

ConnectOregon

An Oregon Multimodal Innovation

Moving the Economy, Moving Goods, and Moving People
by improving the infrastructure to better connect air, rail, marine, transit and bicycle/pedestrian modes.

A viable transportation system is beneficial to Oregon as it:

- Encourages economic growth
- Reduces the cost of congestion and inefficiency
- Provides a gateway to the global economy
- Joins our state's communities, and
- Connects Oregon to the world.

Courtesy of Port of Portland



ConnectOregon is the first major state funding initiative targeted at multimodal and non-highway transportation in Oregon. Funded for five biennial budget cycles since 2005 with the use of lottery-backed bonds, *ConnectOregon* has helped to make critical connections with non-highway modes of transportation, leveraging the significant investments in the highway network and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

- The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) oversees investments.
- OTC works closely with public and private transportation interests to select and fund projects.
- A primary goal is to foster public-private partnerships and maximize contributions from all sources.
- At least 20 percent of funding will come from private or other public funds.
- Priority is given when a project improves the links between two or more modes of transportation.

Rail

Trains carried 54.4 million tons of freight that moved through Oregon in 2012. To meet the rapid increase in demand for rail service, investments must be made in order to:

- Upgrade Oregon's valuable short line railroads,
- Ensure that key investments are made on the long-haul rail system, and
- Balance the demand for freight and passenger traffic. Without freight rail, there is no passenger rail.

In 2013, America's railroads moved a ton of freight an average of 473 miles on one gallon of fuel. On average, railroads are four times more fuel efficient than trucks and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent.

Aviation

Oregon's airports provide essential links for passenger and freight travel throughout the state. State dollars can leverage federal match programs to make critical upgrades, such as navigation instrumentation, runway and safety improvements. Airports can also serve as community economic centers.

Marine

Marine-related commerce is critical to all Oregonians. Whether it is agricultural production, commercial fishing, or international container traffic, making investments in marine port infrastructure is essential to supporting Oregon's economy.

Transit

Key investments in public transit have paid dividends to communities throughout Oregon. As part of community development, transit investments support a vital transportation alternative, enhancing property values and community livability.

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Communities have also benefitted from investments in Oregon's bicycle and pedestrian modes.