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# ExecutiveSummary

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) provides long-term goals, policies and strategies and near-term actions to eliminate deaths and life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035. Transportation crashes and resulting injuries have historically been considered by many as an inevitable consequence of mobility. However, more recently this idea has been challenged as countries, states, and cities across the world seek to change safety culture and eliminate traffic fatalities and life-changing injuries

#### **VISION**

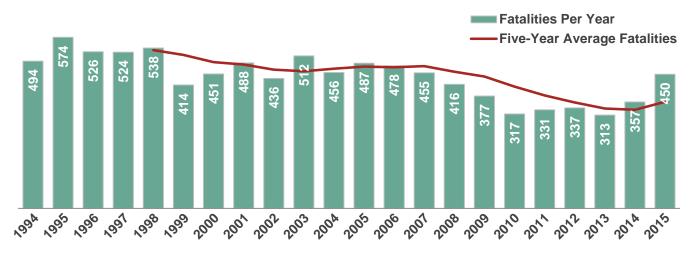
Oregon envisions no deaths or life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035.

entirely. The idea may be difficult to grasp initially, but when people are asked how many traffic fatalities are acceptable for their friends and family, the universal response is: 'zero'.

#### WHAT IS THE TSAP?

Historically, transportation-related fatalities in Oregon have trended downwards. Since 2013, however, there has been an annual increase in transportation fatalities in Oregon. This increase is common across the country and fatalities do fluctuate in relationship to a variety of economic, demographic, and system factors. The increase does reinforce the importance of continuing to focus on and invest in multidisciplinary transportation safety programs.

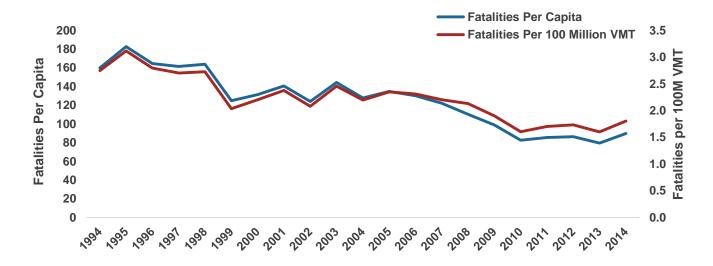
**Figure ES.1 Oregon Transportation Fatalities**1994 to 2015



The number of transportation fatalities normalized against population and 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) shows similar trends. While fatality rates have decreased since the mid-1990s, in recent years, the number of fatalities per capita and fatalities per 100 Million VMT has remained relatively constant (Figure ES.2).



Figure ES.2 Oregon Historic Transportation Fatalities per Capita and per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled



The Federal Highway Administration requires every state to have a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The SHSP is a statewide coordinated safety plan providing a comprehensive framework for reducing fatalities and serious injuries. The SHSP identifies key safety needs and guides safety investments in infrastructure and safety behavior programs. The TSAP serves as the Oregon SHSP.

The TSAP provides the long-term vision of zero deaths and life-changing injuries and provides goals policies and strategies to work toward this vision. The long-term elements of the Plan provide guidance to policy-makers, planners, and designers about how to proactively develop a transportation system with fewer fatalities and serious injuries. The TSAP also includes a near-term component in the form of Emphasis Areas (EA) and actions. The EAs provide a framework for organizing and implementing near-term actions that will maximize the safety benefits of transportation investments (safety specific and otherwise).

The TSAP addresses all modes on all public roads in Oregon. This Plan was developed under the leadership of ODOT, but it will be implemented by ODOT and all residents, stakeholders, cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations, tribal governments, and affected state agencies in Oregon.

#### WHO PARTICIPATED IN DEVELOPING THIS PLAN?

Transportation safety policy, planning, programming, and projects are multidisciplinary and involve what are known as "the 4 Es" of safety:

- Engineering;
- Emergency Medical Services;
- Enforcement; and
- Education.

The TSAP brought the 4 Es of safety together in several different ways and at several different times throughout the project.

- Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) directed the development of the vision, goals, policies, strategies, emphasis
  areas, and near-term actions. The PAC met almost monthly throughout the course of the project.
- Project Coordination Team (PCT) provided technical input on major milestones, including the vision, goals, strategies, and actions. The PCT met four times over the course of the project and was made up of staff from all divisions of ODOT.
- The public was engaged several times and in several ways on the project. There were public meetings at the beginning and end of the project to provide input on desires for the TSAP and to provide input to specific strategies and actions. There also were an on-line survey and region open houses for the public to provide input on the Plan.

Appendix A lists members of the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC), the PAC, and PCT. The 2016 TSAP was adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission at the recommendation of the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee on October 14, 2016.

#### **TSAP LONG-TERM GOALS**

The goals, policies, and strategies in the TSAP are focused on changing safety culture and proactively planning, designing, operating and maintaining a transportation system which eliminates fatalities and serious injuries. Everyone is responsible for ensuring their own safety and responsible to protect the lives of others traveling on the transportation system. Only when residents and visitors adopt safe traveling behaviors and decision-makers invest in safety programs, policies, and projects will we meaningfully reduce the number of fatalities and serious

Sustainable changes in behavior across the road network can be achieved by creating a social environment that intrinsically supports safe driving behaviors.

Primer for Traffic Safety Culture, ITE Journal, November 2013

injury crashes in Oregon. Recognizing that decision-makers and stakeholders always have to balance competing demands for insufficient resources, the Plan was developed with a safety first perspective to envision and work towards the safest transportation system possible.

Over the long term, the goals of the TSAP are:

- Safety Culture Transform public attitudes to recognize all transportation system users have responsibility for other people's safety in addition to their own safety while using the transportation system. Transform organizational transportation safety culture among employees and agency partners (e.g., state agencies, MPOs, Tribes, counties, cities, Oregon Health Authority, stakeholders and public and private employers) to integrate safety considerations into all responsibilities.
- Infrastructure Develop and improve infrastructure to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries for users of all modes.
- **Healthy, Livable Communities** Plan, design, and implement safe systems. Support enforcement and emergency medical services to improve the safety and livability of communities, including improved health outcomes.
- **Technology** Plan, prepare for, and implement technologies (existing and new) that can affect transportation safety for all users, including pilot testing innovative technologies as appropriate.
- **Collaborate and Communicate** Create and support a collaborative environment for transportation system providers and public and private stakeholders to work together to eliminate fatalities and serious injury crashes.



Strategic Investments – Target safety funding for effective engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education priorities.

#### **NEAR-TERM EMPHASIS AREAS**

Emphasis areas (EA) provide a strategic framework for developing and implementing the near-term component of the TSAP. Emphasis areas are near-term implementation focus areas directly related to the TSAP's long-term goals, policies, and strategies. The EAs were developed using the results of crash data analysis and input from committees, stakeholders, and the public. From this, four broad emphasis areas were chosen:

- Emphasis Area: Risky Behaviors. Reductions in fatalities and serious injuries can be accomplished by deterring unsafe or risky behaviors made by drivers and other transportation users. For this emphasis area, actions are identified to minimize impaired driving, unbelted, speeding and distracted driving crashes.
- **Emphasis Area: Infrastructure.** Multimodal transportation assets in Oregon can be constructed or retrofitted to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Opportunities to do this include implementing safety treatments at intersections and along and across roadways. For this emphasis area, actions are identified to minimize intersection and roadway departure crashes.
- Emphasis Area: Vulnerable Users. Vulnerable road users can be characterized by the amount of protection they have when using the transportation system pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists are more exposed than people in vehicles, making them more susceptible to injury in the event of an incident. Older drivers and pedestrians can also be more vulnerable to severe injuries in the event of a crash because of longer healing periods. For this emphasis area, actions are identified to minimize pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and older road user crashes.
- Emphasis Area: Improved Systems. Opportunities to address and improve transportation safety come in a number of forms. Crash and other types of safety data can be advanced to better understand the causes and locations of crashes, leading to targeted solutions. Training is used to educate planners, engineers, designers, and construction staff about the importance of safety and how to incorporate it into their everyday job responsibilities. Fully funded, staffed and trained law enforcement and emergency response agencies can direct their efforts toward keeping users safe and, when crashes do occur, can ensure traffic incident management and emergency medical services personnel are available to respond. Adequate emergency response is essential for a safe transportation system. Commercial vehicle safety relies on licensing, training, and vehicle safety to decrease the frequency and severity of crashes. For this emphasis area, actions have been identified to continually improve data, train and educate transportation and safety staff, support law enforcement and emergency responders, and minimize commercial vehicle crashes.

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

The success of this plan will be measured by monitoring the number and rate of fatalities and serious injuries and the combined number of nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries. FHWA requires annual targets be established, monitored, and reported – and there are penalties for not achieving the targets. The safety performance targets for upcoming five years of this plan are:

**Table ES.1 TSAP Performance Targets** *Five-Year Rolling Averages* 

Base Period	Fatalities (2011-2015)	Fatality Rate (2011-2015)	Serious Injury (2010-2014)	Serious Injury Rate (2010-2014)	Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (2010-2014)
Baseline	357	1.04	1,491	4.42	234
2013-2017	357	0.94	1,491	4.42	234
2014-2018 <sup>a</sup>	350	0.89	1,461	4.33	229
2015-2019	343	0.83	1,432	4.24	225
2016-2020	328	0.78	1,368	4.06	215
2017-2021	306	0.73	1,274	3.78	200

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> 2014-2018 is the first period that targets must be established for the HSIP Program.

The TSAP is the framework for engaging residents, stakeholders, employers, planners, engineers, enforcement agencies, emergency medical service providers, and others across the state to improve transportation safety in Oregon. Over time, and with focus, the vision of zero fatalities and life-changing injuries on Oregon roadways by 2035 can be achieved. The partnerships developed in creating this plan provide an understanding of the roles everyone can play to address safety and build trust in and ownership of the TSAP. The result will be a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to implementing transportation safety improvements that reduce injuries and save lives.





# 1 CALL TO ACTION

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Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians travel safely to and from work, recreation, and excursions on a daily basis. Even so, more than 400 people died on Oregon's transportation system in 2015, which averages more than one person every day.

The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) aims to eliminate this tragedy. The TSAP is a strategic safety plan for all users, all roadways, and all transportation agencies in Oregon. The

#### **VISION**

Oregon envisions no deaths or life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035.

plan outlines the vision, goals, policies, and strategies for long-term safety and actions to achieve near-term opportunities for transportation safety in Oregon.

The broad reach of the plan is matched by the broad array of partners that will need to commit to implementing plans, policies, and programs to save lives and prevent injuries. These partners include state, regional, tribal, county, and city agencies, and the private sector, including, but not limited to:

- Transportation planning and engineering organizations;
- Enforcement agencies;
- Emergency medical service providers;
- Education providers;
- Public health agencies;
- Safety advocacy groups;
- Private employers; and
- The traveling public.

Collectively these stakeholders have the opportunity to improve Oregon's transportation system and save lives by integrating safety into all aspects of planning, programming, project development, and operations and maintenance. Not only is the system improved with responsive investments targeting specific safety issues, the transportation system also is improved by investing in projects, programs, and policies that proactively save lives and prevent injuries.

This plan provides background on the TSAP's history and programs in Chapter 2. It summarizes existing transportation safety conditions in Chapters 3 and 4. Long-term vision, goals, policies, and strategies to eliminate fatalities and life-changing injuries on the Oregon transportation network are presented in Chapter 5. Detailed actions for stakeholders to begin implementing are documented in Chapters 6 and 8. Chapter 7 outlines how the state will measure and report progress towards achieving the safety vision.

To achieve the plan vision all stakeholders will need to:

- Support the ongoing TSAP planning process and find opportunities to implement recommended safety strategies and action steps in all planning, project development, programming, and operations and maintenance activities;
- Communicate and implement the TSAP vision, goals, policies, and emphasis areas to agency staff and partners;
- Integrate safety planning, programming and policies into current work responsibilities and authorities;



- Champion the cause of safety by educating the public on the critical role individuals play in preventing transportation fatalities and serious injuries;
- Commit to adopt and institutionalize continuing change in Oregon's safety culture; and
- Engage in implementing the TSAP and updating the TSAP in the future.

Leadership, collaboration, and communication will lead to a transportation safety culture focused on getting everybody in Oregon home safely.



# 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2. INTRODUCTION

A Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a statewide coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is a Federally required document and is the primary planning tool to address transportation safety planning issues and needs in every state. The SHSP identifies safety priorities, also called emphasis areas, and guides safety program and project investments using strategies and actions as a framework. The document identifies both behavioral and infrastructure-related approaches to address safety based on input from multiple disciplines, including, but not limited to, the 4 Es (engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education). The SHSP must meet administrative and process requirements to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The TSAP is the Oregon SHSP and fulfills all the Federal requirements. This chapter provides background on the TSAP, describes the current planning effort to update and utilize the Plan, and the process by which it meets legislative requirements.

#### WHAT IS THE TSAP?

The TSAP is a strategic document that defines Oregon's traffic safety trends and challenges and identifies a vision, goals, policies, strategies, and actions to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries. The TSAP also serves as Oregon's long-range safety topic plan, an element of the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), and parallel to other mode and topic plans like the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Oregon Freight Plan.

The motivation for developing the TSAP is clear – everyone who uses Oregon's transportation system should arrive at their destination safely. Traffic crashes are one of the leading causes of preventable deaths and injuries in Oregon. While significant progress has been made in the last decade, preliminary data suggest that 450 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2015, the highest annual total since 2007. In 2014, there were 357 traffic fatalities and another 1,496 people suffered life-altering injuries.

There is a need and intention to eliminate these fatalities for all modes in Oregon. Traffic crashes are a significant problem for Oregon's residents. There is an opportunity to save lives and reduce injuries through implementation of strategic actions in the areas of engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education. To take advantage of this opportunity, a change in culture is needed within government agencies, other public entities, private-sector businesses and the traveling public.

The development of the TSAP is an important step toward continuously changing the traffic safety culture in Oregon. It comes at a pivotal time as it is imperative to counteract the recent fatality increase. To make significant progress, a high degree of coordination and collaboration across agencies and the public will be required. This is particularly true for crashes resulting from behavioral factors, such as speeding and impaired driving. The TSAP establishes the framework for addressing Oregon's most significant transportation safety challenges. While this plan addresses safety globally across modes, other statewide plans under the OTP may touch upon more specific safety strategies for each mode or topic.

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF TSAPS IN OREGON

Oregon's first Transportation Safety Action Plan was adopted in 1995. The original plan was effective in focusing efforts to reduce death and injury and was held up nationally as a model for reducing crash rates and crash severity. In less than 10 years, a substantial portion of the original plan had been accomplished, or was in progress. In recognition of this, the 2004 update of the TSAP was developed by the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee and adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission. The 2004 plan was created through a series of public input sessions and hearings to establish

priorities and included Federal best practices. This plan was amended in 2006 for consistency with new Federal legislation adopted at that time.

In 2011, a third plan was developed and adopted. The 2011 plan identified new partnerships, better practices, and more aggressive methods.

The 2016 TSAP recognizes that Oregon's population is growing, aging, and changing, and that transportation needs are changing with them. For example, in 1995 cell phones were an expensive tool and antilock brakes and airbags were barely a part of the driving picture. Today, automobile safety technology features are standard and cell phones are common. Further, connected and autonomous vehicles are on the horizon. As transportation systems become more complex and integrated, the need to develop and expand strong partnerships among state and local agencies, community groups, businesses, and the media to achieve the envisioned safe transportation system grows. Only with a shared commitment can the actions in this new plan be fully and effectively implemented.

The 2016 TSAP was adopted by the OTC at the recommendation of the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee on October 14, 2016 and encompasses safety efforts to be undertaken by the Department of Transportation and safety partners throughout the state.

#### HOW THIS TSAP UPDATE WAS DEVELOPED

The TSAP update process began in May 2014 with fact finding and scoping. In October 2014 a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) was convened with representation from ODOT, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Police, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Emergency Medical Services, tribal government, city and county planning and engineering departments, the Judiciary, the freight industry, and advocacy groups to provide direction for the project. The PAC met 12 times throughout the course of the project. The PAC identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; shaped the plan vision, goals, policies, and strategies; selected emphasis areas for the plan after reviewing crash data trends and other factors; reviewed and synthesized public input to develop near- term actions; and guided the development of the Plan itself.

Along with the PAC, a Project Coordination Team (PCT) was established to ensure other ODOT plans and programs were considered in the TSAP update process. The PCT reviewed all major aspects of the Plan, with a particular focus on identifying content needed to ensure the Plan could be implemented once adopted. The PCT met four times throughout the course of the update.

#### TSAP UPDATE – OUTREACH APPROACH

- Twenty-two ODOT staff interviews soliciting feedback on the 2011 TSAP.
- Eleven community conversations across
   Oregon before the Plan started to learn
   about safety goals and concerns.
- One online survey before the Plan started to learn about public perceptions of safety issues.
- Five listening meetings across Oregon to collect feedback on Emphasis Areas and actions for the TSAP.
- Online survey to collect feedback about Emphasis Areas and actions for the TSAP.

There also was extensive outreach to public and private stakeholders. In addition to the public input, there were several key activities that contributed to the development of the Plan. These include:

- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis synthesized and built on the public input that occurred early in the project. Additional interviews were conducted with key safety stakeholders from ODOT, an MPO (Lane Council of Governments), and a County government (Clackamas County) to identify important considerations and themes for the development of the TSAP. The SWOT analysis also identified gaps in the 2011 TSAP in respect to Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requirements, and to subsequent changes put in place by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, to ensure that the updated plan meets Federal regulations.
- Crash data from 2009 through 2013 were reviewed to identify trends and problematic crash types and behaviors. The analysis helped the PAC and PCT understand the "who, why, where, and what" of crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries in Oregon.
- The PAC developed a Vision for the TSAP along with supporting Goals, Policies, and Strategies. The Goals, Policies, and Strategies define Oregon's long-term approach to eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on its transportation system. The PCT provided feedback to the PAC throughout this process.
- <sup>1</sup> MAP-21 Final Safety Performance Rules, https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm.
- <sup>2</sup> FAST Act Federal Legislation, https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/.



- The PAC reviewed a variety of factors to select emphasis areas and identify actions for the plan. The emphasis area selection process was based on a review of fatal and serious injury crash frequency and severity trends, implementation considerations, and policy significance. The PCT also was actively engaged in reviewing and discussing these items.
- Performance Measures were developed to assist ODOT in tracking progress implementing the TSAP. The performance measures are consistent with MAP-21 requirements.

More detail on the TSAP update process is included in Appendix B.

#### HOW THIS TSAP WILL BE USED

#### Roles and Responsibilities

Improving and sustaining transportation safety necessitates work from multiple agencies and multiple disciplines. Most transportation safety activities include a mix of Federal, state, and local policy and funding and implementation actions. A brief overview of how these responsibilities are coordinated and carried out follows:

#### **Decision Making**

The **Oregon Transportation Commission** includes five commissioners, appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate and representing the different geographic regions of the state. The OTC establishes state transportation policy. The commission meets monthly to oversee Department of Transportation activities relating to highways, public transportation, rail, transportation safety, motor carrier transportation, and driver and motor vehicles. The OTC formally adopts the TSAP as a topic plan that is an element of the Oregon Transportation Plan.

The **Oregon Transportation Safety Committee** is charged as the hub for transportation safety activities in Oregon. The OTSC is a five member, Governor Appointed Committee that oversees the administration of Federally funded safety programs and advises the Oregon Transportation Commission on the safety implications of transportation policy. The TSAP is approved by OTSC as a plan for the whole state.

They also advise the Transportation Safety Division and perform other functions related to transportation safety as delegated by the OTC.

Two other Governor's Advisory Committees focus on specific areas of concern in transportation safety and advise the OTSC: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) and Motorcycle Safety.

#### Oregon Department of Transportation

**ODOT Values:** Of the values that guide ODOT decision-making, safety is number one:

**Safety:** We protect the safety of the traveling public, our employees, and the workers who build, operate and maintain our transportation system.

#### Transportation Safety Division (TSD)

TSD plans, organizes, and conducts the statewide transportation safety program by coordinating activities and programs with other state agencies, local agencies, nonprofit groups, and the private sector. It serves as a clearinghouse for transportation safety materials and information, and cooperates and encourages research and special studies to support legislative initiatives and new programs.

The Transportation Safety Division provides information, direct services, grants, and contracts to the public and to partner agencies and organizations. More than half the funding comes from Federal funds earmarked for safety programs (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and similar Federal traffic safety grant programs). The Division administers hundreds of grants and contracts each year to deliver safety programs to Oregon citizens.

#### **Highway Division**

The Highway Division's **Traffic Roadway Section** addresses the Federal safety requirements, including the state Safety Management System (SMS). As defined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), an SMS is "a systematic process which increases the likelihood of reaching safety goals by ensuring that all opportunities to improve highway safety are identified, considered, implemented as appropriate, and evaluated in all phases of highway planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations." The All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Program addresses safety needs on all public roads in Oregon. **Traffic Roadway** also establishes guidelines for speed zones and traffic control devices on state and local roads.

**Operations and Maintenance Districts** respond to weather and other incidents that can cause dangerous conditions, including landslides/rockfall, down trees, drainage problems and others. Routine maintenance also reduces hazards such as clearing loose gravel from shoulders and bike lanes. The Travel Information Council manages the state's roadside rest areas, giving tired or stressed drivers a safe place to relax and renew before returning to the highway.

**ODOT Traffic Incident Management** works with FHWA to coordinate training and support cooperation among the many emergency services providers involved in crash response and maintaining operations while managing crash scenes.

#### Driver and Motor Vehicles Services Division (DMV)

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division is charged with licensing drivers and vehicles. DMV safety activities include the At-Risk Driver Program which evaluates drivers when there is a concern about their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, based on whether a driver has physical, cognitive, or medical limitations that affect their ability to drive a vehicle. DMV also provides driver manuals, new driver testing and licensing, insurance standards, and crash reporting.

#### Motor Carrier Transportation Division (MCTD)

MCTD develops and implements a Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, a Summary of Oregon Truck Safety and Guide, and a biennial Safety Action Plan to Reduce Truck-at-Fault Crashes.

Motor Carrier has nine Safety Offices statewide and a Truck Safety hotline to take reports of truck safety problems. The division provides information and education to help drivers understand how to drive around trucks safely and farm truck safety. The Division conducts truck and bus safety inspections. Truck Safety Corridors focus enforcement on traffic along Oregon's major freight routes where truck-at-fault crashes happen.

#### Transportation Development Division (TDD)

TDD includes the crash data collection and analysis and long-range planning functions for ODOT.

**Data** through the **Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit** provides motor vehicle crash data through database creation, maintenance and quality assurance, information and reports, and limited database access. Approximately 10 years of crash data are maintained at all times. Vehicle crashes include those coded for city streets, county roads, and state highways.

**Planning** develops and maintains the Oregon Transportation Plan and the mode and topic plans that are parts of the OTP and that add further detail around major transportation issues. The TSAP is one of the topic plans.

**Freight and Active Transportation Sections** are stakeholders in the TSAP as it supports safety initiatives relevant to each of the modes.

**Research:** Completed and ongoing research projects include safety and technology topics to improve engineering and planning practice and keep up with technological advancements.

#### Rail and Public Transit Division

Rail and Public Transit Division is a stakeholder in the TSAP as it supports safety initiatives relevant to each of the **modes**. The Rail Crossing Safety Section performs a variety of duties related to the safety and regulation of railroad crossings in Oregon.

#### **Other State Agencies**

#### *Oregon Health Authority*

The Oregon Health Authority is at the forefront of improving quality and increasing access to health care in order to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians, including programs for injury prevention and maintaining vital statistics.

**Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program:** Develops and regulates systems for quality emergency medical care in Oregon, ensuring that EMS Providers are fully trained, emergency medical vehicles are properly equipped, and emergency medical systems are functioning efficiently and effectively.

**EMS Section:** Licenses Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), and Paramedics in the State of Oregon. Oregon Emergency Medical Responder education must meet or exceed the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, January 2009.

#### Oregon State Police

The Oregon State Police maintain transportation safety as part of their agency mission. Their first two Key Performance Measures:

**Transportation Safety** – Enhance transportation safety by reducing fatalities on state and interstate highways, where the Oregon State Police have primary responsibility; and

**Traffic Incident Management –** Percent of lane-blocking crashes cleared within 90 minutes.

OSP programs and services that contribute to transportation safety include: major crime investigations; state emergency response coordination; statewide Law Enforcement Data System; coordination of Federal grants for public safety issues; crime lab; patrol services and medical examiner services.

#### Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC)

Local Liquor Commission staff members make group presentations to businesses selling alcohol to reduce driving under the influence of alcohol. Topics cover liquor laws, enforcement, false ID, under-age access, marijuana, and server responsibility. Commission has information on server education courses offered by private providers.

#### Cities and Counties

Cities and counties can take a number of approaches to increasing transportation safety. The League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties participated in the TSAP update and are partners in supporting local safety initiatives. By adopting a Safe Communities Program a community can take a big picture approach to injury prevention. Oregon Safe Communities are collaborations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Oregon Department of Transportation, local communities and many other partners. Many communities appoint Traffic Safety Committees to focus energy on solving local safety problems. A community may choose to implement an Automated Enforcement Program, the locally funded use of Photo Red Light and Photo Radar enforcement equipment to reduce red light running and speeding, and provide an executive summary to the legislature.

Another popular safety program is Safe Routes to School, a local initiative that may be supported by grant funding, and that identifies opportunities to encourage walking and biking to schools such as education, coordinating "walking buses" (one or more adults accompany children walking to school), mapping safe routes, bike-to-school events, infrastructure improvements, or other creative solutions to improve safety while encouraging exercise.

