# BUILDING A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR OREGON

# FURTHER PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has worked with stakeholders to draft a new Oregon Public Transportation Plan (OPTP). The state's population and traffic have grown and what Oregonians need and expect from public transportation has changed. The new OPTP will:

- Establish a shared statewide vision for public transportation
- Help guide and support decisions by state, regional, and local government agencies
- Help communities respond to changing conditions and guide future investments
- Provide strategies for realizing the vision for public transportation in Oregon

Public transportation connects people, places, and critical services within and between urban and rural communities. It supports communities' economic vitality and contributes to individuals' health and safety. Because public transportation is for everyone and is essential for many, ODOT has sought input from Oregonians including community members, public transportation riders, providers and government agencies to make sure the draft OPTP reflects needs and desires throughout the state. Please review the draft plan, and share your comments this summer.

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between late May and late July to share your thoughts.





# VISION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

In 2045, public transportation is an integral, interconnected component of Oregon's transportation system that makes Oregon's diverse cities, towns and communities work. Because public transportation is convenient, affordable and efficient, it helps further the state's quality of life and economic vitality and contributes to the health and safety of all residents, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## THE PLAN'S 10 GOALS

- 1: Mobility Public Transportation User Experience
- 2: Accessibility and Connectivity Getting from Here to There
- 3: Community Livability and Economic Vitality
- 4: Equity
- 5: Health
- 6: Safety and Security
- 7: Environmental Sustainability
- 8: Land Use
- 9: Strategic Investment
- 10: Communications, Collaboration and Coordination

## WHAT DOES THE OPTP MEAN BY "PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION"?

The plan provides policies and strategies to guide public agencies' decisions about:

- Local, regional and intercity fixed-route bus lines
- Demand response (door-to-door) services
- Local and intercity rail services
- Interactions with current and emerging private services such as intercity bus systems, ridesharing and car sharing

**Note:** The plan does not include specific projects or investments.







## WHAT THE NEW OPTP WILL ACCOMPLISH

The OPTP will establish common understandings for local, regional and state agencies, including:

- Vision and goals for public transportation
- Policy and strategy framework to inform decision making
- Possible priorities under different levels of funding for public transportation
- Opportunities and challenges in investment and implementation
- Positioning public transportation as a key part of Oregon's transportation system

## MOVING FORWARD — THE KEY INTIATIVES

During summer 2017, stakeholders and the public reviewed the draft policies and strategies. Three implementation themes emerged. These initiatives are proposed as the focus for initial implementation of the plan. They touch on multiple OPTP goals and are critical to OPTP success.

- **Plan Integration:** Agencies and providers working together to better integrate transit in their transportation, land use and other planning efforts
- Regional and Intercity Services: Improve and better connect public transportation services
- **Technology:** Anticipate, test, and share new and improved technologies

Important in the short and long term, these three key initiatives provide the building blocks for implementing the plan.

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## **OUTREACH MILESTONES**

Each stage of collaboration has brought the plan closer to completion, with invaluable input from community members and stakeholders.

**2016:** Public input on draft vision, goals, opportunities and challenges

**2017:** Public input on draft policies and strategies

**2018:** Public input on draft plan-final review before plan adoption

- Online Open House: late May to late
- Public Hearing: July 19 or 20, 2018
- Anticipated adoption: September 20, 2018

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