

The **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)** began life in 1913 when the Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Highway Commission to "get Oregon out of the mud." ODOT works to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians. We develop programs related to Oregon's system of highways, roads, and bridges; railways; public transportation services; transportation safety programs; driver and vehicle licensing; and motor carrier regulation.

Mission for ODOT: To provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians.

Our Values: These are the values that guide our decision making and which we follow in implementing ODOT's mission and goals.

- **Safety:** We protect the safety of the traveling public, our employees and the workers who build, operate and maintain our transportation system.
- **Customer Focus:** We learn from and respond to our customers so we can better deliver quality, affordable services to Oregonians and visitors. Our customers include travelers, freight movers, and others who use our services and facilities.
- **Efficiency:** We strive to gain maximum value from the resources entrusted to us for the benefit of our customers.
- **Accountability:** We build the trust of customers, stakeholders and the public by reporting regularly on what we are doing and how we are using the resources entrusted to us.
- **Problem Solving:** We work with the appropriate customers, stakeholders and partners to find efficient, effective and innovative solutions to problems.
- **Diversity:** We honor and respect our individual differences and we work to ensure that people from diverse backgrounds have equitable opportunities, both internally and externally, to work for and conduct business with ODOT.
- **Sustainability:** We balance economic, environmental and community well-being in a manner that protects the needs of current and future generations.

Our Goals:

- Safety - Engineering, educating, and enforcing a safe transportation system.
- Mobility - Keeping people and the economy moving.
- Preservation - Preserving and maintaining infrastructure.
- Sustainability - Sustaining the environment and livable communities.
- Stewardship - Maximizing value from transportation investments.

Our Strategies:

- Provide outstanding customer service.
- Use innovative program design and technologies to solve transportation problems.
- Improve the return on investment of our transportation funds.
- Attract, retain and develop an outstanding ODOT workforce.
- Engage the public, other state agencies, local governments, business and community leaders in solving transportation problems and planning for the future.
- Increase intermodal linkages to improve access for people and goods.
- Communicate, educate and inform the public about transportation issues.

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