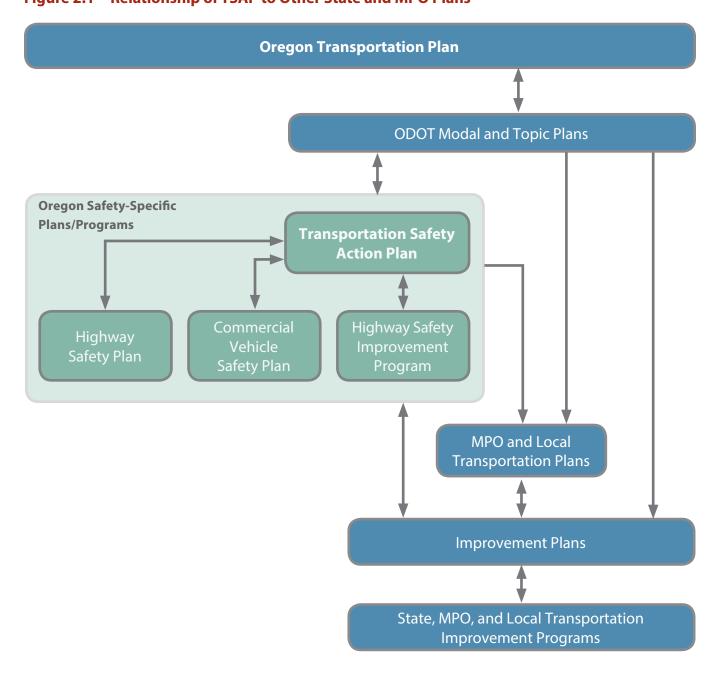
#### How the TSAP Links to Other Plans

The TSAP serves as the unifying framework for transportation safety planning in Oregon. Various other plans, policies, and processes in the state have safety components that may be addressed through other programs and resources. The TSAP looks at transportation safety for all modes and focuses on a data- driven approach to identify goals, policies, strategies, and actions focused on safety. Other state modal and topic plans and regional and local plans also must be considered. Consistency between plans reinforces the transportation safety message while maximizing resources available to implement solutions. Figure 2.1 illustrates the relationship of the TSAP to other Oregon and MPO plans.

As part of the TSAP update process, a review of existing state plans was conducted, with a specific emphasis on safety. The purpose of this review was to identify policies and strategies that should be considered in the TSAP to ensure consistency across plans.

As a Topic Plan that is part of the Oregon Transportation Plan, the TSAP implements the OTP safety goals and will inform the development of safety goals for new and updated plans. Going forward, the TSAP will be an important resource for transportation safety direction as state, regional, tribal, county, and city plans are updated or new plans are developed. These plans should be consistent with the TSAP with respect to safety to effectively link to TSD and other resources for safety planning and improvements.

Figure 2.1 Relationship of TSAP to Other State and MPO Plans



#### STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### State Planning Requirements and Relationships to State Laws

#### Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) Role - Duties and Responsibilities

ORS 184.618(1) states:

As its primary duty, the Oregon Transportation Commission shall develop and maintain a state transportation policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a safe, multimodal transportation system for the State, which encompasses economic efficiency, orderly economic development, and environmental quality. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, aviation, highways, mass transit, pipelines, ports, rails, and waterways. The plan shall be used by all agencies and officers to guide and coordinate transportation activities and to insure transportation planning utilizes the potential of all existing and developing modes of transportation.

Oregon has designated the Oregon Transportation Plan, the adopted mode and topic plans (Aviation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Freight, Highway, Public Transportation, Rail, Transportation Options, and Transportation Safety Action), and facility plans as the state transportation policy and comprehensive long-range plan. Thus the OTP and each of the mode, topic, and facility plans have legal authority.

The OTP and its modal and topic elements achieve the statutory planning requirement for the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The OTP is the umbrella document, which may be further detailed in the mode and topic plans. ORS 184.618(1) requires state agencies to use the OTP to "guide and coordinate transportation activities" but it does not authorize the OTC to impose OTP goals, policies, and performance measures on other state agencies. The OTP operates within the legal context of the State Agency Coordination Program and the Land Conservation and Development Commission's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) (discussed further below), which impose additional requirements related to the public decision process and consistency among plans in all affected jurisdictions. The OTP, and its elements, must also comply with Federal legislation.

#### TSAP Relationship to State Land Use Planning Goals and Administrative Rules

#### State Agency Coordination Program (OAR 731-15-0045)

The Oregon Transportation Commission adopted rules to implement ODOT's State Agency Coordination (SAC) Program in September 1990.

The adoption of transportation policy falls under the requirements of those State Agency Coordination Program rules (OAR 731-15). The rules require ODOT to involve interested parties and affected jurisdictions when developing plans or adopting major amendments to plans. The Department has found that the Plan is in compliance with all applicable statewide planning goals (see Appendix C).

#### *Transportation Planning Rule (OAR 660-012)*

Oregon's statewide planning goals established state policies in 19 different areas. The TPR implements the Land Conservation and Development Commission's Planning Goal 12 (Transportation) which requires ODOT to prepare a Transportation System Plan (TSP) to identify transportation facilities and services to meet state needs. The Oregon Transportation Plan and adopted multimodal, mode, topic, and facility plans serve as the state TSP.

The TPR requires metropolitan planning organizations and certain counties to prepare regional TSPs consistent with the adopted state TSP. Cities and counties must prepare local TSPs that are consistent with the state TSP and applicable regional TSPs. The Oregon Transportation Plan and its mode, topic, and facility plans, comprise the adopted state transportation systems plan, so regional and local TSPs must be consistent with the OTP, including the Transportation Safety Action Plan.

#### Safety-Specific Regulation

- **ORS 802.300.** Transportation Safety Committee. Creates the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee to advise the OTC and the Director regarding the safety programs and funds identified in 802.310.
- ORS 802.310 Transportation safety programs administrator. The Administrator for Transportation Safety is named as the Governor's Highway Safety Representative for purposes of meeting the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. Further, the Director is charged with organizing, planning, and conducting a statewide safety program. The program is to coordinate with partners inside and outside the Department to promote safety, serving as the clearinghouse for safety information. The Director and OTC are charged with making safety recommendations based on the advice of the OTSC. Finally, the Department is charged with working with local governments on plans and activities for safety.
- ORS 802.315. Department authority to apply for and receive Federal highway safety program grants and other funds, and to provide funding for local government program participation. The Department, with advice from the OTSC is to plan and conduct highway safety programs carried out under the Federal Highway Safety Act.
- ORS 802.320. Motorcycle safety program. The Department, with advice from the OTSC, is to plan for and conduct training for motorcycle safety. The Department does this in consultation with local groups. (The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety provides a conduit for local consultation.)
- ORS 802.325. Bicycle safety program. The Department is charged with planning for and delivering bicycle safety
  programs in consultation with local groups. This program is allowed to raise funds to provide programs.
- ORS 802.329. City and county highway safety program participation authorized. Cities and counties are explicitly allowed to participate in highway safety programs.
- ORS 184.741. Safe routes to schools program; rules. This law provides for the planning of, and conducting of, local
  and state safe route to school programming.

Appendix C provides the findings of compliance with Oregon Transportation Safety, Land Use and Transportation Planning Requirements.

### **Federal Requirements**

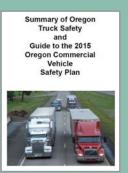
Oregon's first TSAP was developed in 1995, prior to any Federal mandate to do so. It was not until 10 years later, in 2005, that the Federal government passed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which required all states to develop a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Whereas the TSAP was an element of the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) with a 20-year planning horizon, SHSPs were considered to establish safety priorities for the next five years. After the TSAP was updated in 2004, it was subsequently amended in 2006 to better align with the SHSP requirements established in SAFETEA-LU. The TSAP is designed to serve as both the shorter term SHSP and the longer term OTP safety element.

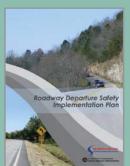
More recent Federal legislation – the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act – continued the requirement for states to have a SHSP. Moreover, several specific process-oriented requirements must be met as states develop their SHSPs. The SHSP must incorporate input from a range of partners from diverse disciplines, address all roadway users on all public roads, be data driven, include measurable objectives, and identify how progress will be evaluated. The SHSP must be developed through a cooperative process involving local, state, Federal, tribal, and private-sector safety stakeholders. In particular, the following stakeholders must be consulted in the SHSP update process:

- Governors Highway Safety Representative;
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations;
- Representatives of major modes of transportation;
- State and local traffic enforcement officials;
- Highway-rail grade-crossing safety representative;
- Motor carrier safety program;
- Motor vehicle administration agencies;
- County transportation officials;
- State representative of nonmotorized users; and
- Federal, state, tribal, and local safety stakeholders.

MAP-21 established a new High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) special rule under 23 USC 148(g), which requires a state to obligate a certain amount of funds on HRRRs if the fatality rate has increased during the past two years. In particular, it states that: "If the fatality rate on rural roads in a state increases over the most recent two-year period for which data are available, that state shall be required to obligate in the next fiscal year for projects on high-risk rural roads an amount equal to at least 200 percent of the amount of funds the state received for fiscal year 2009 for high-risk rural roads." This plan recognizes this requirement and establishes a baseline for monitoring high-risk rural roads.

MAP-21 also includes a special rule (23 U.S.C. 148(g)(2)) related to drivers and pedestrians over 65: if statewide traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for these groups increased during the most recent two-year period for which data are available, the state must include strategies in its SHSP to address those issues. This plan recognizes this requirement and establishes a baseline for monitoring fatalities and serious injuries involving older drivers and pedestrians.











Sample of Oregon Plans related to the TSAP (from left): 1) Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, 2) Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan, 3) Oregon Transportation Plan, 4) Oregon Transportation Safety Performance Plan, 5) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Implementation Plan.

#### **Meeting Federal TSAP Requirements**

The TSAP fulfills Oregon's requirement to have an updated SHSP. A checklist detailing how Oregon has met MAP-21 requirements is provided in Appendix B, and a few key highlights are listed here:

stakeholder and public involvement. Consultation with the required groups occurred throughout the process. The PAC was provided with several opportunities to review the document and to offer suggestions. Additionally, the draft final plan was distributed for public comment in June and July 2016.

The TSAP meets Federal requirements for a SHSP, but is unique in it's linkage to long-term goals, policies, and strategies that influence transportation policy, planning, programming, and projects.

- **Data.** A thorough analysis of crash data was conducted to identify trends and areas of concern, and to support selection of emphasis areas for the TSAP.
- Performance Management. Oregon has set the five required safety performance measure targets (fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries) via the TSAP update process. HSIP and HSP staff were involved in the target-setting process.
- Multidisciplinary Approach. The PAC was established to oversee all aspects of the update. The PAC included representatives from the 4 Es (engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education), various transportation modes (bicycles, pedestrians, trucking), and from public and private organizations. Technical staff from ODOT also were included in the development of the plan. ODOT staff form many disciplines on the PCT, including pedestrian and bicycle experts, motor carriers, freight, traffic operations, traffic engineering, construction, and maintenance.
- Coordination. A thorough review of existing plans was conducted to inform the development of the TSAP.
- **Evaluation.** The TSAP includes a chapter on evaluating progress, including, but not limited to, monitoring the MAP-21 required performance measures.
- **High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Special Rule.** A review of the fatal crash rate on Oregon's rural roads indicates that the HRRR Special Rule currently does not apply to Oregon. The five-year average fatality rate on rural roads has decreased each year since 2007.
- Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule. A review of the per capita older drivers and pedestrians fatal and serious injury rate indicates that this rule does apply to the update process. The five-year average number of older driver and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries per 1,000 residents 65 years of age or older increased from 0.34 in 2012 to 0.35 in 2013 and 0.36 in 2014. Strategies to address the increase in fatalities and serious injuries among the older population are included in the TSAP.

#### CONCLUSION

The TSAP is Oregon's Federally required SHSP. It meets the Federal requirements for an updated SHSP and goes well beyond those requirements. The TSAP is integrated into the Oregon transportation policy framework, and includes long-term planning goals and policies. As a result it serves as both a short-term (five year) and long-term policy document to guide Oregon toward no fatalities and serious injuries on its transportation system. It also creates an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to become involved in statewide safety planning and programming.



# 3 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TRENDS

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The TSAP was developed using the best available safety data to identify critical transportation safety issues and safety improvement opportunities for all public roads in Oregon. The contents of the TSAP are primarily derived from an analysis of 2009-2013 Oregon crash data, which describes trends related to crash types, crash severity, crash demographics, and contributing factors at the statewide and ODOT regional level. The results of this analysis are described in this chapter.

While the results of this crash analysis are important indicators of transportation safety opportunities, it is important to recognize data limitations. Specific challenges in Oregon include:

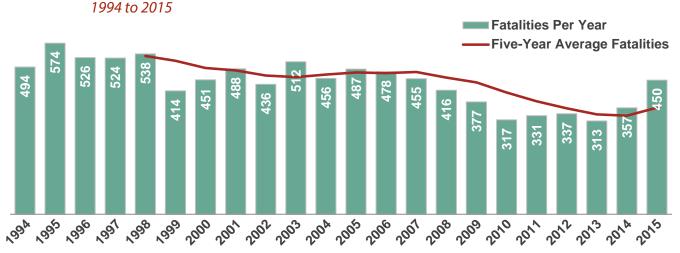
- Oregon is a self-reporting state, which means that only those crashes where law enforcement conducts an investigation are required to receive a law enforcement officer-completed crash report. Therefore, there are a relatively small number of Property Damage Only (PDO) crashes in the Oregon state crash database. The problem of underreported crashes can skew the results of crash data analysis.
- In 2011, the State of Oregon made a change to reporting in the Crash Analysis and Reporting (CAR) system that affected the overall crash database, resulting in a higher number of reported crashes. The higher numbers result from a change to an internal departmental process that added previously unavailable, nonfatal crash reports to the annual data file. The result of this change is a false perception that the number of Property Damage Only and Injury crashes increased by 15 percent in Oregon, when in fact that did not occur.

While crash data serves as the primary data source for the development of the TSAP, input from committees, stakeholders, and the public also were considered during the planning process.

#### CRASH HISTORY AND TRENDS

Figure 3.1 shows the number of transportation fatalities in Oregon from 1994 through 2015. In 1994 approximately 500 people died on Oregon's transportation system. Fatalities peaked in 1995 at 574 and were the lowest in 2013 at 313 people. There was an overall downward trend in fatalities through 2013; however there has been a recent increasing trend that needs to be a focus of this plan. To account for fluctuations in crashes, the chart also shows the rolling five-year average number of crashes from 1998 through 2015. Between 1994 and 1998, on average there were 531 fatalities per year on the transportation system, and between 2011 and 2015 there were on average 358 fatalities per year.

Figure 3.1 Oregon Transportation Fatalities





Recent fatalities and serious injuries were studied in this plan using crash data from 2009 through 2013, which was the most recent data at the time the project analyses were conducted. In addition, 2014 or 2015 data were used in a few cases, as this data became available during the course of the Plan's development. Statewide 2014 and 2015 fatality data and VMT estimates were used to develop fatality performance measures, and 2014 data was used to develop the serious injury and nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries performance measures. See Chapter 7 for more information regarding the development of performance measures.

In the five-year period from 2009 to 2013, 1,675 people were killed and 7,191 were seriously injured in Oregon in more than 230,000 reported roadway crashes.<sup>3</sup> Transportation fatalities and serious injuries occur in every region of Oregon, for all system users, and on all types of streets and highways.

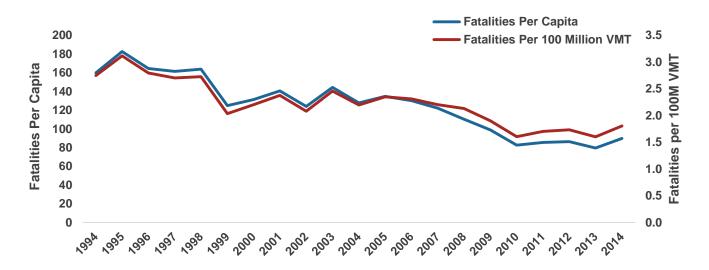
The number of transportation fatalities normalized against population and 100 Million VMT shows similar trends. While fatality rates have decreased since the mid-1990s, in recent

#### FROM 2009 TO 2013

- 1,675 people were killed traveling in Oregon.
- 7,191 people were seriously injured while traveling in Oregon.
- More than 230,000 crashes occurred.

years the number of fatalities per capita and fatalities per 100 Million VMT has remained relatively constant (Figure 3.2).

Figure 3.2 Oregon Historic Transportation Fatalities per Capita and per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled



Safety professionals study statewide crash data and regional details to understand the history of crashes and use that information to improve roadway safety. Though the locations, types, and attributes<sup>4</sup> of past crashes are not perfect predictors of the future, they provide important clues to help engineers and other professionals identify safety needs, select targeted treatments, and evaluate the effectiveness of strategies. Answering the question, "what does the crash data tell us?" is an important first step toward developing and implementing an effective TSAP.

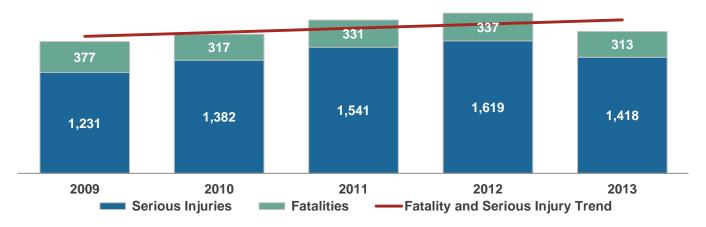
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Crash injury severity is determined by the "KABCO" scale, where K=Killed; A=Serious Injury; B=Minor Injury; C=Possible Injury; and O=Property Damage Only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Attributes" as used in this Plan means characteristics of a crash that may be useful for analysis. In some cases they may contribute to a crash occurring or its severity, but that is not required for them to be considered.

#### STATEWIDE CRASH HISTORY AND TRENDS

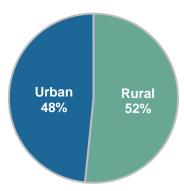
Figure 3.3 illustrates the recent trend of traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Oregon.<sup>5</sup> In the most recent year of the study period, 2013, there were 313 people killed and 1,418 seriously injured. Serious injuries are considered "life-altering" for the victim, their loved ones, or both; examples include loss of limbs, paralysis, and disfigurement. In many cases these injuries make it difficult to work, care for family members, or pursue other typical daily activities.

Figure 3.3 Fatalities and Serious Injuries 2009 to 2013



Roadway crashes and resulting outcomes are not limited to either urban or rural areas of Oregon. As illustrated in Figure 3.4, fatalities and serious injuries have a nearly equal distribution by location.

Figure 3.4 Proportion of Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Urban and Rural Area 2009 to 2013



Fatal and serious injury crashes also occur on all types of roadways. Roads are classified as follows:

■ Interstate. Highest classification of arterials, designed and constructed with mobility and long-distance travel in mind. Directional lanes, separated by barrier, and ramp-only access.

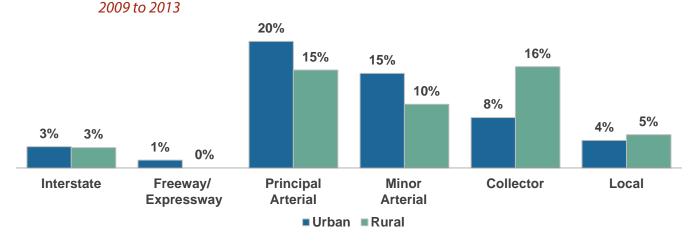
In 2011 the State of Oregon made a change to reporting in the Crash Analysis & Reporting (CAR) system that resulted in a higher number of crashes reported for the 2011 data file compared to previous years, resulting from the addition of previously unavailable, non-fatal crash reports. The result of this change is a false perception that the number of non-fatal crashes increased by 15 percent from 2010 to 2011.



- **Freeway/Expressway.** Directional travel lanes usually separated by a physical barrier, and access and egress points are limited to on- and off-ramp locations or a very limited number of at-grade intersections.
- **Principal Arterial.** Provides a high degree of mobility through urban and rural areas, and abutting land uses can be served directly.
- **Minor Arterial.** Provides moderate-length trips and offers connectivity to the higher arterial system, providing intracommunity continuity.
- **Collector.** Gathers traffic from local road and connects to the arterial network.
- **Local.** Provides direct access to abutting land, and are not intended for long-distance travel. Often designed to discourage through traffic.<sup>6</sup>

As shown in Figure 3.5, the distribution of fatal and serious injury crashes by roadway functional classification is not equal. Crashes with serious outcomes are most common on Principal Arterials and Minor Arterials, as well as Rural Collector roads.

Figure 3.5 Proportion of Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Roadway Functional Classification



Note 2015 Oregon urban and rural roadway lane miles by functional classification is provided in Appendix D.

#### STATEWIDE CRASH ATTRIBUTES

One way to study fatal and serious injury crashes is to categorize them by attribute (e.g., age of driver, alcohol involvement, roadway departure). With an understanding of these attributes it is possible to develop plans, policies, and programs to reduce crash frequency and severity.

Table 3.1 shows a number of attributes related to fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon. In some cases the attribute may contribute directly to the crash occurring or to its severity. However, due to limitations of crash data elements (because in most cases the reporting officer was not at the scene when the crash occurred), this analysis only concludes that the category correlates to the crash, not that it was necessarily the cause. The crash attributes shown in this table can also be organized into three categories: Road Users, Behavioral Issues, and Roadway Locations. Analysis of these categories follows Table 3.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C., 2013. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway\_functional\_classifications/ section00.cfm.



**Table 3.1 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute** 2009 to 2013

Attailanta	Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes						Percent
Attribute	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total	Total
Roadway or Lane Departure Crashes <sup>a</sup>	747	793	882	879	802	4,103	53.5%
Aggressive Driving Involved <sup>b</sup>	501	548	603	567	548	2,767	36.1%
Intersection Crashes	419	499	575	581	559	2,633	34.4%
Speed-Related Crashes <sup>c</sup>	379	421	453	415	399	2,067	27.0%
Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Involved	288	280	362	403	362	1,695	22.1%
Alcohol Involved (No Drugs)	246	239	316	344	300	1,445	18.9%
Young Drivers - 21-25 Involved	192	250	269	280	257	1,248	16.3%
Young Drivers - 15-20 Involved	209	234	244	235	196	1,118	14.6%
Unrestrained Occupants	203	170	231	225	200	1,029	13.4%
Older Drivers - 65-75 Involved	158	192	199	221	211	981	12.8%
Pedestrian(s) Injured or Killed	128	155	164	174	149	770	10.0%
Unlicensed Drivers Involved	89	85	136	156	137	603	7.9%
Older Drivers - 76 or Older Involved	113	95	128	131	100	567	7.4%
Inattentive Drivers Involved	55	71	79	80	65	350	4.6%
Bicyclists(s) Injured or Killed	66	44	80	79	65	334	4.4%
Commercial Motor Vehicle Involved	49	73	82	53	65	322	4.2%
Work Zone Involved	34	24	25	22	14	119	1.6%
School Bus or School Zone Involved	4	16	6	8	10	44	0.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Roadway or Lane Departure definition excludes intersections, pedestrian-related, and bicycle-related crashes.

The attributes listed in Table 3.1 are not mutually exclusive, so they cannot be summed to calculate a total number. For example, in many cases roadway or lane departure crashes also are speed related, so those two attributes can be correlated to a single crash, but they will show up twice in the table. The data analysis for this plan was conducted using 2009-2013. As the project was nearing completions, the 2014 data became available. Appendix E contains the 2014 data summarized according to Table 3.1.

#### **Road Users**

Road users are illustrated in Figure 3.6, and they range from typical motor vehicle drivers to nonmotorized road users and those operating special vehicles (e.g., school buses, commercial motor vehicles). Young drivers (age 15-25) are involved in

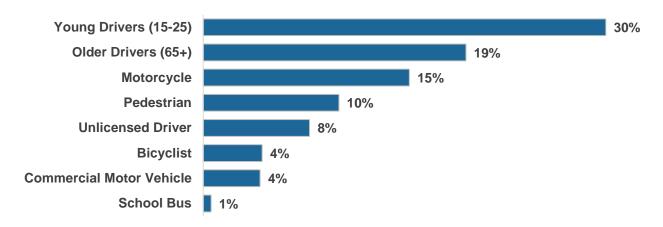
b Aggressive Driving Involved consists of Too Fast for Conditions, Following Too Closely, and/or Driving in Excess of Posted Speed (note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once).

Speed-related Crashes consists of Too Fast for Conditions and/or Driving in Excess of Posted Speed (note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once).



the highest proportion of fatal and serious injury crashes, followed by older drivers (age 65+) and motorcyclists. Regarding age groups, young drivers and older drivers are a consideration because they are typically overrepresented in traffic crashes compared to middle-age motorists (age 26 to 64).

Figure 3.6 Proportion of Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Involved Road User 2009 to 2013

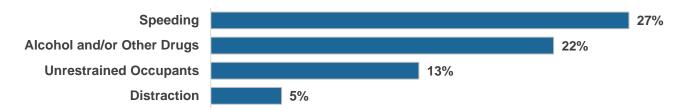


Note: Young drivers age 15 to 20 account for 15 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes, while those 21 to 25 account for 16 percent.

#### **Behavioral Issues**

Behavioral issues (e.g., speeding, impaired driving, and distracted driving) have a significant effect on the frequency and severity of roadway crashes. In fact, more than 90 percent of all crashes involve human error. Some of these crash attributes are choices a motorist makes before getting behind the wheel (e.g., drinking alcohol). Others are actions taken during a trip that affect the road users and others (e.g., speeding, not wearing a safety belt). As shown in Figure 3.7, speeding is the most common behavioral issue associated with fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon, followed by alcohol-involved drivers. Note that although distraction shows up as a lower percentage in this figure, the actual occurrence of this attribute could be higher. It can be difficult for law enforcement officers to accurately identify inattention, as it often must be self-reported.

Figure 3.7 Proportion of Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Behavioral Issue 2009 to 2013



Note that some road user attributes are not mutually exclusive. For example, some motorcycle riders are also young drivers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> K. Rumar. "The Role of Perceptual and Cognitive Filters in Observed Behavior," Human Behavior in Traffic Safety, eds. L. Evans and R. Schwing, Plenum Press, 1985.

#### **Roadway Locations**

Roadway locations are important because they can point safety engineers to spots experiencing crashes and to roadway elements that may contribute to increased risk for crashes. The roadway (or off-roadway) locations of fatal or serious injury crashes include roadway or lane departure locations, intersections, work zones, and school zones. Figure 3.8 shows that more than half of fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon occur as a result of a vehicle departing its proper lane. Crashes at intersections also account for a large number of fatalities and serious injuries. Approximately one out of three fatal and serious injury crashes from 2009 to 2013 occurred at an intersection.

