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OMPOC Legislative Policy Concepts and Objectives

Oregonians need to strategically invest in all modes of transportation programs and infrastructure. In support of this objective, OMPOC should work with the Oregon Transportation Commission/Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Legislature, the Governor's Office, the business community, local governments and other partners to:

- Identify and support enactment of long-term, sustainable funding options for safety, capacity, maintenance and preservation of Oregon's transportation infrastructure.
- Engage Oregon's Congressional delegation to secure strategic and sustainable federal investments in Oregon's transportation infrastructure.
- Advocate and support transportation infrastructure investments that address capacity and connectivity challenges to support a vibrant, competitive and expanding economy. A particular emphasis should be placed on addressing the highway congestion and freight movement challenges that impact Oregon's economic competitiveness.
- Advocate and support a transportation funding package that provides equitable shares to counties and cities and provides resources for the maintenance, preservation and operations of state and local highways and roads.
- Expand the tools available to local governments to address transportation needs and issues.
- Advocate and support efforts to better coordinate land use, transportation and economic development decisions in order to reduce transportation infrastructure needs.
- Advocate and support efforts to increase the capacity and efficiency of the public transit system in Oregon.
- Advocate and support transportation demand management programs that reduce single occupant vehicle trips thus more efficiently utilizing the capacity of our transportation infrastructure and improving air quality.
- Advocate and support transportation and land use programs to address the changing needs of seniors, persons with disabilities, and others with mobility limitations.