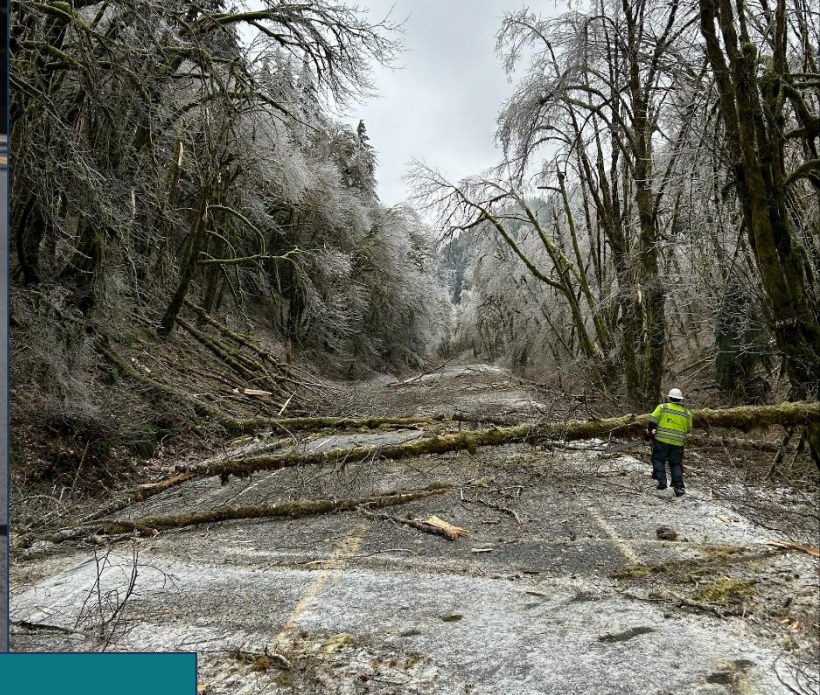
Without sufficient and reliable funding, Oregonians will feel the impact of service cuts:

- **Significant deterioration** of pavement on Oregon's highways.
- **Increased safety risks** due to deferred maintenance and lack of materials.
- **Reduced frequency** of litter, graffiti, and campsite cleanup.
- **Slower** incident response times and **extended** closures following major events.
- **More DMV closures** and **limited hours of service**.
- Longer **wait times** for services.
- **Limited opportunities** for capital improvements and modernization.

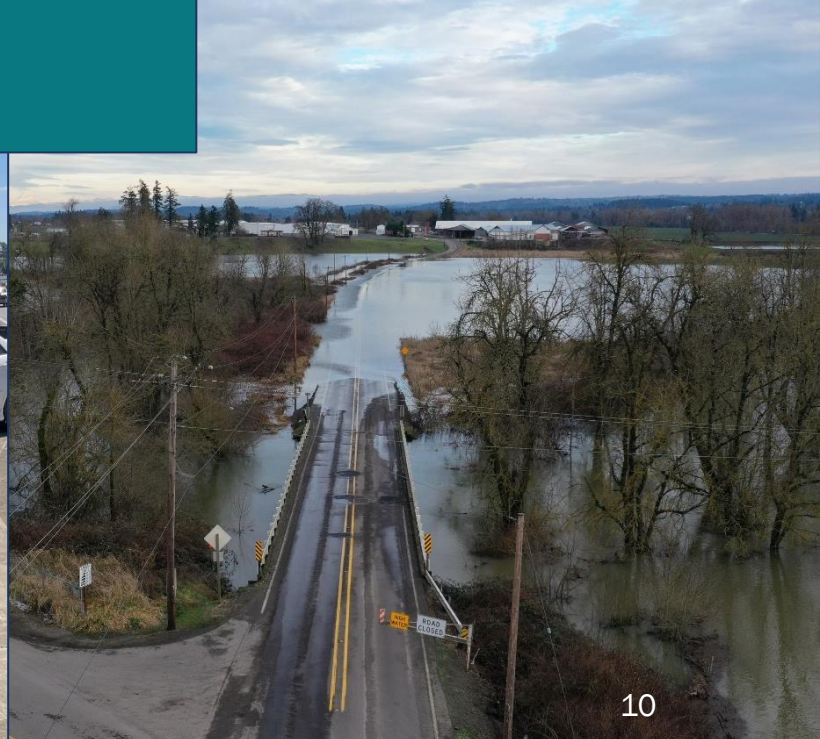
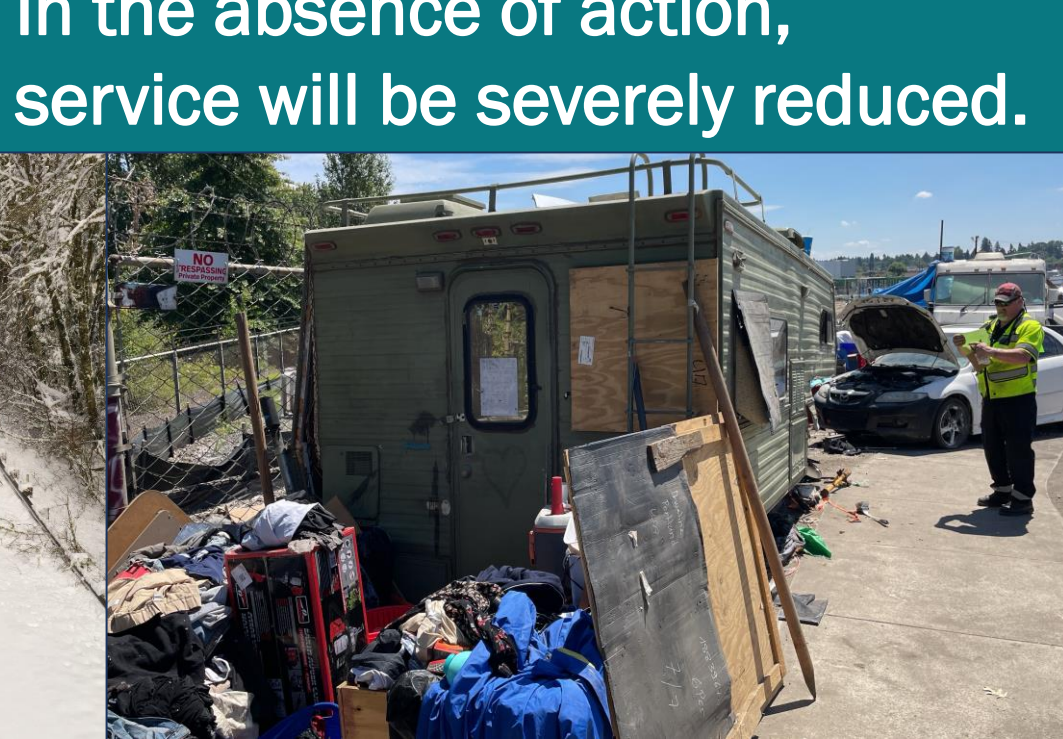
With sufficient and reliable funding, ODOT will prioritize:

- Restoring essential maintenance services.
- Improving customer service gaps.
- Addressing **safety** issues.
- Fulfilling **HB 2017** commitments.





In the absence of action,
service will be severely reduced.





With stable and sustainable funding, we'll deliver excellent service and keep Oregon's transportation system safe, accessible, and reliable.





Optimism in Action

- 12 months is a long road ahead
- Preparing (and bracing) for tough times; working to change that reality
- ODOT employees are everyday ambassadors
 - Building understanding of structural funding issue starts with us
 - Building trust + confidence through performance, delivery, and stewardship starts with us

Questions?