Figure 3.8 Proportion of Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Location Type 2009 to 2013



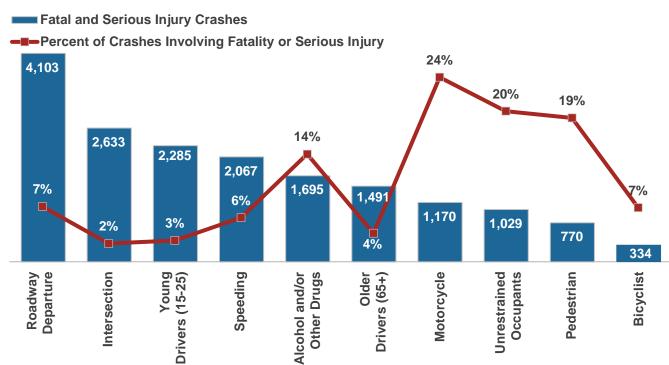
#### **Most Common Statewide Crash Attributes**

The crash attributes also were considered on a statewide basis. Figure 3.9 illustrates the number of fatal and serious injury crashes that include each attribute, and also the percentage of all reported Oregon crashes (i.e., all severities) by attribute that resulted in a fatality or serious injury. For example, motorcycles were involved in 1,170 fatal and serious injury crashes during the study period, while 24 percent of all reported motorcycle-involved crashes included at least one fatality or serious injury.





Figure 3.9 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Most Common Attributes 2009 to 2013



Note: Young drivers age 15 to 20 account for 1,118 fatal and serious injury crashes, while those 21 to 25 account for 1,248.

Note that these categories are not mutually exclusive, as a single crash can include more than one attribute. For example, a number of alcohol-involved crashes also include unrestrained occupants, so a single crash may show up in both bars in Figure 3.9.

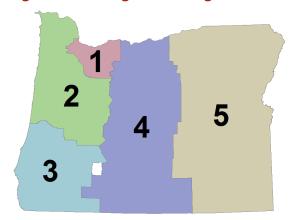
#### **REGIONAL CRASH ATTRIBUTES**

ODOT divides the state into five regions (Figure 3.10):

- Region 1: Portland Metro (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington Counties).
- Region 2: Willamette Valley, North, and Mid-Coast (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Linn, Benton, and Lane Counties).
- Region 3: Southern Oregon and South Coast (Douglas, Curry, Coos, Josephine, and Jackson Counties).
- **Region 4: Central Oregon** (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Lake, and Klamath Counties).
- Region 5: Eastern Oregon (Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney, and Malheur Counties).



**Figure 3.10 Oregon DOT Regions** 

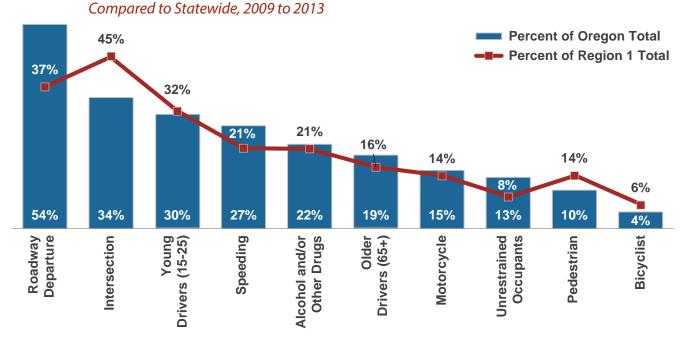


Source: Oregon DOT, http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PublishingImages/regions.gif.

Each of ODOT's five regions has a slightly different distribution of its most common crash attributes as compared to the statewide numbers. Figure 3.11 through Figure 3.15 show each region's fatal and serious injury crash attributes compared to Oregon overall.

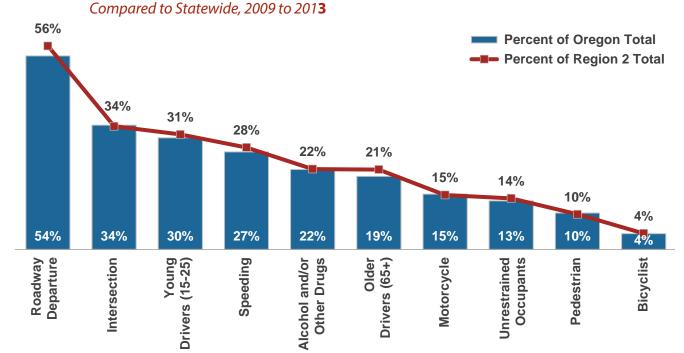
Region 1 (Figure 3.11) does not match the statewide distribution of serious crash attributes. Major differences include additional fatal and serious injury crashes at intersections and a higher proportion involving pedestrians and bicyclists. Region 1 also experienced fewer fatalities and serious injuries related to roadway or lane departure, speed, older drivers, and unrestrained occupants than the statewide average.

Figure 3.11 Region 1 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute



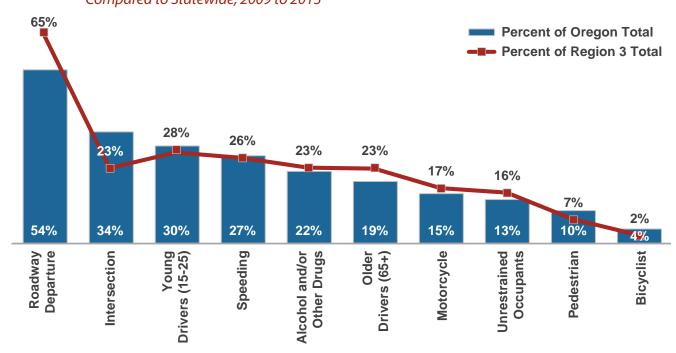
Region 2 (Figure 3.12) is a near-perfect match to the statewide proportions and distribution of the top attribute. The region has a mix of urban and rural transportation needs, similar to the State of Oregon.

Figure 3.12 Region 2 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute



Region 3 (Figure 3.13) has a higher frequency of roadway or lane departure fatal and serious injury crashes compared to the statewide average. It also experienced a lower proportion of intersection-related fatal and serious injury crashes than the rest of the state.

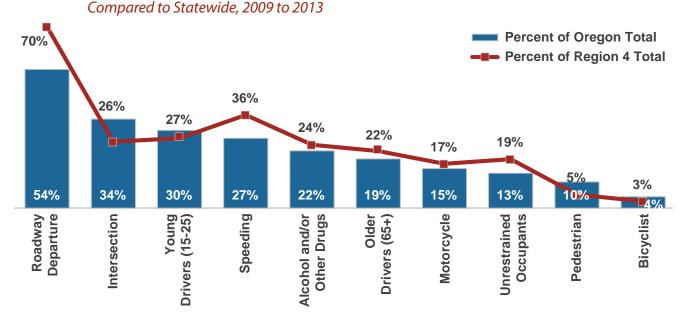
Figure 3.13 Region 3 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute Compared to Statewide, 2009 to 2013



# Region 4 (Figure 3.14) has a higher frequency of roadway or lane departure and speed-related fatal and serious injury

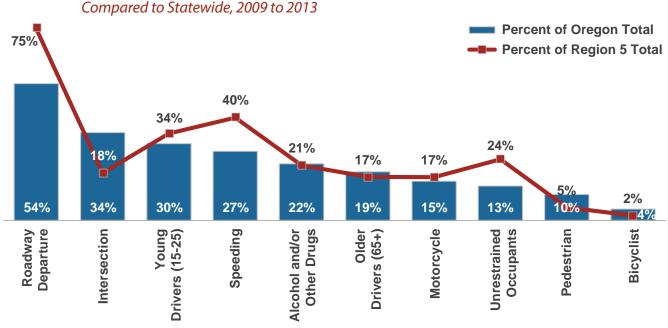
crashes compared to the statewide average, partially because of its high number of rural road miles. It also has a higher proportion of unrestrained occupants than the state overall.

Figure 3.14 Region 4 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute



Region 5 (Figure 3.15) also is quite rural, which contributes to its higher frequency of roadway or lane departure and speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes compared to the statewide average. It also experienced a lower proportion of intersection-related and pedestrian-involved fatal and serious injury crashes than the rest of the state.

Figure 3.15 Region 5 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute





#### CONCLUSION

From a broad perspective, the 2009-2013 Oregon crash trend analysis shows:

- The number of fatalities and serious injuries are approximately equally distributed in urban (48 percent) and rural areas (52 percent).
- Crashes with fatal or serious injury outcomes are most common on Principal Arterials and Minor Arterials, as well
  as Rural Collector roads.
- Statewide, from 2009-2013:
  - » Roadway or lane departure crashes (54 percent of crashes) were the most common;
  - » Young drivers (15-25) were most frequently (31 percent of crashes) involved; and
  - » Speeding (27 percent of crashes) was the most common behavioral factor.
- While motorcycle crashes are not the most frequent, of all the motorcycle crashes that do occur 24 percent result in a fatality or serious injury. This is the highest severity proportion.
- There are different types, severities and attributes for crashes in the different ODOT Regions of the state:
  - Region 1: Portland Metro (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington Counties) has more intersection crashes, a higher proportion of fatal and serious injury crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and fewer fatalities and serious injuries related to roadway or lane departure, speed, older drivers, and unrestrained occupants than the statewide average.
  - » Region 2: Willamette Valley, North, and Mid-Coast (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Linn, Benton, and Lane Counties) essentially matches the statewide average distribution of crashes, due to the urban and rural nature of the region. The most frequent crash type is roadway departure crashes and crashes involving young drivers.
  - » Region 3: Southwest Oregon and South Coast (Douglas, Curry, Coos, Josephine, and Jackson Counties) experiences more roadway or lane departure and speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes compared to the statewide average, and a lower proportion of intersection-related fatal and serious injury crashes than the rest of the state.
  - » **Region 4: Central Oregon** (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Lake, and Klamath Counties) also has a higher frequency of roadway or lane departure and speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes, and a higher proportion of unrestrained occupants than the state overall.
  - » Region 5: Eastern Oregon (Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur Counties), also has a higher frequency of roadway or lane departure and speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes and a lower proportion of intersection-related and pedestrian-involved fatal and serious injury crashes, and a higher proportion of unrestrained occupants than the rest of the state.

It is important to address both infrastructure and human behavior safety issues to meet Oregon's long-term vision. Oregon's crash data provides an important starting point toward deciding the distribution of limited resources by region, attribute, and potential countermeasures to address a diversity of safety programs and projects. The data also is critical to inform the selection of emphasis areas, strategies, and actions which provide the framework for lowering fatalities and serious injuries in Oregon that are presented in later chapters.



# 4 SAFETY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



## 4. SAFETY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

An important aspect of making a case for strategic investments in the transportation system is understanding the costs of not making those investments. The case for safety is in some regards intuitive – no one wants to lose a loved one to a crash, so investing in safety is easily accepted as a good use of resources, particularly by those directly affected by personal loss from a crash. But when deciding how to make the best use of limited resources, it also is helpful to have a sense of the real costs of transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. Those costs are at once personal, societal, and economic.

Every crash in Oregon has an impact on families, communities and the economy. This chapter describes those impacts in detail, and also looks broadly at the challenges and opportunities for reducing them.

#### THE HUMAN IMPACT OF CRASHES

The loss of a family member or friend to a sudden and unexpected crash is devastating. Over 30,000 motor vehicle crash victims and their families experience this every year in the United States, including over 400 in Oregon in 2015.

Everyone is responsible for ensuring their own safety, and responsible to protect the lives of others through responsible decision-making.

The impacts of a motor vehicle fatality are far reaching. Not only is the crash victim's life cut short, but spouses, children, parents,

extended families, friends, and coworkers are each impacted in ways that are difficult to measure: the loss of a child is an unimaginable burden for most parents that they will carry for the remainder of their lives; the premature death of a parent leaves a permanent void in a child's life; a spouse or friend lost in a crash can never be replaced. These experiences can fundamentally change the quality of a person's life.

Fortunately, Oregon has made great progress in reducing crash fatalities and associated impacts over the past 10 years; however, too many individuals and families are still being significantly impacted by debilitating injuries. In 2013, more than 1,400 people suffered incapacitating injuries in motor vehicle crashes in Oregon. Outcomes from these crashes can range from a short-term inconvenience (e.g., broken arm, concussion) to a life-altering injury (e.g., paralysis, loss of a limb). Life-altering injuries can further lead to depression and other health problems which again impact not only the victim, but friends, families, and coworkers as well.

Crashes and resulting injuries have historically been considered by many as an inevitable consequence of mobility. However, currently this idea is being challenged as countries, states, and cities across the world seek to change culture and eliminate traffic fatalities entirely. The idea may be difficult to grasp initially, but when people are asked how many traffic fatalities are acceptable for their friends and family, the universal response is: 'zero'.

As long as transportation users engage in risky behaviors such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, speeding, not wearing seat belts, texting while driving or walking and biking, wearing dark clothing at night, and not using reflectors or lights, fatalities and injuries will continue to occur on our transportation network. Furthermore, unless we design our roads for the speeds that are appropriate within the land use and geographic contexts and the types of users expected, crashes will also continue as before. A multidisciplinary approach is required, with dedicated and sustained effort from government agencies representing the 4 Es of Safety (engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education) as well as the general public.



#### THE ECONOMIC COST OF CRASHES

While it is difficult to quantify the emotional costs of crashes, it is possible to estimate the purely financial impacts of lost lives, injuries, and property damage **attributable to crashes involving motor vehicles**.

Economists often use two approaches to quantify the costs of crashes: economic costs and comprehensive costs. Economic costs can generally be described as those costs which are measurable, while comprehensive costs include the economic costs as well as lost quality of life.

Comprehensive crash costs attempt to account for lost quality of life in addition to the economic costs described in this chapter.

The total comprehensive crash cost for Oregon over the 2009-2013 timeframe was \$15.6 billion – approximately \$785 per year for each Oregon resident, compared to roughly \$300 per year in economic costs.

Consistent with the 2011 Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP), crash costs developed by the National Safety Council (NSC) are used in this chapter to estimate the statewide economic cost of crashes.

Understanding the economic cost of crashes will help Oregon's policy-makers and the public compare the scale of the traffic safety problem to other societal concerns.

The NSC defines the economic cost of crashes as "a measure of the dollars spent and income not received due to accidents, injuries, and fatalities." This includes costs associated with lost wages and productivity, travel delay, medical expenses and emergency response, administrative costs, damage to motor vehicles and property, and additional costs borne by employers as a result of fatalities or injuries. Table 4.1 shows NSC economic crash costs.

**Table 4.1 National Safety Council Economic Crash Costs** *U.S. Average* 

Injury Severity	Cost (2013 Dollars)
K – Killed	\$1,500,000 per Person
A – Disabling Injury	\$74,900 per Person
B – Evident Injury	\$24,000 per Person
C – Possible Injury	\$13,600 per Person
O – No Injury	\$2,600 per Crash

Source: National Safety Council. Estimating the Costs of Unintentional Injuries, 2013.

Note: 'K' crashes as used by the NSC are equivalent to fatal crashes in the TSAP document. Similarly, 'A' crashes are equivalent to 'serious injury' or 'incapacitating injury' crashes in the TSAP document or elsewhere.

The economic cost of crashes in Oregon in 2013 was close to \$1.2 billion. Figure 4.1 provides a breakdown of economic crash costs by year and severity level from 2009 to 2013. The total economic crash cost to Oregon over the five-year period was close to \$6 billion (\$5.9 billion), or roughly \$300 per Oregon resident per year.

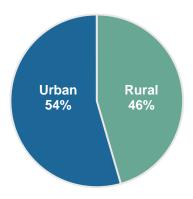


Figure 4.1 Oregon Economic Crash Costs by Year



Crashes in rural areas tend to be more severe than those in urban areas. As a result, despite having significantly fewer crashes, rural areas account for 46 percent of the total economic crash cost burden in Oregon (\$2.7 billion from 2009 to 2013 compared to \$3.2 billion in urban areas (Figure 4.2)).

**Figure 4.2** Oregon Economic Crash Costs by Rural/Urban Geography 2009 to 2013 (Millions)

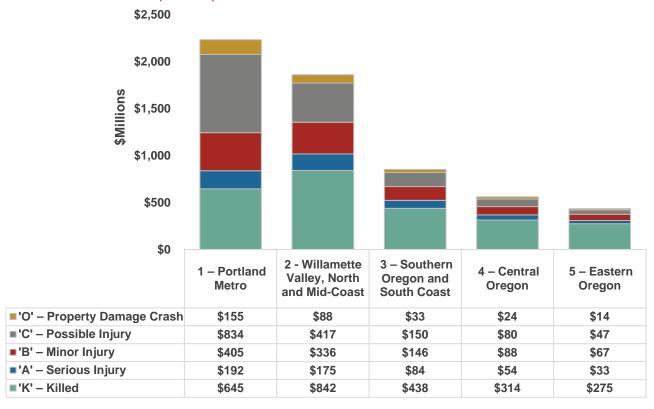


Another way to evaluate the geographic distribution of crash costs is by ODOT region. Figure 4.3 shows the distribution of crash costs by injury severity across the five ODOT regions. The Portland Metro region (ODOT Region 1) experiences the highest overall burden, followed by the Willamette Valley region (ODOT Region 2). Region 1 has the greatest number of crashes by a significant margin, but Region 2 actually has a higher number of fatalities (561 in Region 2 from 2009 to 2013 compared to 430 in Region 1), which drives up the economic cost.



Figure 4.3 Economic Crash Costs by ODOT Region





## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Given the significant impact of crashes on Oregon's families, communities and economy, it is important to look broadly at the challenges and opportunities for reducing these impacts.

#### Challenges

#### Significance of Motor Vehicle Crashes Compared to Other Causes of Death and Injury Traffic

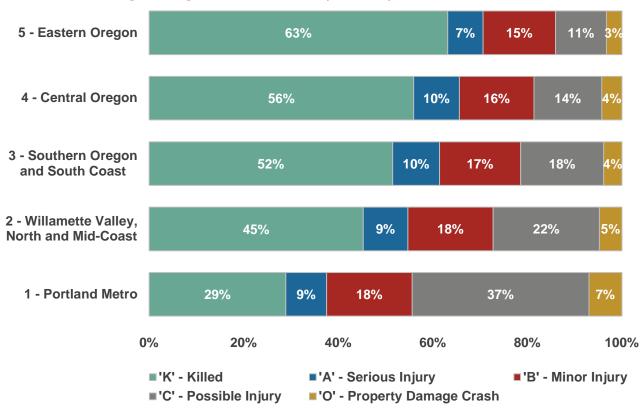
The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) defines injuries as intentional or not intentional. Unintentional injuries are due to unplanned events such as falls, motor vehicle crashes, house fire, or consuming an overdose of medications. In Oregon in 2013 there were 2,595 deaths from injuries making the category the third leading cause of death behind cancer (7,771 deaths) and heart disease (6,464 deaths). Within the injury category, motor vehicle crashes are the fourth leading cause of death (approximately 16%), behind suicide, unintentional falls, and unintentional poisoning (e.g., alcohol poisoning or drug overdose). Motor vehicle crashes are a significant cause of death in Oregon.

The Oregon Health Authority estimates that the number of motor vehicle fatalities per 100,000 Oregon residents fell from 13.4 per year in 2000 to 8.2 in 2013, a 39-percent decline. Hospitalization rates for motor vehicle-related injuries also fell by around 30 percent during the same period. These trends are encouraging, especially relative to trends for other injury types. For example, mortality rates from both unintentional falls and poisoning more than doubled during that timeframe.

#### **Geographic Equity**

The burden of traffic crashes is not distributed evenly across society. As discussed above, rural areas experience a disproportionate share of fatalities and serious injuries, and associated costs. Figure 4.4 shows the distribution of crash costs by severity for each of ODOT's five regions. Fatalities make up a greater share of costs in regions that are more rural in character. For example, in Region 5 (Eastern Oregon), fatalities account for more than 60 percent of crash costs, while in Region 1 (Portland Metro), they are responsible for only 30 percent of costs.

Figure 4.4 Percentage of Regional Crash Costs by Severity



While only 19 percent of the Oregon population lives in rural areas, 67 percent of fatalities occur in these areas, along with almost half of serious injuries (48 percent). Longer emergency response times and constrained medical resources are likely to explain much of the difference in severity between urban and rural areas, but other factors also are at play. For example, a higher percentage of fatalities in rural areas involved occupants failing to use seat belts (32 percent in rural areas compared to 22 percent in urban areas). Similarly, 71 percent of speed-related fatalities and serious injuries were on rural roadways.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. Oregon: 2010, Population and Housing Units. 2010 Census of Population and Housing. August 2012. https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/cph-2-39.pdf.



#### **Shifting Demographics**

Oregon's population grew by over 5 percent from 2010 to over 4 million people in 2015, which was slightly faster than the U.S. overall. This growth translates into higher levels of travel and commercial activity, especially in metropolitan areas where most of the growth has occurred.<sup>10</sup>

Oregon also is experiencing an increase in the older driver population as baby boomers move into and through the retirement years. The portion of the population 65 years or older increased from 12.8 percent in 2000 to 13.9 percent in 2010 and 16 percent

## CHANGING TRAVEL DEMOGRAPHICS

- More people.
- More older drivers.
- More travel and commercial activity especially in urban areas

in 2014.<sup>11</sup> Although older drivers are safer in many respects than younger and middle age drivers, they have lower survival rates when involved in crashes, which could contribute to an increase in motor vehicle fatalities.

#### Competing Priorities in Urban Areas

In urban areas there is a high mix of modes of travel, speed of travel and trip purpose. Trucks move freight and vehicles, bicycles and transit move people to work, recreation, and shopping. There is inherent conflict and risk in this mix of modes, trip purposes, and speed of travel. Implementing a range of transportation solutions in urban areas is necessary to meet transportation goals, such as safety, mobility, reliability, or improved air quality. Planners and engineers need to draw on the best available evidence to implement a data-driven approach to safer systems.

#### **COMPETING PRIORITIES**

- High mix of modes in urban areas
- Balancing safety, mobility, reliability, air quality, access.
- Equity.
- Transit availability.

There also are equity considerations in planning for safer transportation systems in urban areas. Research shows that pedestrian crash incidents are more common in areas with higher crime rates, lower transit availability, and population demographics such as lower income levels or number of children. In these areas it may be critical to consider safety specifically.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Technology Concerns**

Technology has made and continues to make significant contributions to transportation safety, but it is not always beneficial. For example, the proliferation of cell phones and other handheld devices has given rise to an increasingly distracted population. Unfortunately, reliable statistics on the use of cell phones while driving and as a contributor to crashes and injuries are difficult to obtain, but available data and anecdotal evidence point to distraction as a significant traffic safety concern. A recent survey conducted by Southern Oregon University found that three out of four drivers surveyed engage in distracted driving. Furthermore, 83 percent of respondents felt that distracted driving is an important safety concern on Oregon's roads.<sup>13</sup> Research into the impact of various types of distraction on

Portland State University Population Research Center. Oregon Annual Population Report. 2014. http://www.pdx.edu/prc/sites/www.pdx.edu.prc/files/Oregon\_Annual\_Pop\_Report\_Tables\_2014\_v3.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. American Fact Finder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Cottrill, C. Evaluating Pedestrian Crashes in Areas with High Low-income or Minority Populations. Accident Analysis and Prevention, October 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Angela Durant et al. Distracted Driving: an Epidemic, A Study of Distracted Driving Attitudes, Behaviors, and Barriers Preventing Change. Southern Oregon University, prepared for Oregon Department of Transportation. https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/Distracted%20Driving%20An%20Epidemic.pdf.



cognitive abilities confirms the risks associated with the use of technology while driving.<sup>14</sup>

Technological innovation can be expensive to implement and the benefits do not always outweigh the costs. For example, rigorous commercial vehicle driver training may in some cases be less expensive than implementing technology requirements that are potentially less effective. Equity is another concern stemming from the cost of technology. Advancements in technology are slower to reach lower income residents and those in rural areas, where a significant portion of fatalities and serious injuries occur.

#### **Opportunities**

### Mobility and System Efficiency Benefits of Reducing Crashes and Injuries

While mobility and safety are often thought of as competing goals, this is not always the case. Crashes are part of a broader category of congestion referred to as 'nonrecurring congestion', which also includes congestion resulting from disabled vehicles, work zones, adverse weather, and special events. <sup>15</sup> Crashes impose costs on society through increased travel time, wasted fuel, and increased emissions. The vast majority of these costs are experienced on urban interstates and expressways. A single crash typically affects travel conditions from around 25 minutes to an hour and a half,

## ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY

- Technologies for blind-spot detection, lane departure warning, forward collision avoidance, speed management, and rollover control.
- In-vehicle distractions cell phones dashboard computers.
- Expense of implementing technology solutions.
- Equity of implementing technology solutions

## BENEFITS OF SAVING LIVES

 Over and above the obvious – There will be reduced congestion and more reliability if crashes are eliminated.

depending on pre-crash traffic density, whether travel lanes are closed, and the severity of the crash.<sup>16</sup> Generally more severe crashes impose higher congestion costs. According to NHTSA, crashes resulted in \$28 billion in congestion-related costs to the U.S. economy in 2010. Reducing crashes therefore is a significant opportunity to improve the economy through not only the reduction of injury costs, but also through reduced congestion costs.

#### The Role of Technology

Throughout history, technology has played a pivotal role in transportation safety. A few notable past examples are shown in Table 4.2.

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Measuring Cognitive Distraction in the Automobile. 2013. https://www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/MeasuringCognitiveDistractions.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> FHWA. Office of Operations. Reducing Non-Recurring Congestion. 2015. http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/program\_areas/ reduce-non-cong.htm.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes. 2010. http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pubs/812013.pdf.



Table 4.2 Examples of Significant Past Technological Innovations for Improved Safety

Application Area	Technological Innovation	
Vehicle Safety	Reduced likelihood of getting in a crash (e.g., antilock brakes, traction	
	control, antiroll bars)	
	• Improved crash injury outcomes (e.g., seat belts, air bags, child passenger	
	seats, crumple zones)	
Infrastructure	Improved pavement technology to increase traction	
	More conspicuous signs and markings	
	Cable median barriers and guardrails	
Law Enforcement	Breathalyzers and other devices to detect impaired drivers	
	Ignition interlock devices to reduce repeat DUI offenses	
	Speed and red-light-running cameras	
Emergency Response	Improved communications to reduce response time	
	Advanced equipment to sustain life following a serious crash	
Problem Identification and Research	• Sophisticated methods and data to identify intersections and corridors with	
	the greatest safety concern	
	Advanced research into crash causes and countermeasures	
	• Integration of datasets across agencies and disciplines to better understand	
	and address traffic safety issues	

#### Connected and Automated Vehicles

Technology continues to evolve and influence traffic safety. Perhaps the most significant safety-related technological change on the horizon is the introduction of connected vehicles for both private travel and the movement of freight to the road network. Connected vehicles have the potential to reduce the likelihood of crashes through the use of vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) applications.

