

Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OBPAC)

Core Purpose and Function:

The Oregon Bicycle Committee was first formed by the Oregon Legislature in 1973 (Oregon Statute 366.112). In 1995, the Oregon Transportation Commission officially recognized the committee's additional role in pedestrian issues, and the group became the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OBPAC).

OBPAC is a committee appointed by the Governor that acts as a liaison between the public and Oregon Department of Transportation. It advises ODOT in the regulation of bicycle and pedestrian traffic, the establishment of bikeways and walkways, and other statewide bicycle and pedestrian issues.

CONVENED:

1973/1995

ESTABLISHED BY:

Oregon Legislature/
Oregon Transportation
Commission (OTC)

Mission, Vision and Values:

The mission of OBPAC is to advise ODOT on priorities, issues, projects and funding needs to improve biking and walking in Oregon. OBPAC members are stewards of the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (OBPP) implementation, with a focus on the goals of safety, equity, and connectivity.

OBPAC has adopted the vision of the OBPP: "In Oregon, people of all ages, incomes, and abilities can access destinations in urban and rural areas on comfortable, safe, well-connected biking and walking routes. People can enjoy Oregon's scenic beauty by walking and biking on a transportation system that respects the needs of its users and their sense of safety. Bicycle and pedestrian networks are recognized as integral, interconnected elements of the Oregon transportation system that contribute to our diverse and vibrant communities and the health and quality of life enjoyed by Oregonians."

MEMBERSHIP:

ODOT embraces diversity and equity, fostering a culture of inclusion as a core value. We recognize the need to engage historically marginalized people and communities in conversations and decisions that affect their lives. ODOT advisory committees are committed to ensuring representation of the committees are diverse and reflective of the communities they serve.

OBPAC members are appointed by the Governor. OBPAC's membership is comprised of: 8 members, including an employee of a unit of local government employed in land use planning, a representative of a recognized environmental group, a person engaged in the business of selling or repairing bicycles, a person designated by the Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council, and at least one member under the age of 21 at the time of their appointment.

Visit the OBPAC web site for a full list of current membership.

Meeting Cadence:

OBPAC meets at least four times per year, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary. You can access the full meeting schedule (including dates and locations) as well as meeting materials at the committee's web site.