Examples of V2V and V2I applications include:

- **V2V.** Forward collision warning, emergency electronic brake light, blind spot/lane change warning, do not pass warning, intersection movement assist, and left turn assist.
- **V21.** Curve speed warning, red light violation warning, spot weather information warning, reduced speed zone warning, stop sign gap assist, smart roadside, and transit pedestrian warning.

## CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Reduce likelihood of crashes.
- Take time before all vehicles have the technologies.
- Require public investment, policies and programs in urban and rural areas.
- Initially benefit higher income residents.

Automated vehicles are an extension of the connected vehicles concept where some or all of the driving function is handled by the vehicle itself. In the case of fully automated vehicles, human input would be limited to providing destination information only. In theory, such vehicles hold the potential to eliminate crashes altogether, and also would bring about other beneficial outcomes, such as reduced congestion. While technology for these vehicles has come a long way, there are numerous technical, legal, policy, and implementation challenges that must be resolved before connected and automated



vehicles will significantly impact safety outcomes. Furthermore, the widespread implementation of these vehicles and associated infrastructure will not happen overnight. Rather, the technology will be gradually integrated into the fleet as new vehicles are purchased. Regulation may help to promote or require V2V and V2I in new car purchases, but even so the turnover in the fleet is such that it may be several decades before fully autonomous vehicles are widely implemented.<sup>17</sup>

#### Safety Analytics

The use of analytical tools and processes offers a more immediate application of technology to transportation safety. The increasing quality and quantity of safety-related data (e.g., crash, roadway inventory, and volume) is enabling new insights

into the causes of crashes and possible measures to reduce their occurrence or severity. Methods for collecting safety data specific to other modes such as bicycles and pedestrians are emerging and will expand capability to assess risks and identify solutions for non-auto modes. Advances in statistical modeling have enabled more reliable problem identification and application of safety countermeasures, taking advantage of available data. Some agencies have begun to use prior crash history to forecast the likely occurrence of crashes and to proactively deploy law enforcement and emergency response resources accordingly. This data and proactive approach also allows communities to better plan for the safety of the transportation system in their long-range work.

#### **SAFETY ANALYTICS**

- The timeliness and quality of data can save lives.
- Better data and analytical tools will mean the right solutions at the right time.
- Staff will need training and resources to take full advantage of safety analytics.

#### **Shifting Demographics**

Like most states, Oregon's population has become increasingly focused in urban and suburban areas over the past few decades. The share of the population living in metropolitan areas increased from 77 percent in 2000 to 83 percent in 2014. This trend is likely to continue as the Portland region in particular attracts new residents from across the country.

Along with the overall trend toward living in urbanized areas, urban centers also are becoming denser. Increased density is being driven by a number of factors, including the preference among empty nesters and millennials for urban lifestyles, where a variety of amenities are within close proximity.

Transportation and land use patterns in urban areas tend to support the use of transit, bicycling, and walking, as well as relatively newer

#### SHIFTING TRANSPORTATION AND LIFESTYLES

- More people are choosing urban lifestyles.
- Urban areas are becoming more dense.
- More people are choosing non-auto travel.
- Transit is one of the safest modes of travel.
- Managed speeds can significantly reduce the severity of crashes.

transportation forms such as car sharing and transportation network company services (e.g., Uber). Widespread use of smart phones and other mobile devices are playing a pivotal role in advancing new ways for people to travel in the city.

All of these trends associated with greater urbanization have an impact on safety outcomes. Crashes in urban areas tend to have less severe outcomes due to lower speeds and access to medical services.

<sup>17</sup> http://www.vtpi.org/avip.pdf.

<sup>18</sup> http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2014/aug/01/new-software-predicts-when-and/263323/.



The use of transit in urban areas likely contributes to improved safety, in part due to the extent it reduces traffic volumes and conflicts. And transit is one of the safest modes of transportation.<sup>19</sup> It provides an alternative to driving for many commuters who would otherwise drive or who should not be operating a vehicle for health or other reasons. The role of transit in improving safety outcomes has not been fully explored in the literature, but research has demonstrated that cities with higher per capita transit use also have lower per capita fatality rates.<sup>20</sup>

Less is known about the relationship of the level of walking and bicycling to safety outcomes for these modes or for the broader public. A 'safety in numbers' theory has been proposed, suggesting that higher levels of walking and bicycling result in lower crash rates involving these modes. While data consistent with this theory has been presented from several countries, a consensus on this question has not been reached. For instance, data from Portland indicates that while bicycle traffic on Portland's bridges increased from 2,850 in 1991 to 18,794 in 2011 (a more than six-fold increase) the number of bicycle crashes approximately only doubled, increasing from 155 to 297. However, during the same period, bikeway facility miles increased by a factor of four (from 70 to 307 miles). It is possible that one or both of these factors played a role in reducing the crash rate, but it cannot be determined without a more rigorous study. Nonetheless, the evidence suggests that at the very least, higher levels of bicycling and walking do not result in a dramatic increase in crashes.

Another significant trend in urban areas is the emergence of the sharing economy. Car sharing and Transportation Network Companies (TNC) such as Uber and Lyft are changing the relationship between the public and their vehicles. In particular, these innovations make it easier for people to live car-free, potentially resulting in fewer serious crashes on our roadways. TNCs also may have a positive impact on risky behaviors such as impaired driving.<sup>21</sup>

#### CONCLUSION

To take advantage of the opportunities and address the challenges, ODOT Divisions, partner agencies, and stakeholders have collaborated to inform the development of safety goals, policies, and strategies. This information will be used as a guide to incorporate safety into daily job functions and as part of everyone's personal responsibility to safety. The following chapter describes the policy and strategy outcomes associated with the challenges and opportunities.

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# 5 VISION, GOALS, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIES

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#### VISION

Every day, people arrive safely at their destinations in Oregon, but tragically, fatalities and serious injuries still occur on the Oregon transportation system. Any fatality or life-changing injury is a significant loss that can be avoided by implementing state-of-theart programs, policies, and projects related to safety engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education. The TSAP lays the foundation to consider and prioritize safety for all modes and all users of our transportation system in order to eliminate all deaths and life-changing injuries on the transportation system.

#### VISION

Oregon envisions no deaths or life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035.

Achieving this vision by 2035 requires commitment and engagement from a variety of Oregon's agencies and stakeholders. Engineers, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement and educators traditionally play a strong role in advocating for, planning, designing, and implementing transportation safety plans and will continue to do so. However, this plan also includes goals, policies, strategies, and actions relevant to public health professionals, the media, private stakeholders, the individual transportation system user, and others. All of these organizations and individuals will be tasked with planning and implementing safe travel options, and traveling responsibly, with the safety of all users in mind.

#### **GOALS**

Decision-makers are always faced with tradeoffs in developing a comprehensive transportation system. There are a large variety of system needs (e.g., mobility, access, reliability, environmental impacts, health impacts, equity, modal options, and safety) that need to be balanced and prioritized for a wide variety of contexts. The goals, policies, and strategies in the TSAP present a "safety-first" perspective.

This portion of the TSAP outlines a strategic framework, including a vision, goals, policies, and strategies, to define what Oregonians want to achieve in the future for transportation safety. The vision outlines the aspirational, yet achievable, objective of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. To make advancements towards the vision, six goal areas provide specificity for ODOT, stakeholder agencies, and the public to focus efforts and resources. Within each goal area, a diverse list of policies and strategies convey the mid- and long-term opportunities, programs, and activities that have the best chance of improving transportation safety for all modal users. Incorporation of the goals, policies, and strategies into all ODOT and stakeholder plans will help Oregon achieve its vision.

There are always tradeoffs. The goals, policies and strategies in this plan are developed and presented from a "safety-first" perspective.

#### **GOAL AREAS**

- Improving Safety Culture.
- Improving Infrastructure.
- Facilitating Healthy and
- Best Available Technologies
- Communicating and Collaborating.
- Strategic Investments.



#### **Goal 1: Safety Culture**

#### **Background**

Developing and sustaining a strong safety culture, where safety is integrated into everyday decision-making, is key to reducing unnecessary deaths and serious injuries related to transportation. Cultural change is not a simple thing – it involves educating all those who participate in developing (planners, designers, engineers, operations, and maintenance and staff) and using the transportation system that they have a basic responsibility to consider the safety of themselves and others as part of their job functions and daily activities.

For those who address transportation and/or safety in their jobs, including the state legislature, ODOT, metropolitan planning organizations, local jurisdictions, emergency responders, law enforcement, health services providers, rail and transit providers, nonprofit organizations, industries, and other organizations, cultural shifts will be seen when safety is prioritized as a core value. A strong safety culture means that agency leadership and employees, at all levels, are encouraged and rewarded for prioritizing safety, and identifying safety issues and solutions while carrying out their agency's missions and their individual job responsibilities.

Inspiring a strong safety culture among the public (individual drivers, passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians) can be implemented in a number of ways. Good public information and education on the rules of the road and changes in regulations; broadly available and up-to-date driver training; clear communication of the benefits of transportation law enforcement in changing social norms to expect slower speeds; respect and responsibility for other users; and community engagement in transportation safety plans and programs; can all contribute to higher awareness of how individual choices influence the safety of all system users.

Opportunities to address safety culture are different based on the types of decisions being made and on who is making those decisions, but Oregon will achieve shifts on all fronts to elevate awareness of safety issues and identify safety solutions.

GOAL: Transform public attitudes to recognize that all transportation system users have responsibility for other people's safety in addition to their own safety while using the transportation system. Transform organizational transportation safety culture among employees and agency partners (e.g., state agencies, MPOs, local agencies (Tribes, counties, cities), Oregon Health Authority, stakeholders, and public and private employers) to integrate safety considerations into all responsibilities.

#### **Policies**

- **Policy 1.1.** Communicate proactively with system users about safety culture.
- Policy 1.2. Promote safety culture within agencies, stakeholder organizations, and employers.
- **Policy 1.3.** Implement regulatory changes, including legislative concepts and administrative rule changes, as needed, to provide incentives or remove impediments to developing a multimodal transportation safety culture.

#### **Policies and Strategies**

- **Policy 1.1** Communicate proactively with system users about safety culture.
  - □ **Strategy 1.1.1** Promote safe travel behavior through educational initiatives, focusing on how system user behavior can contribute to a safer transportation system for all.
  - Strategy 1.1.2 Tailor safety culture marketing and media tools to specific user groups with specific needs (e.g., youth, older travelers, walkers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, minority groups, and different income groups).
  - □ **Strategy 1.1.3** Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of policies, programs or projects implemented to improve public understanding of safety culture and changes in positive transportation safety behaviors.
- Policy 1.2 Promote safety culture within agencies, stakeholder organizations, and employers.
  - Strategy 1.2.1 Provide transportation and safety leaders and staff with training, information, and education
    on proven methods to integrate safety into all aspects of the planning, programming, project development,
    construction, operations, and maintenance processes.
  - □ **Strategy 1.2.2** Implement best practices for ongoing enhancement of safety culture training, information, and tools within ODOT and across agencies and stakeholders.
  - □ **Strategy 1.2.3** Coordinate and collaborate with public and private employers to implement work- related transportation safety programs.
- **Policy 1.3** Implement regulatory changes, including legislative concepts and administrative rule changes, as needed, to provide incentives or remove impediments to developing a multimodal transportation safety culture.
  - Strategy 1.3.1 Collaborate with state, regional, tribal, county and city transportation and safety agencies, and other stakeholders, to identify unsafe walking, biking, or driving behaviors which could be addressed through legislation. Identify and pursue legislation to modify these behaviors.

#### Goal 2: Infrastructure

#### **Background**

Transportation infrastructure should be planned, designed, built, operated, and maintained to provide the safest feasible environment for all transportation users. When safety is considered during all of these stages and proven treatments are applied, small user mistakes may not result in serious injuries.

Oregon's transportation infrastructure includes state and local public facilities (streets, freeways, paths, sidewalks, transit, bicycle facilities, signs, lights, traffic signals, interchanges, barrier rail, guard rail, etc.) and other transportation assets, including technology resources that support transportation operations, planning, and decision-making. The design of these facilities influences how people interact with and use the transportation system. People driving, riding, walking and bicycling navigate the transportation system using visual cues, signage, regulations, and their personal expectations about how other people will use the transportation system. Infrastructure for all travelers needs to be planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to clearly convey travel speed and behavior consistent with the surrounding land uses and anticipated users, and to carefully manage interactions and expectations across modes.

Inevitably, crashes will occur, but the transportation system can be planned and designed to limit the severity of crashes. This is achieved by creating environments that minimize potential conflicts within and across modes; planning and designing facilities consistent with the desired context and use of the facilities; and implementing countermeasures with known or high potential to minimize crash severity and frequency.



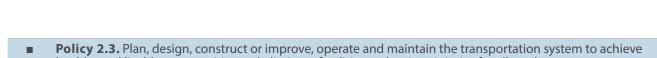
GOAL: Develop and improve infrastructure to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries for users of all modes.

#### **Policies**

- **Policy 2.1.** Continually improve and implement safety data collection, management, and distribution for data-driven decision-making for infrastructure planning and development and operations activities, across all divisions at ODOT, and with partner agencies and stakeholders.
- **Policy 2.2.** Continually improve and implement design and analysis techniques for safety-related decision-making in transportation planning, programming, design, construction, operations and maintenance for all modes.
- **Policy 2.3.** Plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the transportation system to achieve healthy and livable communities and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries for all modes.
- **Policy 2.4.** Implement regulatory changes, including legislative concepts, administrative rule changes, and updates to design standards, as needed, to enable and/or remove impediments to new approaches to safety engineering.

#### Policies and Strategies

- Policy 2.1. Continually improve safety data collection, management, and distribution for data-driven decision-making for infrastructure planning and, development and operations activities, across all divisions at ODOT, and with partner agencies and stakeholders.
  - Strategy 2.1.1 Develop a strategic plan for safety data enhancement using a coordinated effort with ODOT and partner agencies and stakeholders. Integrate the findings with other strategic data planning efforts at ODOT.
  - □ **Strategy 2.1.2** Identify and implement new methods for crash, roadway and exposure (e.g., vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle volume) data collection, sharing, and storage.
  - □ **Strategy 2.1.3** Support national safety research and lead state local research to identify opportunities to enhance data analysis techniques and test countermeasures to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries.
  - □ **Strategy 2.1.4** Review state crash report forms to ensure appropriate data is collected and extraneous data is eliminated. Provide training and education to state and local enforcement agencies on resulting form(s).
- **Policy 2.2.** Continually improve and implement design and analysis techniques for safety-related decision-making in transportation planning, programming, design, construction, operations and maintenance for all modes.
  - □ **Strategy 2.2.1** Update ODOT manuals, guides, processes and procedures, etc., to include quantitative safety analysis in planning, project development and design, programs and maintenance activities.
  - □ **Strategy 2.2.2** Implement reactive, risk-based, and predictive safety analysis and tools into all stages of the project development process.
  - Strategy 2.2.3 Incorporate quantitative and/or risk-based safety benefits and disbenefits into project prioritization processes.
  - Strategy 2.2.4 Develop and monitor planning, program, and project-level performance measures and/or indicators to assess transportation safety outcomes for all modes.



- healthy and livable communities and eliminate fatalities and serious injuries for all modes.

  Strategy 2.3.1 Implement Practical Design<sup>a</sup> and/or other proven and innovative approaches to address transportation safety issues for all system users.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.2** Plan, design and construct or retrofit facilities for desired operating speed.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.3** Coordinate and collaborate with local jurisdictions to identify community safety concerns and establish solutions.
- Strategy 2.3.4 Educate transportation planning and design professionals on how to incorporate safer context-sensitive designs into community projects.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.5** Implement best practices to eliminate work zone-related fatalities and serious injuries.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.6** Continue to identify and implement best practices related to traffic incident management services to reduce secondary crashes and improve system operations and reliability.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.7** Implement access management practices that improve system safety for all modes consistent with state statutes and rules.
- Strategy 2.3.8 Continue to plan, design and implement best practices for rail safety program and systems management, particularly rail crossings.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.9** Evaluate safety countermeasures for pilot projects and large-scale implementation as appropriate.
- □ **Strategy 2.3.10** Coordinate with freight interests to plan, design, and construct infrastructure that safely accommodates commercial motor vehicles and enhances economic interests.
- Strategy 2.3.12 Collaborate with ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division, transit service providers and researchers to evaluate infrastructure techniques to improve safety for transit riders. Update codes and policies to support best practices.
- Policy 2.4. Support regulatory changes, including legislative concepts, administrative rule changes, and updates to design standards, as needed, to enable and/or remove impediments to new approaches to safety engineering.
  - Strategy 2.4.1 Work with state, regional, tribal, county, and city agencies to implement best practices in setting design speeds and speed limits.
  - □ **Strategy 2.4.2** Work with school districts, state, regional, tribal, county, and city governments and local education interest groups to evaluate and implement best practices for safety in school zones.
- <sup>a</sup> Practical Design is "a systematic approach to deliver the broadest benefit to the transportation system, within existing resources, by establishing appropriate project scopes to deliver specific results." http://www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/techserv/pages/practical\_design.aspx.

#### Goal 3: Healthy, Livable Communities

#### **Background**

Cities and counties plan their transportation systems in relation to planned land uses. Increased interest in livability and providing access to transportation options is leading communities to develop walkable neighborhoods and think more about how infrastructure can be safe, equitable, convenient, and contribute to positive health outcomes. The TSAP provides safety strategies and actions to integrate into local planning and programming activities.

Crashes causing deaths or life-changing injuries are a major public health issue in communities. Effective traffic law enforcement is an important tool for reducing risky behavior and reinforcing safety culture. In addition, timely response by law enforcement and emergency medical responders can lead to decreases in transportation-related fatalities and serious



implement proven approaches and programs for protecting public safety.

GOAL: Plan, design and implement safe systems; and support enforcement and emergency medical services to improve the safety and livability of communities, including health outcomes.

#### **Policies**

- **Policy 3.1.** Advance coordination and collaboration between law enforcement and state, regional, tribal, county and city transportation agencies, including freight and rail, public health agencies, mental and physical health care providers, and private stakeholders, to make communities safer places.
- Policy 3.2. Support traffic enforcement funding to provide sufficient resources for officers to respond to incidents, increase levels of ongoing traffic enforcement, conduct focused enforcement, and participate in activities such as emphasis patrols.
- **Policy 3.3.** Support emergency medical service (EMS) funding to provide sufficient resources to train first responders and to respond to transportation-related crashes and other medical emergencies fully equipped and in a timely manner.
- **Policy 3.4.** Invest in transportation system enhancements that improve safety and perceptions of security for people while traveling in Oregon.
- **Policy 3.5.** Provide all regions and localities in Oregon with resources and tools to offer programs and education based on local needs and issues, considering issues of equity.

#### Policies and Strategies

- **Policy 3.1.** Advance coordination and collaboration between law enforcement and state, regional, and tribal, county and city transportation agencies, public health agencies, mental and physical health care providers, and private stakeholders to make communities safer places.
  - Strategy 3.1.1 Support a data-driven approach to law enforcement, using data analysis to efficiently deploy enforcement resources to locations or corridors.
  - □ **Strategy 3.1.2** Support a high-visibility enforcement program increasing traffic, bicycle and pedestrian law enforcement capabilities (priority and funding).
  - Strategy 3.1.3 Conduct best practice traffic investigations to reduce traffic delays and to improve quality and timeliness of crash data.
  - Strategy 3.1.4 Engage law enforcement in community safety activities such as teaching education classes on safer behaviors.
  - Strategy 3.1.5 Conduct education and outreach to law enforcement to increase understanding and enforcement of traffic, commercial vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle laws.
- **Policy 3.2.** Support traffic enforcement funding to provide sufficient resources for officers to respond to incidents, increase levels of ongoing traffic enforcement, conduct focused enforcement, and participate in activities such as emphasis patrols.
  - Strategy 3.2.1 Identify community needs for funding and training to enhance traffic safety programs and enforcement.

- Policy 3.3. Support emergency medical service (EMS) funding to provide sufficient resources to train first responders and to respond to transportation-related crashes and other medical emergencies fully equipped and in a timely manner.
  - □ **Strategy 3.3.1** Identify community needs for funding and training to enhance EMS systems and improve response times and services. Recognize and address the differing needs of paid and volunteer providers.
- **Policy 3.4.** Invest in transportation system enhancements that improve safety and perceptions of security for people while traveling in Oregon.
  - Strategy 3.4.1 Enhance perceptions of bicycling, walking, and transit safety and security by identifying and implementing appropriate facility design, lighting, and other changes to the built environment to improve personal security for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
  - □ **Strategy 3.4.2** Identify opportunities to improve transportation system redundancy and otherwise safeguard critical infrastructure against natural and manmade disasters.
- **Policy 3.5.** Provide all regions and localities in Oregon with resources and tools to offer programs and education based on local needs and issues, considering issues of equity
  - Strategy 3.5.1 Explore methods to distribute and implement safety programs and funding between urban and rural communities to eliminate fatalities and serious injury crashes.
  - □ **Strategy 3.5.2** Provide transportation safety educational opportunities for people of all ages, ethnicities, and income levels.
  - Strategy 3.5.3 Support adequate funding for EMS particularly in rural and remote areas, to the extent that this is the most efficient use of resources to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries.
  - □ **Strategy 3.5.4** Encourage implementation of Safe Communities statewide.<sup>a</sup>
- <sup>a</sup> The Safe Communities model is a long-standing approach to reducing injuries and deaths. It works through engaging local partners who care about safety, using data to identify leading causes of injury, making a plan to address the issues using proven methods and measuring success. There is a Safe Communities America® accreditation program through the National Safety Council. (http://www.nsc.org, accessed March 18, 2016).

#### Goal 4: Technology

#### Background

As recently as just a few years ago, safety improvements were focused on changes to transportation design and human behavior. Today, those issues remain critical to address, but incremental changes to infrastructure and automobile technology are shifting the conversation about safety. For example, vehicle fleets are now coming with standard safety features, such as automatic lights, forward collision avoidance systems, backup cameras, blind spot monitoring, lane departure warnings, and other custom features.

Transportation infrastructure also is becoming "smarter," – traffic lights can be synchronized to better address roadway incidents, overhead signs can alert drivers of a crash or provide speed guidance as a function of traffic or weather conditions, and signals can let transit users know when a train or bus is approaching.

Successful, low-cost practices in Oregon include the implementation of intelligent transportation solutions (ITS). ODOT and other transportation agencies, such as MPOs have utilized Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras to quickly and efficiently detect, verify, and plan responses for highway incidents, including crashes. Speed Warning Systems are used to provide information to motorists who are traveling at unsafe speeds and Over-Length Warning Systems use detectors to determine whether approaching vehicles (typically commercial trucks) are too long to safely maneuver a challenging roadway geometry. With the technology in place to implement ITS solutions throughout Oregon, such solutions are increasingly feasible for more regional, tribal, county, and city transportation agencies transportation and safety agencies and stakeholders to expand their use of lower cost technologies. ODOT currently is exploring how and where to deploy ITS solutions more widely in both urban and rural environments.



deployment throughout urban and rural parts of the state.

An emerging technology garnering national attention and testing is autonomous and connected vehicles. If deployed in Oregon, it would enable on-road communications between vehicles, between vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists, and between vehicles and infrastructure. This has tremendous safety implications as the technology would allow for automatic control of signal timing, speed management, and the operation of transit and commercial vehicles, among other safety features. ODOT continues to stay at the forefront of this national dialogue and inform transportation and safety stakeholders of new developments.

Existing and emerging technologies have positive and negative safety effects which need to be considered during the transportation decision-making process. Decision-makers also will have to consider not only the potential for "high-tech" solutions, but also "low-tech" solutions which may have similar safety benefits yet require less investments.

GOAL: Plan, prepare for, and implement technologies (existing and new) that improve transportation safety for all users, including pilot testing innovative technologies as appropriate.

#### **Policies**

- **Policy 4.1.** Actively monitor technological advances and plan, design, maintain, and operate the system in a way that takes full advantage of opportunities to use technology to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries.
- **Policy 4.2.** Apply technological improvements in data management systems to enhance collaboration across agencies and provide tools for data collection and analysis to partner agencies and stakeholders.
- **Policy 4.3.** Leverage technology tools and best practices across divisions and agencies to deploy useful technologies across the state and the transportation system.
- Policy 4.4. Identify legislative concepts as needed to enable the implementation of innovative technologies.

#### Policies and Strategies

- Policy 4.1. Actively monitor technological advances and plan, design, maintain, and operate the system in a way that takes full advantage of opportunities to use technology to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries.
  - □ **Strategy 4.1.1** Explore and integrate technology to eliminate crash frequency and severity, prioritizing implementation of technologies that address the TSAP safety emphasis areas.
  - □ **Strategy 4.1.2** Research and test safety technology for deployment in Oregon.
  - □ **Strategy 4.1.3** Continue to research connected and autonomous vehicles to leverage the potential safety benefits associated with these technologies.
  - Strategy 4.1.4 Bring public- and private-sector stakeholders together to develop opportunities for applying technology solutions and addressing barriers to implement new technologies. Consider potential economic, business, environmental, and privacy impacts of deploying technologies.

- **Policy 4.2.** Apply technological improvements in data management systems to enhance collaboration across agencies and provide tools for data collection and analysis to partner agencies and stakeholders.
  - Strategy 4.2.1 Provide leadership and staff support to statewide efforts for improving data availability, quality, and consistency across agencies.
  - Strategy 4.2.2 Support data strategic planning efforts through the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) to ensure safety data needs are considered and integrated.
  - Strategy 4.2.3 Develop tools to facilitate data sharing and analysis across agencies.
- **Policy 4.3.** Leverage technology tools and best practices across divisions and agencies to deploy useful technologies across the state and the transportation system.
  - □ **Strategy 4.3.1** Develop statewide resources to share best practices, tools, and training for statewide and systemwide deployment of appropriate safety technology.
  - □ **Strategy 4.3.2** *Implement technology advances equitably in urban and rural areas.*
  - Strategy 4.3.3 Identify and implement methods to extend safety technology to underserved system users and the transportation disadvantaged.
- **Policy 4.4** Identify legislative concepts enabling the implementation of innovative technologies.
  - Strategy 4.4.1 Support legislation to enable innovations in enforcement technology (i.e., innovations in field testing for alcohol and drug impairment in automated enforcement).
  - Strategy 4.4.2 Review regulations that may impact the adoption of innovative technology and support appropriate new laws and/or amend administrative rules or standards that may constrain implementation of advanced technology.

#### Goal 5: Collaborate and Communicate

#### Background

Safety and transportation go hand in hand, however different roles and job responsibilities between transportation and safety practitioners; funding silos; competing priorities; and other issues are common challenges that could lead to a lack of coordination on transportation and safety issues. Awareness of the co-benefits and the opportunities to work together to develop a safer transportation system will build momentum toward eliminating fatalities and serious injuries. Collaboration and communication within and across agencies presents opportunities to plan, program and prioritize policies or projects to enhance safety of the system. Achieving zero deaths or serious injuries is only possible if overall intentions are coordinated across partners.

This goal area focusses on: 1) facilitating communication between transportation planners and safety specialists; 2) leveraging this communication to share information and collaborate on problem identification, analysis, funding, resources, and tools to advance transportation safety in Oregon; and 3) ensuring this planning effort is coordinated with other transportation and safety planning efforts throughout the state. With coordination and communication focused on transportation safety it is anticipated that state, regional, tribal, county, and city partners will:

- Gain access to and better understand available safety data;
- Form relationships and connect with other transportation safety stakeholders; and
- Understand the safety emphasis areas and proven strategies, which could be subsequently integrated with other stakeholder planning and programming activities.

Increased awareness and buy-in will create opportunities for integrating TSAP goals, policies, and strategies in all planning and project development processes; behavioral programming and emergency services improvements. Further, it will



create opportunities for regional and tribal, county, and city governments, and stakeholders to integrate transportation safety policies, projects, and programs into their day-to-day activities.

GOAL: Create and support a collaborative environment for transportation system providers and public and private stakeholders, to work together to eliminate fatalities and serious injury crashes.

#### **Policies**

- **Policy 5.1.** Increase transportation system providers and public and private stakeholder awareness of the TSAP and other safety policies to eliminate fatality and serious injury crashes.
- **Policy 5.2.** Ensure ongoing communication and coordination among transportation system providers and public and private stakeholders on the implementation of the TSAP's policies and strategies and throughout program development and project selection.
- **Policy 5.3.** Enhance public awareness of the importance of transportation safety and the individual's role in eliminating fatalities and serious injury crashes.

#### Policies and Strategies

- **Policy 5.1.** Increase transportation system providers and public and private stakeholder awareness of the TSAP and other safety policies to eliminate fatality and serious injury crashes.
  - □ **Strategy 5.1.1** Develop an internal (among partners and agencies) communication protocol for transportation safety topics.
  - Strategy 5.1.2 Engage ODOT Regions and Divisions, MPOs, ACTs, Tribes, cities, counties, the health and medical community, transportation services, enforcement and emergency medical service, and traffic incident management providers in safety planning and implementation.
  - □ **Strategy 5.1.3** Evaluate agency awareness and implementation of safety activities through periodic statewide surveys.
- **Policy 5.2.** Ensure ongoing communication and coordination among transportation system providers and public and private stakeholders on the implementation of the TSAP's policies and strategies and throughout program development and project selection.
  - □ **Strategy 5.2.1** Identify joint legislative safety priorities amongst agencies and provide information to state legislators.
  - □ **Strategy 5.2.2** Enhance enforcement and emergency medical service communications systems as feasible to improve response time and services for all travelers in Oregon.
  - □ **Strategy 5.2.3** Facilitate communication and coordination between transportation agencies, EMS, and law enforcement on evacuation planning and emergency preparedness.
  - □ **Strategy 5.2.4** *Promote sharing and leveraging of resources across programs, communities, and agencies.*
  - □ **Strategy 5.2.5** Participate in Federal rulemaking and guidance development programs to maximize opportunities to achieve the TSAP Vision.
- **Policy 5.3.** Enhance public awareness of the importance of transportation safety and the individual's role in eliminating fatalities and serious injury crashes.
  - Strategy 5.3.1 Collaborate with the media and agency public information offices to develop information which improves public awareness of safety programs, laws, roles, responsibilities, and expectations. Ensure campaigns take into account Oregon demographics.
  - Strategy 5.3.2 Work with educators in the state's public school system (including community colleges and other locations where transportation disadvantaged groups such as recent immigrants, newly licensed adult drivers, English as Second Language populations, etc., are likely to receive education) to improve awareness and understanding of transportation laws, roles, and responsibilities through programs such as Safe Routes to School.

#### **Goal 6: Strategic Investments**

#### **Background**

Oregon is committed to zero transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. To make progress and improve traffic safety, stakeholders and partners are tasked with coordinating priorities, leveraging joint resources where possible, and utilizing quantitative data-driven tools (e.g., benefit-cost analysis). Funds are limited, therefore projects, programs, and policies will need to be prioritized to focus on those treatments which will have the greatest benefit toward achieving the vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

Two of the most common ways to fund safety projects are through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program. These dollars can be used to implement the strategies and actions identified for the emphasis areas. Another opportunity for funding transportation safety improvements is to make safety a consideration for all transportation projects, regardless of funding source or project type. All transportation jurisdictions develop some type of transportation improvement program identifying near-term projects for funding. Agencies use a qualitative and/or quantitative prioritization process to consider and select projects that best meet the goals, outlined in their planning documents. When safety needs are considered as a decision criteria in this prioritization process, the opportunity exists to transform the transportation system into a progressively safer system, reducing loss of life and the impact of serious injuries.

The policies, strategies, and actions in the TSAP can support policy, program and project selection processes, helping decision-makers remain focused on implementing projects that maximize the safety return on investment. Projects, programs, or policies, selected for implementation should be known to be effective, or known to be innovative with an evaluation component included. It also will be necessary to recognize that activities will change with funding levels.

GOAL: Target safety funding for effective education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services priorities.

#### **Policies**

- Policy 6.1. Allocate infrastructure safety funds strategically, considering all modes, to maximize total safety benefits.
- **Policy 6.2.** Allocate funding of behavioral, emergency medical services, and health safety efforts strategically across programs to maximize total safety benefits.
- **Policy 6.3**. Identify and pursue opportunities to increase funding for strategic safety-related infrastructure, behavior, and emergency medical service enhancements.

#### Policies and Strategies

- **Policy 6.1.** Allocate infrastructure safety funds strategically considering all modes, to maximize total safety benefits.
  - □ **Strategy 6.1.1** Develop a quantitative, predictive, benefit-cost analysis or risk-based, data-driven decision framework to identify and prioritize potential projects.
  - Strategy 6.1.2 Develop a comprehensive program of systemic and spot safety improvements for all public roads.
  - Strategy 6.1.3 Apply proven countermeasures to address the contributing factors and reduce severity.
  - □ **Strategy 6.1.4** Use benefit-cost analysis (or similar) to select measures and projects with the greatest potential to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.
  - Strategy 6.1.5 Develop and implement programs to monitor safety effectiveness of infrastructure investments.
- **Policy 6.2.** Allocate funding of behavioral, emergency medical services, and health safety efforts strategically across programs to maximize total safety benefits.
  - □ **Strategy 6.2.1** Collaborate with mental and physical health care providers to leverage funding for behavioral-related safety programs.
  - □ **Strategy 6.2.2** Develop a data-driven decision framework to integrate quantitative safety performance into behavioral programming prioritization decisions.
  - Strategy 6.2.3 Identify funding needs to optimize emergency medical services and enforcement to minimize injuries post-crash.
  - □ **Strategy 6.2.4** Evaluate effectiveness of behavioral safety programs to maximize benefits of safety investments.
  - **Policy 6.3.** Identify and pursue opportunities to increase funding for strategic safety-related infrastructure, behavior, and emergency medical service enhancements.
    - □ **Strategy 6.3.1** Identify new sources of potential funding that can be dedicated and targeted to strategic investments that return greatest safety benefits.
    - □ **Strategy 6.3.2** While complying with Federal safety funding requirements and limitations, promote opportunities to leverage funding sources in order to maximize safety benefits and outcomes.

#### CONCLUSION

The six transportation safety goal areas and supporting policies and strategies identify mid- to long-term initiatives to drive down fatalities and serious injuries. The policies and strategies are intended to address a broad range of transportation safety approaches, which can be adopted during any ODOT or stakeholder agency planning process. The subsequent chapter, Emphasis Areas, identifies specific safety priorities and actions to be implemented over the near term.



## 6 EMPHASIS AREAS



#### 6. EMPHASIS AREAS

Emphasis Areas (EA) provide a strategic framework for developing and implementing the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP). Emphasis Areas are near-term implementation focus areas directly related to the TSAP's long-term goals, policies, and strategies.

EAs also provide a framework for the Oregon Department of Transportation to meet Federal requirements for project and program prioritization. Emphasis areas are flexible and adaptive to new safety challenges and opportunities that may arise during implementation of the TSAP. The EAs were developed using the results of crash data analysis and input from committees, stakeholders, and the public. From this, four broad emphasis areas were chosen: Infrastructure, Risky Behaviors, Vulnerable Users, and Improved Systems. Each of these includes a number of subcategories to better define the EA.

- **Emphasis Area: Risky Behaviors.** Reductions in fatalities and serious injuries can be accomplished by deterring unsafe or risky behaviors made by drivers and other transportation users. For this emphasis area, actions have been identified to minimize impaired, unrestrained, speeding and distracted driving crashes.
- Emphasis Area: Infrastructure. Road assets in Oregon can be constructed or retrofitted to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Opportunities to do this include implementing safety treatments at intersections and along and across roadways. For this emphasis area, actions have been identified to minimize intersection and roadway departure crashes.
- Emphasis Area: Vulnerable Users. Vulnerable road users can be characterized by the amount of protection they have when using the transportation system pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists are more exposed than the drivers operating vehicles, making them more susceptible to injury in the event of an incident. Older drivers and other older system users can also be vulnerable due to decreasing visual acuity and perception-reaction time to events, and injuries are more likely to be fatal or severe due to conditions of aging such as physical frailty and slower recovery times. For this emphasis area, actions have been identified to minimize pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and older road user crashes.

Emphasis Areas provide a strategic framework for developing action items for near-term implementation.

Emphasis Areas focus near-term safety projects, programs, and policies on actions that will maximize the benefits of safety investment.

## RISKY BEHAVIOR SUBAREAS

- Impaired Driving.
- Unbelted Occupants.
- Speeding.
- Distracted Driving.

### INFRASTRUCTURE SUBAREAS

- Intersection.
- Roadway Departure.

## VULNERABLE USER SUBAREAS

- Pedestrians.
- Bicyclists.
- Motorcyclists.
- Older Road Users.
- Emphasis Area: Improved Systems. Opportunities to address and improve transportation safety come in a number
  of forms. Crash and other types of safety data can be advanced to better understand the causes and locations of
  crashes, leading to targeted solutions. Training and education are used to educate planners, engineers, designers,



and construction staff about the importance of safety and how to incorporate it into their everyday job responsibilities. Fully staffed and funded law enforcement agencies can direct their efforts towards keeping users safe and when crashes do occur, making sure emergency medical services are available to respond to and transport victims is essential. Commercial vehicle safety relies on licensing, training, and vehicle safety to decrease the frequency and severity of crashes. For this emphasis area, actions have been identified to continually improve data, train transportation and safety staff, support

## IMPROVED SYSTEM \_\_\_\_SUBAREAS

- Improved Data.
- Training and Education.
- Enforcement.
- Emergency Medical Services
- Commercial Vehicles.

law enforcement and emergency responders, and minimize commercial vehicle crashes.

This chapter describes each of the EA subcategories, the data used to support the identification of EA priorities, and near-term actions that can be implemented to lower fatalities and serious injuries for each emphasis area.

#### **EMPHASIS AREA CONSIDERATIONS**

EAs were selected based on an assessment of recent crash history (2009 to 2013) and qualitative considerations related to the capabilities to address different crash types. Figure 6.1 shows the relationship of crash frequency and crash severity. Fatal and serious injury crashes are ranked by frequency along the x-axis and by severity along the y-axis. Crash types toward the upper right part of the figure rank more highly from the perspective of being frequent and severe. Appendix F shows the underlying data for this figure.

## FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY RANKING OF CRASHES

- Roadway departure crashes are most frequent; approximately percent of these include fatal or serious injuries.
- Motorcycle crashes are less frequent; approximately 25 percent of these include fatal or serious injuries.
- Motorcyclists, unrestrained occupants, and pedestrians have the highest severity ranking.
- Roadway departure, aggressive driving, and intersections have the highest frequency ranking.



Figure 6.1 **Crash Types Ranked by Crash Frequency and Severity** 2009 to 2013 30% Percent of Crashes by Type that are Fatal or Serious Injury 25% **Motorcycles** 20% **Unrestrained Occupants** Pedestrians 15% Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Alcohol (No Drugs) 10% Unlicensed Drivers Roadway **Bicycles** Departure Speed-Related 5% Older **Commercial Vehicles** Young Drivers (15-25) **Drivers Inattentive Drivers** (65+)Aggressive Driving Intersections 0% 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500 4,000 4,500 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes

From a qualitative perspective emphasis areas also were selected considering these questions:

- **Effectiveness Data.** Are there proven countermeasures available for use in Oregon? If not, is there an ability and commitment to evaluate effectiveness of programs and projects?
- **Institutional Capacity.** Are there agencies or individuals who are able to commit ongoing staff resources to address this safety problem?
- **Emphasis Area Overlap.** Does the potential emphasis area significantly overlap with other potential emphasis areas and, if so, can they both be addressed simultaneously?
- Consistency with Existing Plans and Policies. Is the potential EA consistent with other state plans and policies and does it address a significant policy goal?
- **Public Input.** Are there issues the public perceives as critical to driving down fatalities and serious injuries? Can these issues be addressed within the framework of the TSAP?

Figure 6.2 shows the resulting evaluation of potential EAs using the frequency severity chart and the above qualitative categories. As shown emphasis areas were evaluated as strong, moderate, or weak emphasis area candidates for each criterion. The PAC reviewed this information as well as input from stakeholders to select emphasis areas for the TSAP.<sup>22</sup>

Distracted driving was identified as an emphasis subcategory because available data and anecdotal evidence point to distraction as a significant traffic safety concern. A recent survey conducted by Southern Oregon University found that three out of four drivers surveyed engage in distracted driving. Furthermore, 83 percent of respondents felt that distracted driving is an important safety concern on Oregon's roads.



Figure 6.2 Emphasis Area Evaluation

Potential Emphasis Area	Frequency	Severity	Effectiveness Data	Emphasis Area Overlap	Institutional Capacity	Policy Focus
Aggressive Driving						
Impaired Driving						
Bicycles						
Commercial Vehicles						
Distracted Driving (Inattentive Drivers)	0	0	0		0	0
Intersections		$\bigcirc$				
Motorcycles						
Older Drivers (65+)						
Pedestrians						
Roadway Departure						
Speed-Related						
Unlicensed Drivers						
Unrestrained Occupants				0		
Young Drivers (15-25)						
Foundational EAs (EMS, Data, and Training)					•	•
	Strong Emphasis Area Candidate					
	Moderate Emphasis Area Candidate					
	Weak Emphasis Area Candidate					

Frequency = number of fatal and serious injury crashes from 2009 to 2013; Severity = fatal and serious injury crashes per 100 total crashes; Effectiveness Data = proven, effective countermeasures are known, or projects and programs can be evaluated for effectiveness; Emphasis Area Overlap = the potential EA significantly overlaps with one or more other potential emphasis areas; Institutional Capacity = there are existing programs and resources to support implementation of strategies related to this potential EA; Policy Focus = the potential EA represents a significant policy focus for Oregon.



#### **EMPHASIS AREAS AND ACTIONS**

This section describes each EA subcategory and the accompanying actions. Actions are specific programs, policies, projects and potential future legal policy changes for implementing the EAs over the next five years. The actions listed are achievable and, where possible, proven effective. For actions that have not been tested for their effectiveness, they will be evaluated during implementation to understand their contribution to crash reductions. The actions are categorized by the primary EA they address, but many have the potential to contribute to fatality and serious injury reductions across multiple EAs. While this section focuses on the implementation of safety solutions over the next five years, each EA and action also will contribute to the success of the long-term goals, policies, and strategies outlined in Chapter 5.

#### **Emphasis Area: Risky Behaviors**

#### **Impaired Driving**

Alcohol impairment is measured as blood alcohol concentration (BAC) reading of 0.08 percent or higher for drivers and 0.04 percent for commercial motor vehicle drivers. In Oregon, as in most states, the penalties are severe for drinking and driving and could result in jail time, a suspended or revoked license, substance abuse treatment requirements, and/or fines. While the risks of driving under the influence of alcohol are well known, thresholds for impairment and testing for drugged driving are less well established. Drivers may not fully understand how DUII standards apply when driving on prescription or recreational drugs. In addition, law enforcement agencies are still refining detection processes. Drugged driving is impaired driving and research and improvements in test methods are ongoing in this area. In Oregon, impaired driving crashes are defined as crashes in which the reporting officer indicates alcohol or other drugs were somehow involved in the crash. These crashes could include alcohol only, marijuana and illegal prescription drugs, or a combination of drugs and alcohol.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, impaired driving crashes (alcohol and/or drugs) accounted for 22 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 625 fatalities and 1,087 serious injuries.

Crashes occur more or less equally in rural Oregon (52 percent) and urban parts of the state (48 percent). About 70 percent of impaired driving crashes involved roadway departures. Aggressive driving (44 percent) and speed (42 percent) related crashes are also common in conjunction with impaired driving crashes.



Figure 6.3 Impaired Driving Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

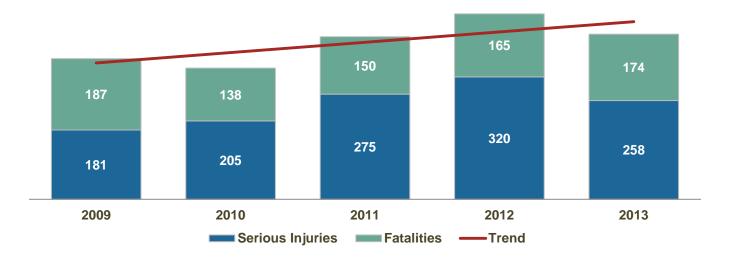
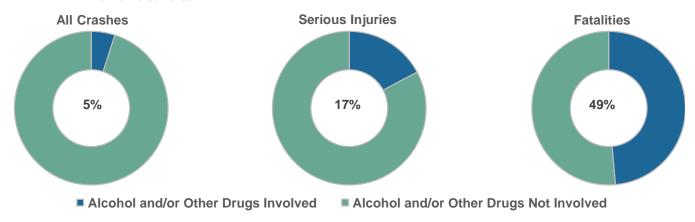


Figure 6.4 Impaired Driving as a Contributing Factor for All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities





#### **Impaired Driving Actions**

#### **Table 6.1 Impaired Driving Actions**

	Tier 1
Action 6.1.1:	Change social norms by increasing awareness of the types of impaired driving (e.g., drunk driving, drugged driving, and driving under the influence of prescription drugs).
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users
Action 6.1.2:	Provide training and education on marijuana impairment detection for law enforcement.
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Training, Enforcement
Action 6.1.3:	Conduct targeted impaired driving enforcement.
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Data, Enforcement
Action 6.1.4:	Adopt National Transportation Safety Board recommendation to reduce Blood Alcohol Concentration limit to 0.05.
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement
Action 6.1.5:	Revise DUII statutes with the objective of eliminating impaired driving as a crash cause.
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement
	Tier 2
Action 6.1.6.	Strengthen laws aimed at reducing repeat DUII offenders
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement
Action 6.1.7:	Improve DUII arrest and adjudication processes
	Co-Benefits: Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement

#### **Occupant Protection**

In Oregon, passenger car drivers, pickup truck drivers, and sports car drivers are often using their seatbelts – the national average for observed seatbelt use in 2014 was 87 percent for passenger cars and in Oregon it was 98 percent.<sup>23</sup> While wearing a seatbelt has become a cultural norm in Oregon, the numbers also reflect targeted enforcement efforts – in 2014, 7,429 seat belt citations were issued in Oregon through a grant funded program. Residents now recognize that the use of restraints and child car seats reduces the severity of a crash.<sup>24</sup> In Oregon, unbelted crashes are defined as one or more victims are not using appropriate protection. Enforcement of occupant protection laws and education about proper use of restraints for adults and children will continue to have a positive impact on reducing crash severity.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, crashes involving occupants not properly using restraints accounted for 13 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 490 fatalities and 881 serious injuries. Approximately 65 percent of these crashes occurred in a rural environment. Almost all unrestrained fatal and serious injury crashes (72 percent) result from lane departure crashes. Aggressive driving (44 percent) and speeding (41 percent) also are strongly correlated to unrestrained crashes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/+2016%20Federal%20Version%20Final.pdf.

Figure 6.5 Unrestrained Occupant Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

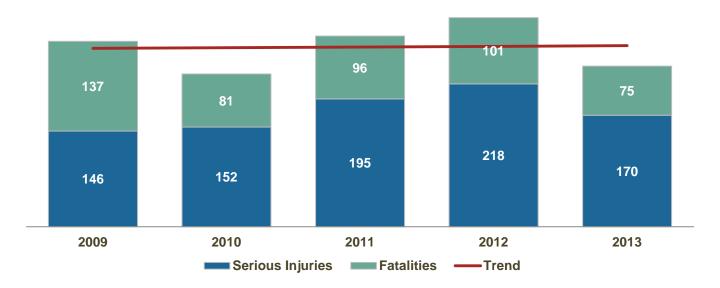
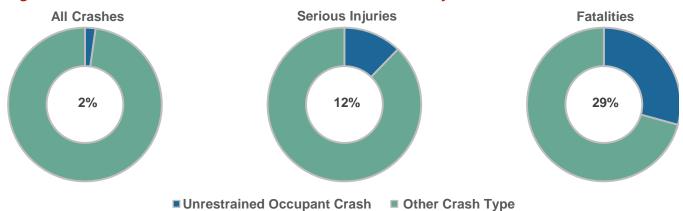


Figure 6.6 Failure to use Restraints for All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities





#### **Occupant Protection Actions**

#### **Table 6.2 Occupant Protection Actions**

		Tier 1	
Action 6.2.1:	Conduct targeted enforcement of occupant protection laws.		
	Co-Benefits:	Enforcement, Young Drivers, Older Drivers	

		Tier 2	
Action 6.2.2:	Conduct target	red education to increase the use of seat belts and child safety seats.	
	Co-Benefits	Older Road Users, Training	
Action 6.2.3:	Provide youth safety items (e.g., child safety seats, bicycle helmets) to satisfy public demand.		
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users	
Action 6.2.4:	Recruit and trai	n certified child passenger safety (CPS) technicians as needed.	
	Co-Benefits:	Training	

#### Speeding

In Oregon, speeding crashes are defined as a vehicle traveling too fast for conditions, or traveling above the posted or statutory speed limit. Speed-related fatalities and serious injuries have been trending downward, on average, since 2009. In Federal Fiscal Year 2014, law enforcement issued 21,732 speeding citations, during grant-funded, targeted enforcement efforts, to deter this unsafe driving behavior.<sup>25</sup>

An Oregon statewide public opinion survey from March 2013 reported that 76 percent of drivers say they rarely exceed the speed limit on a local road with a posted speed of 30 miles per hour and 77 percent say they rarely exceed it on a road with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour.<sup>26</sup> To the extent that this self-reported information is accurate, an estimated 24% of Oregon drivers do sometimes or regularly exceed posted speeds, which is consistent with a Federal estimate that at least 30 percent of drivers speed (NHTSA, *National Traffic Speeds Survey II*, August 2012). Speed is implicated in 27 percent of crashes in Oregon. The outcome of speeding crashes is often severe. Targeted enforcement, including traffic patrols and effective automated enforcement will continue to be implemented throughout Oregon. In addition, roadway design and speed limits will be considered in tandem to achieve safe operating speeds.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, speed-related crashes accounted for 27 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 619 fatalities and 1,897 serious injuries. About 70 percent of these crashes occurred in a rural environment. Almost all speed-related fatal and serious injury crashes (85 percent) result from lane departure crashes. Alcohol involvement (30 percent) and unrestrained occupants (20 percent) also are strongly correlated to speeding crashes. It is important for all stakeholders (e.g., residents, business owners, local, regional and state agencies) be engaged in the process of identifying the appropriate speed for a roadway. The roadway can then be appropriately designed and built or retrofitted to achieve the desired travel speed.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/+2016%20Federal%20Version%20Final.pdf.

Figure 6.7 Speed-Related Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

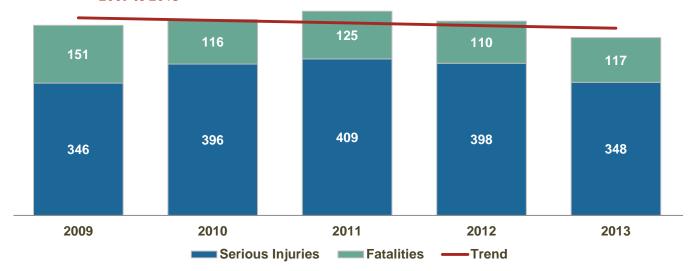
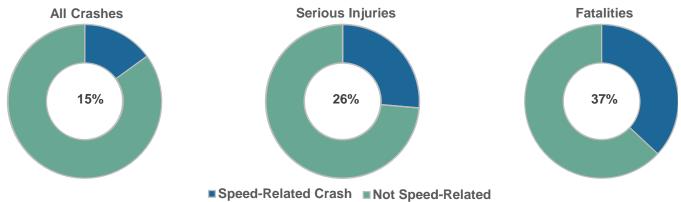


Figure 6.8 Speeding as a Contributing Factor for All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities





#### Speeding Actions

#### **Table 6.3 Speeding Actions**

		Tier 1	
Action 6.3.1:	Educate all trar	nsportation system users about the dangers of speeding.	
	Co-Benefits	Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Young Drivers	
	Continue work	between ODOT, cities, and counties to consider and revise, as appropriate, regulations	
Action 6.3.2:	and programs f	for establishing speed limits to achieve safety goals, improve balance among multimodal	
	interests, and s	upport community objectives	
	Co-Benefits:	Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement	
Action 6.3.3:	Establish the sa	ame statutory speed limits in residential and business districts.	
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road	
	CO-Deffetts.	Users, Enforcement	
Action 6.3.4:	Modify laws to	allow more effective automated enforcement of traffic laws.	
	Co-Benefits:	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement	
Action 6.3.5:	Track and asses	ss changes to crash rates, fatalities, and serious injuries on highways recently approved for	
ACTION 0.5.5.	higher speed li	mits.	
	Co-Benefits:	Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Data	
Action 6.3.6:	Focus facility d	esign and redesign to achieve operating speeds consistent with safety goals, context,	
ACTION 0.5.0.	users and land use.		
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users	
Action 6.3.7:	Conduct targeted enforcement to reduce speeding.		
	Co-Benefits:	Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Data, Enforcement	

#### **Distracted Driving**

Distracted driving is operating a motor vehicle while doing another activity that takes your attention away from safely driving.<sup>27</sup> The proliferation of cell phones and other mobile electronic devices has resulted in an increased distracted population. Available data and anecdotal evidence point to distraction as a significant traffic safety concern. A recent survey conducted by Southern Oregon University found that three out of four drivers surveyed engage in distracted driving.

Previous exceptions in Oregon's distracted driving law allowed drivers to use handheld cell phones if the call was related to their jobs. Some of those exceptions were removed effective 2013, but most exceptions still need to be removed. Legislation must change the law to make this law clear, enforceable and convictable by removing all exceptions but emergency vehicles/employees while responding to an emergency and a driver calling 911 for an emergency when no one else is available to make the call. Also, the law needs to be very specific in definition to include current and future technologies, changing it to "mobile electronic devices" for example. Drivers under 18 years old are prohibited from all cell phone use, hand held or hands free.

One of the first actions recommended in this subarea is to define and assess the scale of distracted driving in Oregon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/road\_rules.aspx (accessed 3/16/16).



#### **Distracted Driving Actions**

#### **Table 6.4 Distracted Driving Actions**

		Tier 1	
Action 6.4.1:	Support the tas	k force on distracted driving and implement countermeasures.	
	Co-Benefits	_	
Action 6.4.2:	Decrease distra	cted driving through education and changing social norms.	
	Co-Benefits:	Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users	
Action 6.4.3:	Work with othe	r states on research and data development to identify the scope and scale of distracted	
ACTION 0.4.5.	driving and possible solutions.		
	Co-Benefits:	Distracted Driving, Data	
Action 6.4.4:	Adopt and revis	se current distracted driving law to remove loopholes and be consistent with Federal	
ACTION 0.4.4.	guidance.		
	Co-Benefits:	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Enforcement	

		Tier 2	
Action 6.4.5:	Conduct targeted enforcement to enforce distracted driving laws.		
	Co-Benefits	Enforcement	

#### **Emphasis Area: Infrastructure**

#### Intersections

An intersection is a point at which two or more roads intersect. Most intersections are designed for motorized vehicles as well as pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and freight travel. An inherent concern at intersections is that they create conflict points among multiple road users, which can be exacerbated by differences in vehicle size and travel speed as well as the complexity of the intersection design. Intersection crashes in Oregon are defined as incidents that occur at a signalized or unsignalized intersection in an urban or rural environment.

#### **Problem Overview**

Between 2009 and 2013, intersection-related crashes accounted for 34 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 335 fatalities and 2,613 serious injuries. About 76 percent of these crashes occurred in an urban environment; and older drivers, aggressive drivers, and younger drivers were disproportionately more involved in intersection crashes.



Figure 6.9 Intersection-Related Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

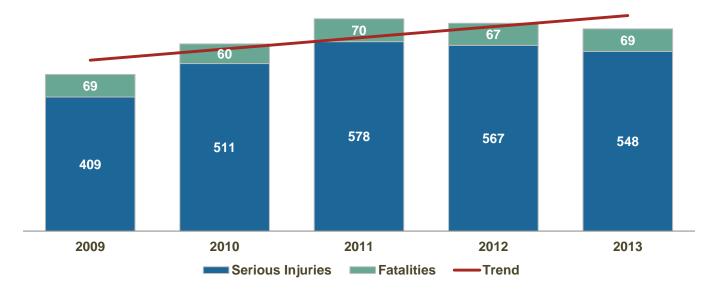
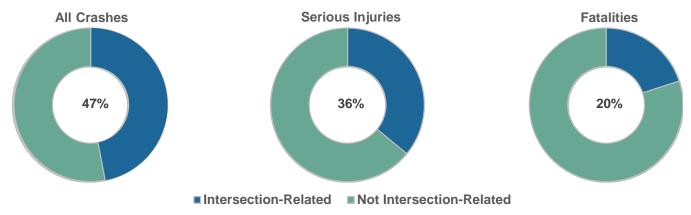


Figure 6.10 Intersection-Related Crashes as a Percentage of All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities



#### **Intersection Actions**

General infrastructure actions were developed and are shown in Table 6.5. These actions may relate to intersection and roadway departure crash types. Intersection-specific actions also were developed and are shown Table 6.6.



#### **Table 6.5** Infrastructure Actions (General)

		Tier 1	
Action 6.5.1:	Implement design treatments to achieve appropriate speeds and manage sight distance consistent with context, users, and community goals.		
	Co-Benefits	Speeding, Intersections, Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles	

	Tier 2		
Action 6.5.2:	Implement targeted infrastructure and striping maintenance programs to address safety issues closely associated with weather, maintenance, or roadway debris that affects travelers.		
	Co-Benefits Intersections, Roadway Departure, Bicyclists		
Action 6.5.3:	Support multimodal safety considerations during local Transportation System Plan development, and other planning efforts (e.g., local Transportation Safety Action Plans) to guide project planning, operations and maintenance for safer transportation facilities		
	Co-Benefits: Intersections, Roadway Departure, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Data		

#### **Table 6.6 Intersection Actions**

Tier 1				
Action 6.6.1:	Implement low-cost systemic safety improvements at intersections.			
	Co-Benefits	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles, Young Drivers		

		Tier 2
Action 6.6.2:	Implement inter	section design treatments to reduce conflicts between users and improve driver
ACTION 6.6.2:	e next intersection and compliance with traffic controls.	
	Co-Benefits	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles
Action 6.6.3:	Implement acces	s management on high-volume roads and/or around complex intersections to reduce crashes.
	Co-Benefits:	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles

#### **Roadway Departure**

When operating a vehicle, an event may arise requiring the driver to swerve suddenly to avoid another car or object; or an unsafe speed could affect control of the car. All of these impact a driver's ability to stay on the road, possibly resulting in a crash. Roadway departure crashes are defined as non-intersection crashes involving a vehicle departing its lane and running off the road, into a median or into an opposing lane of traffic.

#### **Problem Overview**

Between 2009 and 2013 approximately 53 percent of all fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon included a roadway departure, contributing to 1,188 fatalities and 3,745 serious injuries. About 73 percent of these crashes were in a rural environment. Many risky behavior-related crashes involve the vehicle leaving the lane or entire roadway. For example, lane departure accounts for 44 percent of aggressive driving fatal and serious injuries, 43 percent of speed-related fatal and serious injuries, and 18 percent of impaired driving fatal and serious injuries.

Figure 6.11 Roadway Departure Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

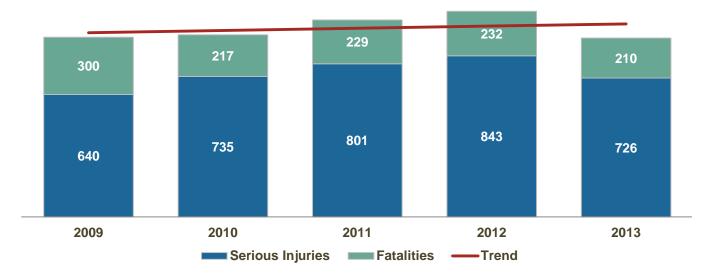
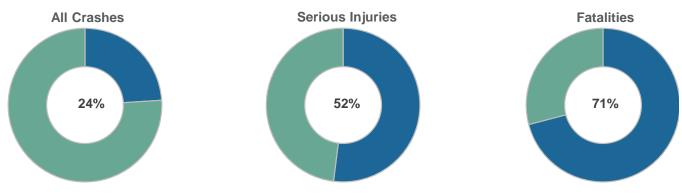


Figure 6.12 Roadway Departure as a Percentage of All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities



■ Roadway Departure Crash ■ Not a Roadway Departure Crash



#### Roadway Departure Actions

#### **Table 6.7 Roadway Departure Actions**

Tier 1				
Action 6.7.1:	Design and implement treatments addressing risk factors associated with roadway departure crashes.			
	Co-Benefits	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Motorcycles,		
		Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles, Data		

	Tier 2		
Action 6.7.2:	Implement low-	Implement low-cost systemic safety roadway improvements.	
	Co-Benefits	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Motorcycles, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles	
Action 6.7.3:	Improve road delineation to improve the visibility of road edges in rural areas.		
	Co-Benefits:	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles	

#### **Emphasis Area: Vulnerable Users**

#### **Pedestrians**

Pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries can be caused by inattentive drivers or inattentive pedestrians. Regardless of who is at fault, crashes involving a pedestrian tend to be more serious because pedestrians are completely exposed when using the transportation system. Nationally, as well as in Oregon, urban areas are working to create healthy communities and lifestyles. Alternative transportation infrastructure, including sidewalks, is being implemented to encourage residents to walk to work, to run errands, or for recreation. An increase in these environments has encouraged more people to walk, but it also has increased the chances for pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. In addition, some communities do not yet have adequate infrastructure in place to accommodate pedestrians, which can also be a risk factor for crashes. In Oregon, pedestrian crashes are defined as crashes where one or more pedestrian was involved in the crash.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, crashes involving pedestrians accounted for 10 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 262 fatalities and 548 serious injuries. Nearly 90 percent of these crashes occurred in an urban environment, where there are more pedestrians and sidewalk infrastructure. In 2015 in Portland, approximately 27 percent of transportation related fatalities were pedestrians (10 of 37 fatalities). Nationally, pedestrians make up 14 percent of all traffic fatalities.<sup>28</sup>

Crashes at intersections or when alcohol and/or other drugs are involved also are strongly correlated to pedestrian crashes.

<sup>28 2015</sup> Portland Traffic Safety Report, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Active Transportation and Safety Division, pages 3 and 4, February 8, 2016.



Figure 6.13 Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

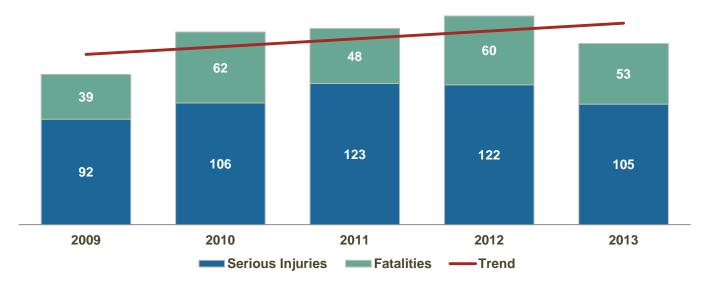
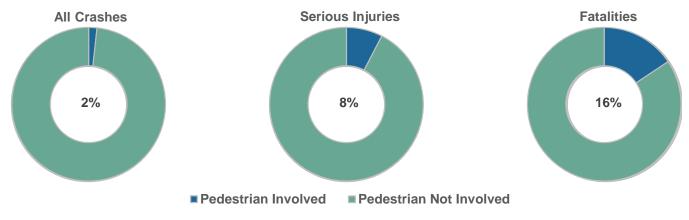


Figure 6.14 Pedestrian Involvement in All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities



**Pedestrian Actions** 

**Table 6.8 Pedestrian Actions** 

Tier 1		
Action 6.8.1:	Evaluate the safety performance of innovative pedestrian facilities. Continue implementing the most effective.	
	Co-Benefits In	ntersections, Data
Action 6.8.2:		ies and crossings in areas where pedestrians are present or access is needed. Prioritize chool areas, multilane streets and highways and other high risk areas and facilities.
	Co-Benefits: In	ntersections, Bicyclists, Data
Action 6.8.3:	Improve maintenance of existing pedestrian facilities.	
	Co-Benefits: In	ntersections



#### Motorcycles

Motorcycle drivers and passengers are vulnerable because of their level of exposure when traveling on Oregon's roads. When a motorcycle runs off the road or interacts with another vehicle, the lack of protection for the motorcycle driver (and passenger if present) can increase the severity of the crash. A motorcycle crash is defined as a crash that involves a motorcycle, but does not necessarily mean the motorcycle driver is the cause of the crash.

#### Problem Identification

Between 2009 and 2013, motorcycle crashes accounted for 15 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 211 fatalities and 1,030 serious injuries. About 56 percent of these crashes occurred in a rural environment. A large number of motorcycle fatal and serious injury crashes (61 percent) result from lane departure crashes. Crashes at intersections (46 percent) and aggressive driving (42 percent) also are strongly correlated to motorcycle crashes.

Figure 6.15 Motorcycle Driver and Passenger Involved Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

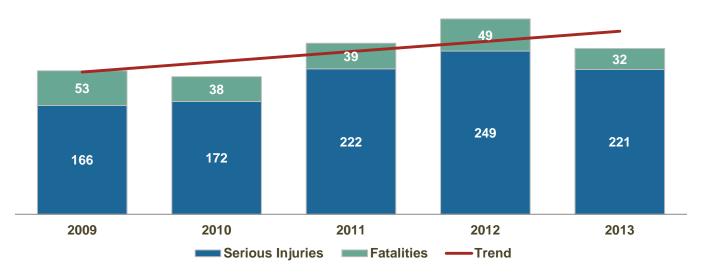
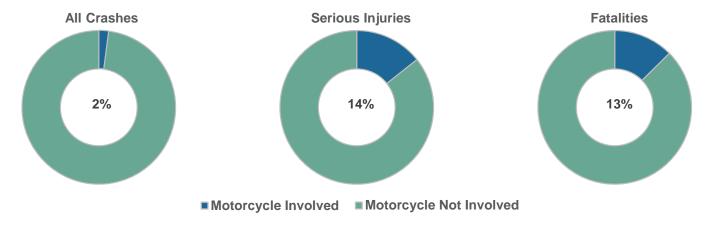


Figure 6.16 Motorcycle Involvement in All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities





#### **Motorcyclist Actions**

#### **Table 6.9 Motorcycle Actions**

Tier 1			
Action 6.9.1:	Increase awareness among motorcycle drivers that the majority of crashes involve speed, impairment, and roadway departure.		
	Co-Benefits	Speed, Impaired Driving	
Action 6.9.2:	Provide educati	on and enforcement to decrease impaired motorcycle riding.	
	Co-Benefits:	Impaired Driving, Training, Enforcement	

Tier 2			
Action 6.9.3:	Increase awareness of motorcycles among the general public through education and outreach.		
	Co-Benefits Impaired Driving, Speeding, Roadway Departure		
Action 6.9.4:	Adopt and implement road surface maintenance practices across jurisdictions that reduce hazards for people operating motorcycles.		
	Co-Benefits: Road departure		
Action 6.9.5:	Modify Oregon's helmet definition to match Federal regulations.		
	Co-Benefits: –		

#### **Bicyclists**

Bicycle fatalities and serious injuries can be caused by inattentive drivers or inattentive bicyclists.

Regardless of who is at fault, crashes involving a bicyclist tend to be more serious because bicyclists are completely exposed when using the transportation system. Nationally, as well as in Oregon, urban areas are developing transportation systems and land use policies to promote healthy communities and lifestyles. Alternative transportation infrastructure, including bike lanes, bike-specific traffic signals, and bike racks, are being implemented to encourage residents to bike to work, run errands, or for recreation. In the City of Portland, 7.2 percent of commuters go by bike, which is the highest percentage of commuters for a large American city.<sup>29</sup> As bicycling environments improve and more people ride bikes, there are more chances for bicycle-vehicle conflicts. In Oregon, bicycle crashes are defined as crashes where one or more bicyclists (or other pedalcyclists) was/were involved in the crash.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, crashes involving bicyclists (pedalcyclists) accounted for 4 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 42 fatalities and 293 serious injuries. About 86 percent of these crashes occurred in an urban environment, where there are more bicyclists and bicycle infrastructure. A number of bicycle-related fatal and serious injury crashes result from young driver crashes. Older driver crashes and crashes when aggressive driving is involved are also strongly correlated to bicycle crashes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/407660.

**Figure 6.17 Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year** 2009 to 2013

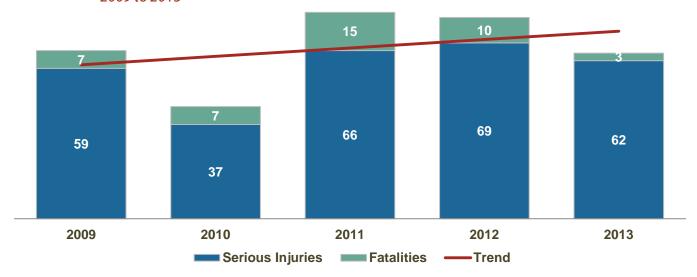


Figure 6.18 Bicyclist Involvement in All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities



#### **Bicyclist Actions**

**Table 6.10 Bicyclist Actions** 

		Tier 1
Action 6.10.1:	Evaluate the sa	fety impacts of innovative bicycle facilities. Continue implementing the most effective.
	Co-Benefits	Intersections, Data

Tier 2		
Action 6.10.2:	Adopt and implement road surface maintenance practices across jurisdictions that reduce hazards for people riding bicycles.	
	Co-Benefits	Motorcycles
Action 6.10.3:	Provide youth safety items (e.g., bicycle helmets) to satisfy public demand.	
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users



#### Older Drivers and Pedestrians

While older drivers are a concern now in Oregon, crash numbers could increase dramatically over the next decade as the U.S. population ages. Operating a vehicle requires drivers to react quickly, see and hear clearly, judge distances and speeds, and be aware of other drivers and road users. As people age, it can lead to a decline in some of these abilities. When older drivers do crash, it also tends to be more severe as they can get hurt more seriously and face longer recovery times than younger drivers. In Oregon, older driver crashes are defined as crashes where drivers older than 65 are involved in, but not necessarily the cause of, a crash (Figure 6.19). As a subset of older driver involved crashes, older pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries also are a concern for many of the same reasons listed above –reaction time to oncoming vehicles may be slower, they may not be able to see crosswalks or automobiles as well, they may misjudge the amount of time required to cross a street or otherwise be less aware of their surroundings (Figure 6.21). In addition, when older pedestrians are struck by a vehicle, their injuries tend to be more severe.

#### **Problem Identification**

Between 2009 and 2013, older driver involved crashes accounted for 13 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes in Oregon and contributed to 352 fatalities and 1,396 serious injuries (Figure 6.19). Approximately 50 percent of these crashes occurred in an urban environment. A large number of older driver fatal and serious injury crashes (44 percent) result from lane departure crashes. Crashes at intersections (40 percent) and aggressive driving (26 percent) also are strongly correlated to older driver crashes.

Figure 6.19 Older Driver Involved Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013

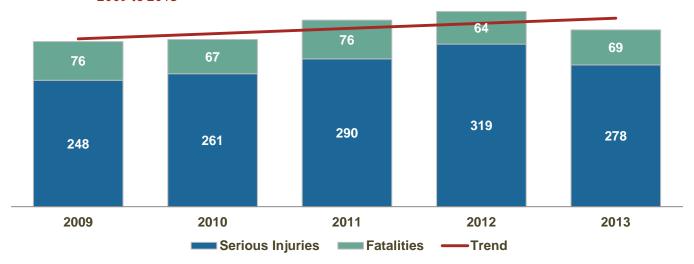


Figure 6.20 Older Driver Involvement in All Crashes, Serious Injuries, and Fatalities

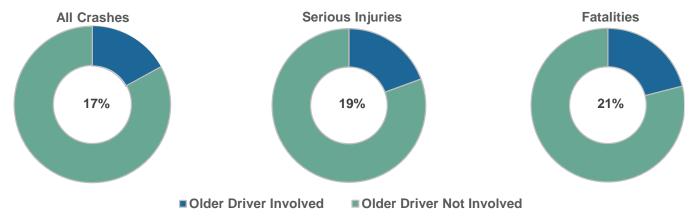
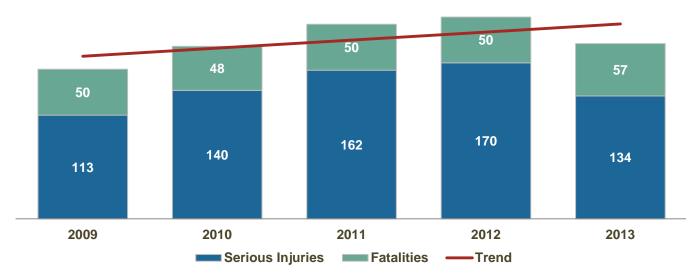


Figure 6.21 Older Driver and Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Year 2009 to 2013



General vulnerable user actions were developed and are shown in Table 6.11. These actions relate to all vulnerable road users, not just older drivers and pedestrians. Older road user-specific actions also were developed and are shown Table 6.12.

**Table 6.11 Vulnerable User Actions (General)** 

		Tier 2
Action 6.11.1:	Conduct education campaigns to encourage all system users to recognize responsibility for the safety of all travelers (e.g., share the road, slow down for kids).	
	Co-Benefits	Speeding, Intersections, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists
Action 6.11.2:	Evaluate the need for actions which address the issues associated with children and adolescents, and young vehicle operators.	
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departures, Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving



#### Table 6.12 Older Road Users Actions

		Tier 1
Action 6.12.1:	Identify risk fac	ctors for older drivers and implement treatments, within current law.
	Co-Benefits	Data

		Tier 2
Action 6.12.2:	Identify risk factors for older walkers and implement treatments, within current law.	
	Co-Benefits	Pedestrians, Data

#### **Emphasis Area: Improved Systems**

Five additional subareas were identified as vital components to achieving the zero fatalities and serious injuries vision. To positively influence crash outcomes in Oregon, it is necessary to invest in data improvements to better identify crash locations and understand contributing factors; provide training to transportation and safety stakeholders to expand implementation of safety efforts; coordinate with law enforcement and emergency responders on opportunities to reduce the severity of crash outcomes; and address the consequences of commercial vehicle crashes.

#### **Commercial Vehicles**

The Motor Carrier Safety Division at ODOT develops an annual Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan. The mission of the Motor Carrier Transportation Division is to promote a safe, responsible, and efficient commercial transportation industry in Oregon.<sup>30</sup> Similar to the TSAP, the plan outline critical state commercial vehicle issues, potential solutions and performance measures. There also are Federal guidelines documented in the plan.

#### Actions

#### **Table 6.13 Commercial Vehicle Actions**

Tier 1			
Action 6.13.1:	Implement the annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan.		
	Co-Benefits	N/A	

#### **Enforcement**

Law enforcement officials prevent crashes through traffic details, special mobilization campaigns such as Click It or Ticket, saturation patrols, and checkpoints. These different approaches enable officers to prosecute safety offenses, such as impaired driving and distracted driving, but also keep all road users safe at the same time.

They also respond to crashes when they do occur to collect information for a crash report, which details the specifics of the crash, person(s), and vehicle(s), involved in the incident. This information later helps transportation and safety stakeholders make informed decisions about safety solutions. Fully staffed and funded law enforcement agencies can direct their efforts towards targeted enforcement and data collection.

Summary of Oregon Truck Safety and Guide to the 2015 Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan. https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/docs/CVSPlan2015.pdf.



#### **Actions**

#### **Table 6.14 Enforcement Actions**

	Tier 1		
Action 6.14.1:	Equitably enforce and prosecute traffic safety offenses for all modes.		
	Co-Benefits	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists and Older Road Users	
Action 6.14.2:	Increase funding for traffic patrols to enforce traffic laws.		
	Co-Benefits:	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving	

#### **Emergency Medical Services**

Emergency medical service providers are the people responding to victims at crash scenes. Having a prompt and effective EMS system can increase the survival rates for crash victims, especially in rural areas where longer travel distances can make the difference between life and death. The primary responsibility for EMS staff are to triage, treat, and transport crash victims, but they also may coordinate evacuation with other agencies, provide advanced emergency medical care, and determine the cause of injuries for the trauma center. Fully staffed, funded, and trained emergency response teams can provide services that save lives and/or reduce the impact of injuries.

#### Actions

#### Table 6.15 EMS Actions

		Tier 1
Action 6.15.1:	Recruit, train, and retain EMS responders in urban, rural, and sparsely populated areas.	
	Co-Benefits	Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Intersections,
	Co-Benefits	Roadway Departure, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Training

Tier 2			
Action 6.15.2:	Promote Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training for EMS officials in rural and sparsely		
	populated areas.		
	Co-Benefits Training		
Action 6.15.3:	Conduct annual trauma symposium for EMS providers.		
	Co-Benefits: Training		
Action 6.15.4:	Address EMS equipment shortfalls through increased funding.		
	Co-Benefits: All users		

#### Data

Crash, roadway, and volume (motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle) data is essential to understanding crash trends, identifying critical issues, developing emphasis areas and actions, and evaluating the effectiveness of solutions. Data should be timely, accurate, complete, consistent, integrated, and accessible. The improvement of data is addressed by the Oregon Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and other interested stakeholders. Moving forward, a priority of this group will be to develop and implement a Traffic Records Strategic Plan to ensure that the best available data is used for safety planning and investment decisions.



#### **Actions**

#### Table 6.16 Data Actions

	Tier 1		
Action 6.16.1:	Evaluate pedestrian and bicycle high crash locations and risk factors through analysis of existing data and development of new data sources.		
	Co-Benefits Pedestrians, Bicyclists		
Action 6.16.2:	Improve timeliness of crash data.		
	Co-Benefits: N/A		
Action 6.16.3:	Improve reliability of crash reports.		
	Co-Benefits: Distracted Driving		
Action 6.16.4:	Identify data needs related to impaired driving and implement measures to address gaps. Coordinate with public health.		
	Co-Benefits: Impaired Driving		
Action 6.16.5:	Develop and implement a new Traffic Records Strategic Plan based on the 2016, and subsequent futu assessments of the traffic records system.		
	Co-Benefits: N/A		

Tier 2						
Action 6.16.6:	Evaluate type and extent of crash underreporting. Implement necessary actions to address issue.					
	Co-Benefits	N/A				

#### Training and Education

Oregon is committed to educating engineers, educators, enforcement, emergency service providers, and the general public about new safety information and offering training opportunities to maintain and upgrade skills. Continued driver education and training, for young and experienced drivers including motorcycle drivers, will contribute to crash reductions. Specific education and training opportunities would contribute to a better understanding of traffic laws, new transportation infrastructure, work zone awareness, and motorcycle safety.

#### Actions

**Table 6.17 Training and Education Actions** 

Tier 1			
Action 6.17.1:	Implement education and training related to new types of infrastructure (e.g., signal heads, safety edge, crosswalks, bike lanes, or roundabouts) and related traffic laws.		
	Co-Benefits Intersections		
Action 6.17.2:	Encourage and support local planning for safety efforts, the formation of local government commissions and committees, and other affiliated groups that address transportation safety.		
	Co-Benefits: All modes		
Action 6.17.3:	Implement education, training or examinations to ensure licensed drivers understand current traffic laws.		
	Co-Benefits: Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles		



Tier 2					
Action 6.17.4:	Conduct training and education to reduce the number of unendorsed travelers (all modes).				
	Co-Benefits	Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Older Road Users, Commercial Vehicles			
Action 6.17.5:	Conduct training on traffic safety laws for law enforcement officers, attorneys and judges to improve consistent enforcement and adjudication processes.				
	Co-Benefits:	Enforcement			
Action 6.17.6:	Provide continued improvement of the education system for new drivers, including issues dealing with access to, and cost associated with passenger vehicle operator training.  Evaluate requiring driver training for youthful operators.				
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departures, Impaired Driving, Speeding, Unrestrained Occupants, Distracted Driving, Motorcycles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists			
Action 6.17.7:	Provide education and other countermeasures to ensure safe work zones around roadway constructi and improvement projects for workers and the traveling public.				
	Co-Benefits:	Intersections, Roadway Departures, Impaired Driving, Speeding, Distracted Driving, Older Road Users			
Action 6.17.8:	Provide support for use of comprehensive, integrated approaches such as 4 Es to those who design, operate, maintain, and use the system. Extend efforts to all agencies and partners through education and other measures.				
	Co-Benefits:	Enforcement, Emergency Response, Intersections, Roadway Departures			

#### **CONCLUSION**

EAs represent the key factors contributing to crashes. In Oregon, the results of data analysis and public input identified Infrastructure, Risky Behaviors, Vulnerable Users, and Improved Systems as the priority areas to focus staff time and resources to achieve reductions in transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. To effectively direct resources over the next five years, project and programmatic measures, and potential future legal or policy changes have been identified to be implemented by a variety of Oregon's agencies and stakeholders.



# 7 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

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In order to understand the value of TSAP efforts over time, performance must be measured. Establishing performance measures provides the information needed to evaluate safety implementation and identify the need for changes to the TSAP in the future. To better understand whether the policies, strategies, emphasis areas, and actions identified in the previous chapters are contributing to fatality and serious injury reductions, the TSAP establishes performance measures that align with FHWA requirements under the MAP-21 rule, FAST Act, and NHTSA. To evaluate progress towards the TSAP vision, performance targets also have been identified to meet Federal requirements. This chapter outlines the recommended TSAP performance measures and targets.

#### TYPES OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES

In transportation, performance measures are defined as "data about the use, condition, and impact of the transportation system... reported for illustrative purposes to demonstrate progress made toward established targets."<sup>31</sup>

The National Performance Review definition of performance measure is as follows:

Efficiency performance measures track effort and output of a program.

Efficiency performance measures track how many activities were conducted, or miles of treatment were installed.

A process of assessing progress toward achieving predetermined goals, including information on the efficiency with which resources are transformed into goods and services (outputs), the quality of those outputs (how well they are delivered to clients and the extent to which clients are satisfied) and outcomes (the results of a program activity compared to its intended purpose), and the effectiveness of government operations in terms of their specific contributions to program objectives."<sup>32</sup>

Measurements are categorized into two distinct types: efficiency and effectiveness. Efficiency measures are focused on effort and outputs. They track the goings-on of a program, and in traffic safety examples include the following:

- Number of miles of rumble strips installed;
- Number of seat belt violation citations written;
- Number of labor hours of overtime enforcement conducted; and
- Number of schools visited last year to promote traffic safety.

Effectiveness performance measures track the results of a program or activity.

Effectiveness performance measures track how many fatalities or injuries occurred, or number of unbelted fatalities

The value of efficiency measures is that they are often easy to quantify through real-time tracking or year-end data collection. The limitation, however, is that efficiency measures do not measure the end result directly. For example, installing rumble strips does not guarantee a reduction in crashes, and writing additional seat belt citations does not necessarily improve seat belt use or reduce unbelted crashes. When choosing efficiency measurements, it is important to make a connection from the effort to its ultimate goal.

MAP-21, Performance Measures, and Performance-Based Funding, http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/updates/-asset\_publisher/ UIMfSLnFfMB6/content/map-21-performance-measures-and-performance-based-funding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Performance Measure Fundamentals, FHWA Office of Operations, Washington, D.C., 2015. http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf\_measurement/fundamentals/.



Effectiveness measures, in contrast, are defined above as "the results of a program activity." These measures tie more directly to the ultimate goals of reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Examples include:

Number of traffic fatalities in a given jurisdiction over the past year;

- Seat belt use rate:
- Number of unbelted fatalities:
- Number of marijuana-related fatalities and serious injuries; and
- Number of fatal crashes involving unendorsed motorcycle drivers.

Effectiveness measures are typically of higher value due to their focus on the desired result. However, it is often difficult to acquire information for effectiveness measures in a timely manner. For example, obtaining the number of unbelted occupant-related traffic crashes can take months or years for collection, quality assurance, and archiving. Additionally, it is not always clear if the change in the effectiveness measure was directly connected to outputs. For example, it is not prudent to assume a crash reduction was caused by traffic safety efforts; other factors, including statistical randomness, play a part.

#### **Predictive Measures**

In addition to the example measures and attributes discussed above, transportation safety has recently expanded its analysis methods to include predictions of safety based on a variety of data. This method can be used for decision-making throughout the project development process, including planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance. Examples include screening potential locations for improvement and choosing alternative roadway designs using data such as traffic volume, roadway geometry, and roadside conditions.

ODOT's Transportation Planning Analysis Unit has been actively testing and applying safety analysis methods to see which predictive methods from AASHTO's 2010 *Highway Safety Manual* work best for different analysis cases, and incorporating lessons learned into the Transportation Planning Analysis Unit's *Analysis Procedures Manual*. Oregon should continue to work with national researchers and safety advocates to promote development of long-term, predictable safety performance measures and incorporate such measures in future TSAPs as appropriate.

#### **TSAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

#### Federal Highway Administration Performance Measures

The recent 2016 FHWA Final Rule on National Performance Management Measures established five safety performance measures for Federal-aid highway programs.<sup>33</sup> The performance measures are:<sup>34</sup>

Federal Register, National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program Final Rule. 2016. https://www.Federalregister.gov/articles/2016/03/15/2016-05202/national-performance-management-measures-highway-safety-improvement-program.

Federal Register, National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program Final Rule. 2016. https://www.Federalregister.gov/articles/2016/03/15/2016-05202/national-performance-management-measures-highway-safety-improvement-program.



- 1. Number of roadway fatalities;
- 2. Number of roadway serious injuries;
- 3. Roadway fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., fatality rate);
- 4. Roadway serious injuries per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., serious injury rate); and
- 5. Combined nonmotorized fatalities and nonmotorized serious injuries.

Along with these five primary measures, the Federal government requires states to track the performance of two categories under these *Special Rules*:

Rural Road Safety. MAP-21 added the *High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Special Rule*. First, MAP-21 defined an HRRR as "any roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector or a rural local road with significant safety risks, as defined by a state in accordance with an updated state strategic highway safety plan." Second, it establishes a special rule that states, "If the fatality rate on rural roads in a state increases over the most recent two-year period for which data are available, that state shall be required to obligate funds in the next fiscal year for projects on high-risk rural roads in an amount equal to at least 200 percent of the amount of funds the state received for fiscal year 2009 for high-risk rural roads." For the State of Oregon, this equates to approximately \$2.4 million required to be obligated to HRRR safety efforts if the *Special Rule* applies.<sup>35</sup>

The Rural Road Safety rule does not apply at this time because the five-year average fatality rate has declined in each successive year leading up to the development of the plan.

Older Drivers and Pedestrians Safety. The legislation defines Older Drivers and Pedestrians as "drivers and pedestrians 65 year of age and older." The Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule applies if the rate of traffic fatalities and serious injuries for these road users increases during the most recent two-year period for which data are available. If it does apply, a state "shall be required to Include strategies to address the increase in those rates." Additional details for calculating this combined crash rate and determining applicability are available in FHWA guidance.<sup>36</sup>

The Older Drivers and Pedestrians special rule was found to apply because the five-year average number of fatalities and serious injuries for older drivers and pedestrians increased on a per-capita basis in 2014. As a result the TSAP update includes strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries among drivers and pedestrians 65 years or older.

#### Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan and NHTSA Performance Measures

The Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan identifies the following performance measures, which satisfy the NHTSA performance measure requirements.<sup>37</sup>

- Fatalities;
- Serious Traffic Injuries;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Highway Safety Improvement Program MAP-21 High Risk Rural Roads Guidance, Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety, Washington, DC, December 27, 2012. http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidehrrr.cfm.

MAP-21 Section 148: Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance, Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety, Washington, DC, October 1, 2012. http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideolder.cfm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan, Fiscal Year 2016, Federal Version Report, Page 11.



- Fatalities/100M VMT;
- Rural Road Fatalities/100M VMT;
- Urban Road Fatalities/100M VMT;
- Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities, All Seat Positions;
- Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of 0.08 and Above;
- Speed-related Fatalities;
- Motorcyclist Fatalities;
- Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Fatalities;
- Drivers Age 20 or Younger in Fatal Crashes;
- Pedestrian Fatalities;
- Bicyclist Fatalities; and
- Statewide Observed Seat Belt Use, Passenger Vehicles, Front Seat Outboard Occupants.

#### **TSAP Performance Measures**

The Oregon TSAP performance measures (consistent with NHTSA and FHWA requirements) are shown in Table 7.1.

#### **Table 7.1 TSAP Performance Measures**

Potential Emphasis Area	Performance Measure Required by NHTSA <sup>a</sup>	Required by FHWA in Performance Measures Final Rule
1. Fatalities	•	•
2. Fatalities/100M VMT	•	•
3. Serious Injuries	•	•
4. Serious Injuries/100M VMT		•
5. Nonmotorized Fatalities + Serious Injuries		•
Special Rules		
Rural Road Safety		•
Older Driver and Pedestrian Safety		•

<sup>&</sup>quot;Traffic Safety Performance Measures for State and Federal Agencies," National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 811 025, Washington, D.C., 2008. Available at http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/Traffic%20Injury%20Control/Articles/Associated%20Files/811025.pdf.

#### **PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

#### Requirements

Each of the five FHWA safety performance measures is required to have an annual target. The targets are based on a five-year rolling average and are applicable to all roads regardless of ownership or functional classification.

The number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of serious injuries also are performance measures in the Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan (OTSPP) meeting NHTSA requirements. The Federal rules require that these performance measures (#1, #2, and #3 above) have identical targets in the State SHSP and Highway Safety Plan. Further, it identifies the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (the TSAP in Oregon) as the venue for coordination of these common measures. Reporting of results for these various performance measures is accomplished in the HSIP annual report for FHWA and the OTSPP and Annual Report for NHTSA.

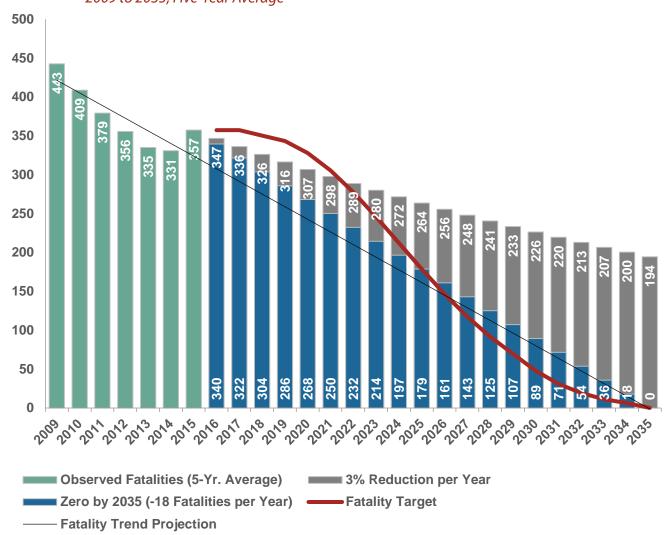
Once established, states will have to demonstrate progress toward meeting the targets in the appropriate annual reports. For safety, progress is made when four of five targets are met or performance is better than the prior year. If targets are not met or progress is not made, states will be required to spend all of the HSIP funds only for highway safety improvement projects, and submit an HSIP implementation plan.

The Federal rule also requires MPOs to establish performance targets. MPOs can use the state-established targets or establish targets specifically for the planning area. Similar to the state target, the targets are applicable to all public roads in the MPO. States and MPO will coordinate their targets.

Several optional trend forecasts were considered in the process of selecting the targets. The optional trends were considered for each of the five performance measures. Figure 7.1 shows these optional trend forecasts for fatalities; the trend forecasts for all five performance measures are shown in Appendix G. The trend forecasting options were:

- Straight line to zero by 2035. In this forecast a straight line reduction in fatalities was assumed between the most recent five-year average and an average of zero fatalities in the five-year period between 2031 and 2035. This is shown in blue bars in the figure.
- **3-percent reduction per year.** Historically, the Transportation Safety Division has set a target of a 3-percent reduction in fatalities per year in its annual Transportation Safety Performance Plan. In the figure, the 3 percent reduction per year is forecast for the 20-year duration of the plan. This trend is forecast in the grey bars in the figure.
- **Trend-line.** The black line is a straight-line trend forecast from historic crash trends for the 20-year duration of the plan. It is based on the data shown in the green bars (2009 to 2015 for fatalities and 2009 to 2014 for the other performance measures).
- **S-Curve.** The S-Curve forecast (shown in red) was developed assuming the five-year average number of crashes may be relatively flat in the near future; start to decline in a few years in recognition of different programs of the plan being implemented and potential benefits of connected and/or automated vehicles; and flatten out again the future as it becomes more difficult to address the remaining fatalities.

Figure 7.1 Historic and Optional Forecast Fatality Trends 2009 to 2035, Five-Year Average



The PAC found strengths and weaknesses in each of these trend forecasts. For example, the trend-line forecast and the straight-line to zero forecast show that, with focus and effort, zero can be achieved.

However, recognizing the recent increase in fatalities (Figure 3.1), the PAC believes it is possible in the near future the five-year average number of fatalities may remain flat until programs and projects in this TSAP are well underway. The PAC also agreed in future years of the plan, the reductions will be more difficult to achieve because of smaller numbers; therefore, the rate of reduction would flatten out. Finally, the 3-percent per year forecast has put Oregon on a path to success; however, in order to reach zero fatalities, the PAC agreed it was necessary to have more aggressive targets.

Based on these considerations, the PAC recommended setting targets based on the S-Curve forecast trend. The resulting TSAP targets shown in Table 7.2 are for each five-year period of the five-year plan. For example, the TSAP establishes a target that for the five-year period between 2015 and 2019, there will be on average: 343 fatalities per year, 0.83 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel; 1,432 people seriously injured, 4.24 people seriously injured per 100 million vehicle miles of travel; and 225 nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries.



Table 7.2 TSAP Performance Targets

Five-Year Average

Base Period	Fatalities (People) (2011-2015)	Fatality Rate (People per 100 Million VMT) (2011-2015)	Serious Injury (People) (2010-2014)	Serious Injury Rate (People per 100 Million VMT) (2010-2014)	Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (People) (2010-2014)
Baseline	357	1.04	1,491	4.42	234
2013-2017	357	0.94	1,491	4.42	234
2014-2018°	350	0.89	1,461	4.33	229
2015-2019	343	0.83	1,432	4.24	225
2016-2020	328	0.78	1,368	4.06	215
2017-2021	306	0.73	1,274	3.78	200

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> 2014-2018 is the first period that targets must be established for the HSIP Program.

Figure 7.2 through Figure 7.6 show recent fatality and injury data and a forecast of how Oregon will achieve the vision of zero fatalities and life-changing injuries by 2035 using the five performance measures. As shown in each figure, it is forecast that initial reductions will be relatively slow as the goals, policies and strategies in this plan begin to be implemented. Over time, as the goals, policies, and strategies gain a foothold in Oregon, fatalities and serious injuries will decline more rapidly. Finally, it is forecast the trend will flatten out in the later years of the plan because it will be more and more difficult to address the final safety issues in the state.

As described in Chapter 4, in addition to the goals policies and strategies in this plan, there are many factors that will influence the number and severity of crashes. These factors include: age of the population, mode of travel, number of miles of travel, how fast people drive, where people live, or connected and automated vehicles. These external factors will be important considerations in future updates to the TSAP.



Figure 7.2 Fatality Target

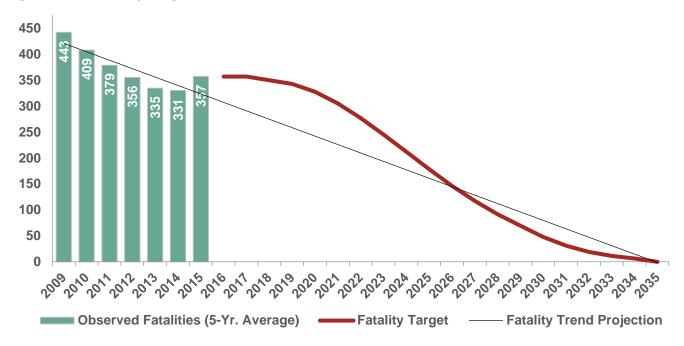


Figure 7.3 Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled Target

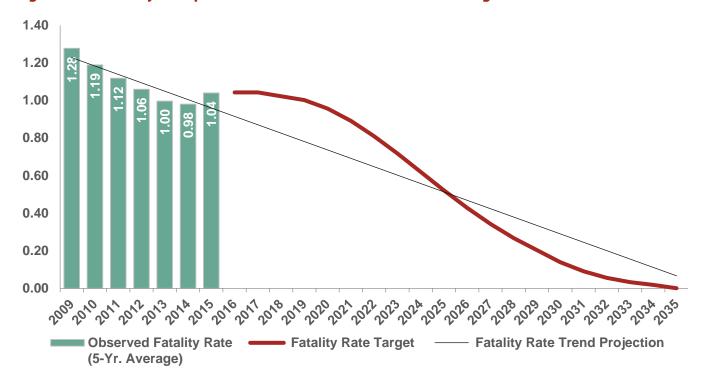




Figure 7.4 Serious Injury Target

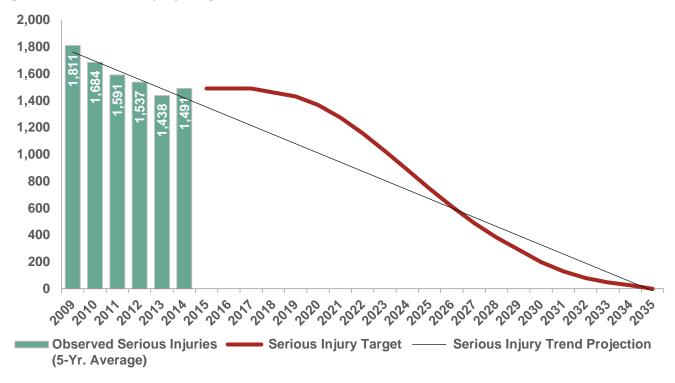


Figure 7.5 Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled Target

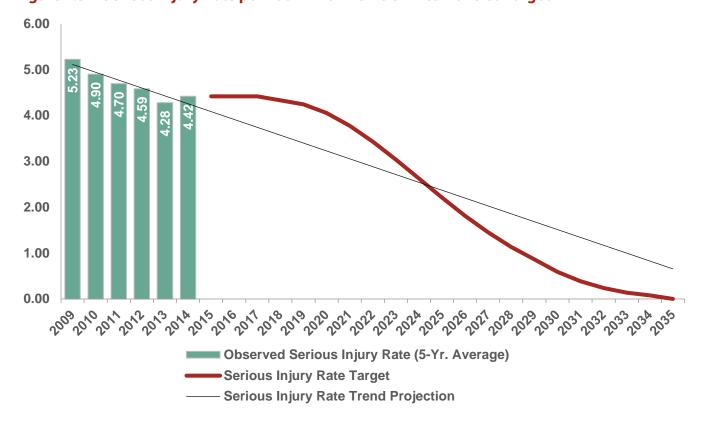
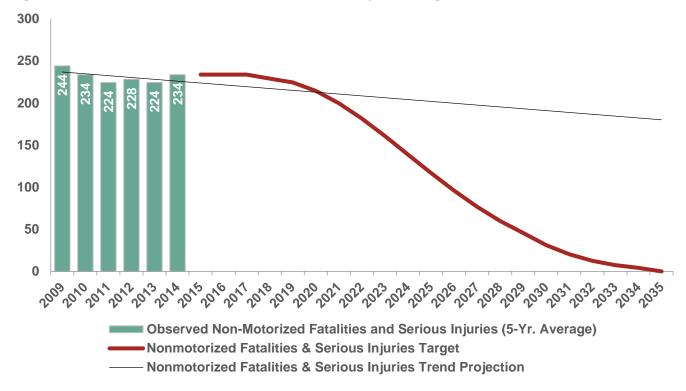


Figure 7.6 Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries Target



### CONCLUSION

The TSAP performance measures and targets will provide ODOT divisions and partner and stakeholder agencies with data-driven information on the successes and challenges associated with the policies, strategies, emphasis areas, and actions identified to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries. This data can be used to make adjustments to the TSAP over time. The following chapter, Implementation and Evaluation, describes how measures and targets will be established and monitored to continually improve transportation safety in Oregon.



## 8 IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

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One of the TSAP goals is to create a document that is applicable to and usable by all ODOT divisions and partner and stakeholder agencies. To achieve this, the policies and strategies in the Vision, Goals, Policies, and Strategies chapter, broadly relate safety to long-term transportation issues, and can be integrated into the development of any transportation plan. The emphasis areas and actions in the Emphasis Areas chapter present short-term safety needs and solutions that can be utilized by any safety or transportation professional. The result is a TSAP that relates to the personal and/or professional responsibilities for all Oregonians, making it easier to implement. Ongoing coordination and collaboration will enhance implementation efforts, and also set the stage to evaluate progress on policies, programs, and projects. This chapter discusses TSAP implementation and evaluation opportunities.

### HOW THE TSAP FITS INTO PRACTICE

The TSAP is the framework for engaging residents, stakeholders, employers, planners, engineers, enforcement agencies, and emergency medical service providers across the state in improving transportation safety in Oregon. Over time, and with focus, the vision of zero fatalities and life-changing injuries on Oregon roadways by 2035 can be achieved.

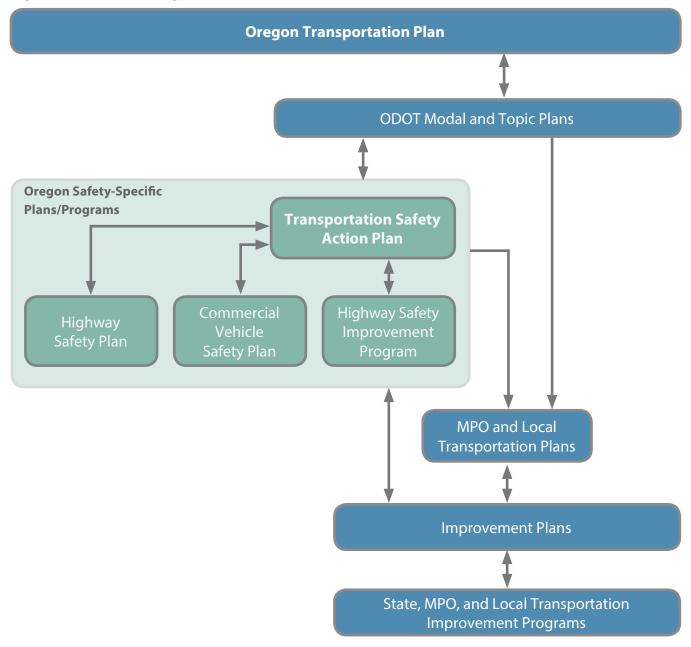
The TSAP serves as the foundation for the integration of behavioral and engineering safety practices into all aspects of planning, programming and policy activities in the state. While safety-specific plans and programs are critical to achieving the vision for safety in Oregon, it also is important that traditional transportation planning, design, operations and maintenance, and programs and policies proactively integrate safety into their decision-making processes. The TSAP provides long-term, overarching safety vision, goals, policies, and strategies that can be implemented at the state, regional, tribal, county, and city government level (Figure 8.1).

Using the goals, policies, and strategies in the TSAP, planners and engineers can track and plan for safety on the transportation system by:

- Reviewing past, current, and predicted safety trends How many fatal and serious injuries are occurring? Where might these crashes occur in the future?
- Developing safety goals, objectives, measures, and targets What are we trying to achieve and are we making progress towards zero fatal and serious injury crashes?
- **Identifying transportation programs and projects to achieve results** What activities are needed to achieve the vision and goals?
- Monitoring and evaluating system performance What is the performance of the system over time?

This approach to transportation safety fits within the context of the traditional transportation planning process, which agencies already use to analyze trends, set goals and objectives, identify programs and projects, and evaluate progress towards transportation priorities. The TSAP provides a framework for state, MPO, tribal, county and city planners, engineers, and stakeholders to create a safer culture and transportation system for Oregonians.

Figure 8.1 Plan Linkages



The TSAP also provides near-term actions for reducing fatalities and life-changing injuries. These can be used to inform project, program and policy concepts, evaluation and decision-making at the state, regional, tribal, county, and city level. The strategies and actions in the TSAP will directly influence planning and programming activities for the Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan and the ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Example long-term and near-term coordination, implementation or outreach roles or activities for agencies and stakeholders in Oregon are summarized in Table 8.1. This table is not exhaustive, but meant to highlight several of the key agency's activities and roles.



**Table 8.1 Example Activities and Roles** 

Agency	Example Activities and Roles
ODOT	<ul> <li>Lead state in vision, culture, direction, and best practices inside and outside of the agency to advance safety planning, programming and policies.</li> <li>Lead and integrate the vision of no fatalities or life-changing injuries in all DOT activities from system and project planning through construction, operations, and maintenance.</li> <li>Develop and implement policies, processes, and procedures to integrate quantitative safety planning and engineering through all business units.</li> <li>Serve as a collaborator and communicator with agencies and stakeholders throughout Oregon to improve safety on all roads.</li> <li>Lead public education to change safety culture for all users of the transportation system.</li> <li>Monitor performance of plan.</li> <li>Conduct and facilitate outreach to support implementation of plan.</li> </ul>
Oregon Health Authority	<ul> <li>Continue collaboration with ODOT to integrate health and transportation.</li> <li>Include transportation safety education in public health education programs.</li> <li>Continue collaboration with ODOT to integrate crash data and transportation-related prehospitalization, trauma, and hospitalization data to improve Oregon crash data and analysis.</li> </ul>
Metropolitan Planning Organizations	<ul> <li>Elevate multimodal transportation safety planning in long-range planning processes.</li> <li>Collaborate with partner state and local agencies and stakeholders to identify and prioritize solutions for near-term safety issues (spot-specific and systemic treatments).</li> <li>Advance safety culture education and programs.</li> <li>Integrate transportation safety programs into ongoing activities.</li> <li>Collaborate with enforcement agencies and emergency service providers to improve services for residents.</li> <li>Develop regional safety action plans to support long-range plans in the region.</li> </ul>
Tribal, County, and City Agencies	<ul> <li>Evaluate local spot-specific and systemic safety needs; develop plans and programs to address needs.</li> <li>Collaborate with the state, MPO and stakeholder partners to educate the public about tribal, county and city transportation safety-related behavioral issues.</li> <li>Integrate safety programming, planning, and policy into local planning.</li> <li>Develop coalitions with enforcement and EMS providers to target and improve specific community needs.</li> <li>Use the TSAP as a resource for local goals, policies strategies, and actions.</li> </ul>
Private Entities and Nonprofit Organizations	<ul> <li>Refer to TSAP to identify education and marketing topics for employees and stakeholders.</li> <li>Collaborate with regional, tribal, county and city partners to elevate safety issues and integrate safety into local planning and policy documents.</li> <li>Collaborate with enforcement and EMS to identify targeted education and marketing campaigns.</li> </ul>



Agency	Example Activities and Roles	
Enforcement	Collaborate with tribal, county, city, MPO, and state partners to advance safety culture within	
Agencies	organizations and with the public.	
	• Collaborate with tribal, county, city, MPO, and state partners to develop targeted enforcement or education campaigns to address critical behaviors identified in the TSAP.	
	<ul> <li>Educate the public and tribal, county, city, state, and MPO partners about critical and emerging issues which could be addressed through the planning and programming processes.</li> <li>Identify and deploy best practices related to impaired and distracted driving education and enforcement.</li> <li>Identify and deploy best practices related to crash data collection, compilation, and transfer.</li> </ul>	
Emergency	Apply concepts from the TSAP to advocate for best practices in funding, training, and	
Medical Services	deployment of EMS services.	

### MONITORING PROGRESS

ODOT continually monitors progress on the performance of transportation programs and measures with annual reporting on both the TSAP and the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan identifies performance goals annually and evaluation of progress is reported in the Performance Plan Annual Evaluation, consistent with National Traffic Highway Safety Administration requirements. The Highway Safety Improvement Plan: Annual Evaluation Report is prepared to satisfy Federal reporting requirements and provide documentation for the related Federal grant year for Federal Highway Administration funding programs.

### **Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan**

Transportation Safety Division's core monitoring activity is the yearly effort wherein each program manager uses the most up to date data to set their performance goals for the upcoming year. The purpose of the performance plan is to show the impact funds, staff time, and programs will have on the safety of the traveling public.

Performance measures incorporate elements of the Oregon Benchmarks, Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan, the Safety Management System, and nationally recognized measures. Both long-range (by the year 2020) and short-range (current year) measures are utilized and updated annually.

Oregon uses a minimum of 3-, 5-, or 8-year history average, then a change rate of 3 percent, plus or minus, to establish performance measures. This level of change has proven to be effective in prior Highway Safety Plans. This level of change is generally representative of one standard deviation, meaning that the actions taken had an influence on the result outside of just pure chance. The Oregon highway safety community has also embraced this formula and has supported the use of 3 percent.

### Performance Plan Annual Report

The annual report explains what funds were spent and how TSD fared on annual performance measures. It reports on the accomplishments and challenges experienced during the fiscal year, considering all of the funds controlled by the Transportation Safety Division. This is TSD's most comprehensive and established procedure for monitoring progress. In addition, program managers do some independent investigations throughout the year when questions come up, when new data is available, or as issues arise.



### Highway Safety Improvement Plan: Annual Evaluation Report

ODOT is required to submit an annual HSIP report to the FHWA Division Administrator by August 31st of each year, pursuant to 23 CFR 924.15. This report describes the progress being made to implement safety projects, assesses the effectiveness of these projects, and describes the extent to which the improvements have contributed to reducing fatalities and serious injuries. Traffic-Roadway Section is responsible for generating this report and submitting it to the FHWA.

The annual evaluation reports on the progress of the Highway Safety Improvement Program. For the purposes of this report, HSIP projects are classified into these general categories: Intersection Improvements, Signing and Delineation, Roadway / Structure Improvements, Roadside Improvements, Safety Appurtenances (guard rail, medians, etc.), and traffic calming projects.

ODOT is responsible to report on project effectiveness by looking at the cost of projects, before and after crash data, and other information, using benefit-cost analysis or other approved methodology to show whether the project achieved its purpose.

### **Crash Data Reporting**

ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting program publishes annual reports on crash data that are instrumental in program planning and assessing performance for both TSD and the Highway Division. These include Traffic Crash Summary Reports (all roads), State Highway Crash Rate Tables (state highways), and Motor Carrier Crash Rate Tables.

### CONCLUSION

At least four fundamental elements support all SHSP implementation practices: leadership, collaboration, communication, and data collection and analysis.<sup>38</sup> The same also is true for successful evaluation.

Implementing and evaluating the TSAP will require a great deal of leadership from ODOT and communication with and amongst regional, county, and local planners and engineers, stakeholder agencies, and advocates as well as employers and private citizens. The partnerships developed in creating this plan provide an understanding of the roles everyone can play to address safety and build trust in and ownership of the TSAP. The result will be a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to implementing and evaluating transportation safety improvements that reduce injuries and save lives.

<sup>38</sup> Federal Highway Administration. Strategic Highway Safety Plan Implementation Process Model. June 2010.









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## B TSAP UPDATE PROCESS AND MAP-21 REQUIREMENTS

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The TSAP is required to provide a detailed description of the SHSP update process to meet Federal requirements outlined in MAP-21. Table B.1 highlights the required elements of the update process and summarizes how they were achieved. The text following describes the update process in greater detail.

Table B.1 Meeting Federal Requirements for the TSAP Update

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MAP-21 Requirement	Description of Requirement	Summary of ODOT Activities		
Consultative Process	The state has conferred with a required list of stakeholders early in the SHSP update process, considered their input prior to decision-making, and routinely informed them about actions taken regarding SHSP development.	<ul> <li>Formation of three committees with diverse stakeholder representation to provide input into TSAP.</li> <li>About 25 interviews and 10 regional meetings with ODOT staff, stakeholder agencies, and the public to understand the strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats from previous TSAP.</li> <li>Five listening sessions in each ODOT region to obtain public and stakeholder input on the emphasis areas, strategies, and actions.</li> </ul>		
Coordination	The SHSP is aligned with other transportation plans in the state.	<ul> <li>All relevant transportation and safety plans were reviewed and applicable strategies included in the TSAP.</li> <li>Agencies, responsible for developing other transportation and safety plans in Oregon, were active participants in the TSAP update.</li> </ul>		
Data-Driven Analysis	The state has used the best available safety data to identify emphasis areas that address safety concerns on all public roads.	<ul> <li>Using crash data from 2009-2013, an analysis was completed for all public roads in Oregon. Based on these results, eight emphasis areas were selected.</li> <li>An additional seven emphasis areas were selected based on PAC suggestions, effectiveness data, institutional capacity, emphasis area overlap, consistency with existing plans, and public input.</li> </ul>		
Performance- Based Planning	The SHSP includes goals and measureable objectives to enable the state to track and monitor the status of SHSP implementation efforts and monitor progress.	The TSAP sets five-year goals and measurable objectives for the five MAP-21 required performance measures.		
Strategy Selection	Effective emphasis area strategies were selected and the 4 Es of safety were addressed as key factors in strategy selection.	<ul> <li>Strategies and actions include behavioral and infrastructure solutions developed based on input from the PAC, the PMT, listening sessions, and effective countermeasures.</li> </ul>		

MAP-21 Requirement	Description of Requirement	Summary of ODOT Activities
Schedule to Evaluate and Update SHSP	State's plans and schedule to evaluate and update the SHSP.	<ul> <li>Performance measures and targets have been identified to evaluate progress on an annual basis towards the TSAP vision.</li> <li>The TSAP will be updated within a five-year time period from the adoption of this Plan.</li> </ul>
Special Rules	States must include a definition for "high-risk rural roads" if fatality rates have increased.  States must include strategies to address pedestrians and older drivers if there have been increases in fatality and serious injury rates.	<ul> <li>The high-risk rural road special rule does not apply in Oregon.</li> <li>The special rule for older drivers and pedestrians does apply in Oregon. The TSAP includes strategies to address this issue area.</li> </ul>

### **CONSULTATIVE PROCESS**

Considerable outreach was conducted with the required stakeholders (23 U.S.C. 148(a)(11)(A)) and others through committee meetings, interviews, surveys, and listening sessions.

### **Committees**

**Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).** This diverse group of stakeholders informed and guided development of Oregon's safety priorities and ensured policy decisions resulted in workable strategies. More specifically, they were responsible for:

- Discussing and deliberating Oregon's priorities for transportation safety;
- Reviewing and responding to work products;
- Working toward consensus on policy issues and plan products; and
- Making an adoption recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission.

The PAC met monthly over the course of the TSAP Update and included representatives from: Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, ODOT Safety Division, ODOT Planning Division, Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Eugene, Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycles, Oregon State Police, Oregon Walks, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Judicial Department, Association of Oregon Counties, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, League of Oregon Cities, and May Trucking.

**Project Coordination Team (PCT).** Provided technical input to major milestones, including vision, goals, emphasis areas, strategies, and actions. The PCT met four times over the course of the project and included staff from all modal divisions of ODOT.

**Project Management Team (PMT).** Provided overall direction for the project and managed all TSAP activities and administration. The PMT was a collaborative effort between ODOT's Transportation Development and Safety Divisions, who met biweekly to discuss current project tasks. This teaming arrangement enhanced coordination between the different transportation modal plans and safety plans.

### Interviews and Surveys

To understand how the previous TSAP impacted transportation and safety plans, programs, projects, and institutional awareness throughout the state, 22 interviews were conducted with representatives from several ODOT Divisions. Offices interviewed included Maintenance, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Project Delivery, Motor Carrier, Transportation Development, Crash Data, and Bike and Pedestrian programs.

In addition, 10 regional meetings were held with community members and transportation and safety stakeholders from late October 2014 through December 2014. Events were held across the state in Lincoln City, John Day, Redmond, Klamath Falls, Phoenix, Coos Bay, Hood River, Eugene, Portland, and Astoria; and in total, more than 90 individuals participated. About 450 comments were received from participants, providing insights into the strengths and weaknesses of current safety planning efforts and opportunities and potential threats moving forward.

To dig deeper into some of the institutional, planning, and programmatic elements of safety, three individuals, representing perspectives from Oregon DOT (Planning Division), an MPO (Lane Council of Governments), and a local jurisdiction (Clackamas County) also were interviewed.

### **Listening Sessions and Survey**

Listening meetings were held in the five ODOT regions. Participants included ODOT staff; stakeholder agencies; community groups; MPO, local, and tribal representatives; and members of the public. The purpose of the meetings was to review and provide input on the preliminary emphasis areas, including suggestions for strategies and actions. For those who could not attend, an on-line survey was created.

### COORDINATION

The TSAP serves as the unifying framework for transportation safety planning in Oregon. As part of the TSAP update process, a review of existing plans was conducted, with a specific emphasis on safety. The purpose of this review was to identify policies and strategies that should be considered in the TSAP to ensure consistency across plans. This alignment of plans reinforces the transportation safety message while maximizing resources available to implement solutions.

The text box shows all of the plans reviewed.

As a Topic Plan that is part of the Oregon Transportation Plan, The TSAP Implements the OTP safety goals and informs safety goals of new and updated plans. Going forward, the TSAP will be an important resource for transportation safety direction as state, regional, tribal, county, and city plans are updated or new plans are developed. These plans should be consistent with the TSAP with respect to safety.

Lastly, the TSAP was developed in coordination with the stakeholders

responsible for reviewing and updating other transportation and safety plans in the state. For example, the ODOT Safety Division, responsible for the Highway Safety Plan, participated on the PAC committee. This collaboration ensured that safety plans and safety elements in transportation plans had a higher degree of coordination.

### OREGON PLANS REVIEWED

Oregon Transportation Plan, Oregon Freight Plan, Oregon Rail Plan, Oregon Highway Plan, Oregon Transportation Options Plan, Oregon Public Transportation Plan, and the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Additionally, strategies from the Oregon Traffic Safety Performance Plan, Oregon Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, Roadway Departure Implementation Plan, Intersection Safety Implementation Plan, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Implementation Plan.

### **DATA-DRIVEN ANALYSIS**

For the TSAP update, recent and historic Oregon crash data was analyzed to document trends related to crash types, crash severity, crash demographics, and contributing factors. The information was used by ODOT and other safety stakeholders to:

- Inform the existing conditions section of the TSAP;
- Support the data-driven approach to the TSAP required by MAP-21 legislation; and
- Support identification and selection of the most appropriate emphasis areas for the TSAP.

The time period covered in the data analysis was from 2009-2013 and included crashes on all public roads in Oregon, regardless of roadway ownership or maintenance.

A key part of the analysis was an assessment of crash categories to identify those contributing to Oregon's fatal and serious injury crashes. More than 20 crash categories were identified for further analysis, but the following categories stood out as the most common:

- 1. Roadway Departure;
- 2. Intersections;
- 3. Speed-related;
- 4. Alcohol Involved;
- 5. Motorcycle Involved;
- 6. Young Drivers (15-20) Involved;
- 7. Unrestrained Occupants;
- 8. Pedestrian(s) Involved; and
- 9. Older Drivers (65+) Involved.

Of these nine, roadway departures, intersections, speed-related, impaired driving, motorcycles, unrestrained occupants, pedestrians, and older drivers were identified as emphasis areas for the TSAP.

Young drivers was not selected as an emphasis area because these crashes are less severe, fatalities and serious injuries are trending downwards, and young drivers can be addressed in combination with other emphasis areas, including roadway departures and speeding.

Bicyclists/Pedalcyclists and Distracted Divers were identified as emphasis areas by ODOT and other safety stakeholders. Although the frequency of bicyclist-related crashes is lower, it was concluded that bicycle users are increasingly vulnerable as mode shift occurs across the state; bicycle ridership continues to increase; and bicycle crashes are severe when they do occur.

Distracted driving also was identified as an issue of concern but because of reporting constraints it is not yet possible to quantify the scale of the problem. One of the first actions recommended in this subarea is to define and assess the scale of distracted driving in Oregon.

Five overarching emphasis areas, including Improved Data, Training, Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Commercial Vehicles also were identified and will benefit all safety activities.

In addition to the crash data analysis, emphasis areas also were selected based other quantitative and qualitative indicators, including:

- **Effectiveness Data.** Are there proven countermeasures available for use in Oregon? If not, is there an ability and commitment to evaluate effectiveness of programs and projects?
- Institutional Capacity. Are there agencies or individuals who are able to commit ongoing staff resources to address this safety problem?
- **Emphasis Area Overlap.** Does the potential emphasis area significantly overlap with other potential emphasis areas and, if so, can they both be addressed simultaneously?
- Consistency with Existing Plans and Policies. Is the potential EA consistent with other state plans and policies and does it address a significant policy goal? If not, does the potential EA push the state in an appropriate policy direction?
- **Public Input.** Are there issues the public perceives as critical to driving down fatalities and serious injuries? Can these issues be addressed within the framework of the TSAP?

### PERFORMANCE-BASED PLANNING

The TSAP includes goals and measureable objectives to enable Oregon to track and monitor the status of SHSP implementation efforts and monitor progress for:

- Number of roadway fatalities;
- Number of roadway serious injuries;
- Roadway fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., fatality rate);
- Roadway serious injuries per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., serious injury rate); and
- Combined nonmotorized fatalities and nonmotorized serious injuries.

Each of the five safety performance measures have an annual target, which are based on a five-year rolling average, and are applicable to all roads regardless of ownership or functional classification. The number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of serious injuries have identical annual targets in the TSAP and Highway Safety Plan and the reporting of these results will occur in the HSIP annual report for FHWA and the OTSPP and Annual Report for NHTSA.

Along with these five primary measures, a performance analysis was completed for high-risk rural roads and older pedestrians and drivers to meet the Special Rules requirements.

### STRATEGY SELECTION

The TSAP identifies strategies for each of the overarching safety goals and actions within each emphasis area to achieve those strategies to reduce or eliminate safety hazards. The strategies and actions were developed based on input from the PAC, the results of the five listening sessions, expertise of PMT members, strategies identified in other Oregon transportation and safety planning documents, and resources on effective countermeasures. The range of emphasis area actions correlates with the magnitude of the problem – for example, roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries occur most frequently, so a number of targeted actions are necessary to fully address the problem. Over time, strategies and actions will be assessed based on achievements in meeting performance measures and targets.

The diversity of stakeholders on the PAC and participants at the listening sessions has contributed to a list of strategies and actions that are representative of engineering, enforcement, emergency response, and engineering solutions. The speed emphasis area provides an example of actions that span across multiple disciplines, describing activities from education of road users on speeding hazards to facility design considerations and operating speeds.

### SCHEDULE TO EVALUATE AND UPDATE SHSP

To evaluate whether the policies, strategies, emphasis areas, and actions are contributing to fatality and serious injury reductions, the TSAP establishes performance measures that align with FHWA requirements under the MAP-21 rule and NHTSA. On an annual basis, ODOT will:

- Analyze crash data to evaluate progress toward the five overarching safety targets;
- Coordinate with the ODOT Safety Division to evaluate progress on the FHWA required overlapping safety targets and NHTSA required performance measures and targets;
- Review fatalities on high-risk rural roads and fatalities and serious injuries per capita among older drivers and pedestrians to assess if action is needed to comply with MAP-21;
- Publish the annual crash report to monitor and evaluate safety performance;
- Encourage transportation and safety partners to integrate the TSAP strategies and actions into other transportation and safety planning documents and evaluate the results;
- Review progress on the actions established for each emphasis area; and
- Update TSAP no later than five years from the previous approved version in compliance with MAP-21.

### SPECIAL RULES

Special rules under MAP-21 related to fatality rates on high-risk rural roads and fatality and serious injury rates for pedestrians and older drivers. Based on a review of the analysis, the following was determined:

- High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Special Rule. A review of the fatal crash rate on Oregon's rural roads indicates that the HRRR Special Rule currently does not apply to Oregon. The five-year average fatality rate on rural roads has decreased each year since 2007.
- **High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Methodology.** Oregon uses a systemic approach to set crash thresholds and identify potential sites for HRRR investments. The crash data system is analyzed to identify highway sections that have targeted crashes at or above a crash threshold to ensure cost-effective deployment of HRRR countermeasures. HRRR are incorporated within projects delivered as part of Oregon All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program.
- Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule. A review of the per capita older drivers and pedestrians fatal and serious injury rate indicates that this rule does apply to the update process. The five-year average number of older driver and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries per 1,000 residents 65 years of age or older increased from 0.34 in 2012 to 0.35 in 2013 and 0.36 in 2014. Strategies to address the increase in fatalities and serious injuries among the older population are included in the TSAP.



## C

# FINDINGS OF COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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### A. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLANNING AND PROGRAMS

### ORS 802.310: Transportation Safety Programs; Administrator

- (1) The administrator for transportation safety shall serve as the Governor's representative for highway safety in conformity with the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. The Director of Transportation and the Oregon Transportation Commission shall be responsible to the Governor for the administration of the state transportation safety programs. All reports and recommendations relating to program evaluations, assignment of responsibilities and approval of plans and activities shall be provided to the Governor by the commission.
- (2) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Transportation Safety Committee, shall do the following:
  - (a) Organize, plan and conduct a statewide transportation safety program.
  - (b) Coordinate general activities and programs of the several departments, divisions or agencies of the state engaged in promoting transportation safety.
  - (c) Provide transportation safety information and develop other measures of public information.
  - (d) Cooperate fully with all national, local, public and private agencies and organizations interested in the promotion of transportation safety.
  - (e) Serve as a clearinghouse for all transportation safety materials and information used throughout the state.
  - (f) Cooperate in promoting research, special studies and analysis of problems concerning transportation safety.
  - (g) Make studies and suitable recommendations to the legislature concerning safety regulations and laws.

**FINDING:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) implements the provisions of ORS 802-310(2) by meeting the "plan" requirement in subsection (a) and providing a framework for implementing subsections (a)-(g). The plan development process and outcomes are consistent with this statute.

### B. REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE AGENCY COORDINATION AGREEMENT

Findings meeting the SAC requirements fall under three different categories of agreement:

**Compliance** with ODOT's State Agency Coordination Agreement, Oregon Transportation Commission Policy 11: Public Involvement, and the Statewide Planning Goals which specifically apply and other Goals that may affect or be affected by the plan;

**Consistency** with applicable state plans and policies, in this case the Oregon Transportation Plan and Oregon Highway Plan; and

Compatibility with local land use plans.

### Findings of Compliance with State Agency Coordination Agreement

The Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) State Agency Coordination Agreement (SAC) requires that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) adopt findings of fact when adopting final modal system plans (OAR 731-015-0055). Pursuant to these requirements, the following findings and supporting information supplement the OTC adoption of the updated TSAP.

### Coordination Procedures for Adopting Final Topic Plans 39 (OAR 731-015-0055)

- (1) Except in the case of minor amendments, the Department shall involve DLCD, metropolitan planning organizations, and interested cities, counties, state and federal agencies, special districts and other parties in the development or amendment of a modal systems plan. This involvement may take the form of mailings, meeting, or other means that the Department determines are appropriate for the circumstances. The Department shall hold at least one public meeting on the plan prior to adoption.
- (2) The Department shall evaluate and write draft findings of compliance with all applicable statewide planning goals.
- (3) If the draft plan identifies new facilities which would affect identifiable geographic areas, the Department shall meet with the planning representatives of affected cities, counties and metropolitan planning organization to identify compatibility issues and the means of resolving them. These may include:
  - (a) Changing the draft plan to eliminate the conflicts;
  - (b) Working with the affected local governments to amend their comprehensive plans to eliminate the conflicts; or
  - (c) Identifying the new facilities as proposals which are contingent on the resolution of the conflicts prior to the completion of the transportation planning program for the proposed new facilities.
- (4) The Department shall present to the Transportation Commission the draft plan, findings of compatibility for new facilities affecting identifiable geographic areas, and findings of compliance with all applicable statewide planning goals.
- (5) The Transportation Commission, when it adopts a final modal systems plan, shall adopt findings of compatibility for new facilities affecting identifiable geographic areas and findings of compliance with all statewide planning goals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> "Modal systems plans" as used in the OAR, includes "topic plans" for purposes of land use law and for these findings. The term topic plans was not in use at the time the SAC was adopted; the two types of plans are equivalent in terms of their weight and relationship to the OTP; the terminology is simply descriptive.

(6) The Department shall provide copies of the adopted final modal systems plan and findings to DLCD, the metropolitan planning organizations, and others who request to receive a copy.

**FINDINGS:** The TSAP amendments are being made to a topic plan that is part of the Oregon Transportation Plan and do not propose specific new transportation facilities.

The development of the proposed updated TSAP was subject to an open and ongoing public and agency involvement process which included metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs), cities, counties, state and federal agencies, tribes, numerous topic and stakeholder interest groups, and input from interested citizens.

The plan does not directly affect land use; Department of Land Conservation and Development was notified of the release of the plan for public review and of adoption of the plan.

At the June 16, 2016 OTC meeting, the Commission reviewed the draft TSAP revisions and released the document for public review and input. Broad notification of the availability of the draft amendments was distributed as described in the Record of Outreach in Appendices A and B. Written notification was sent to DLCD staff on June 17, 2016. Agency and stakeholder notification included the updated TSAP, and methods to provide comments.

A public hearing was held at the July 21, 2016 OTC meeting to provide an additional opportunity for submitting public comments and the opportunity to testify directly to the OTC. Public comments were accepted through August 1, 2016.

### Adoption

The TSAP adoption phase is unique because there are two groups of decision makers who have to agree to its adoption. The Oregon Transportation Safety Committee is appointed by the Governor to oversee transportation safety programs for the whole state including all state agencies that participate in transportation safety activities. OTSC approval of the plan and referral of the plan to the Oregon Transportation Commission for adoption is an important step in the adoption process.

OTSC considered comments received during public review at their August 9, 2016 meeting. The Policy Advisory Committee convened to discuss public comments that raised substantive or other new issues requiring additional discretionary decision making. The PAC meeting closed and the OTSC public meeting was opened at which time the members voted to approve the plan as amended in the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, subject to the project management team making all revisions agreed upon before referral to OTC.

The OTC adopted the proposed updated TSAP at their October 13-14, 2016 meeting. The October 13-14, 2016 OTC Meeting packet included the following attachments and information for OTC action:

- Revised TSAP based on response to comments received during public review
- Draft Findings of Compliance with Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals
- TSAP Revisions (Track Changes from Public Review Draft)
- Summary of Comments on TSAP Public Review Draft and Proposed Actions
- Record of Outreach conducted for the Public Review process
- Public Review Period Comments summary and copies of comments received

Per the SAC, and customary ODOT practice, the final TSAP amendments and final Findings of Compliance with Statewide Planning Goals will be distributed as an electronic document to DLCD, MPOs, interested parties from throughout the policy revision process, and others who request a copy following adoption. The final documents will be available on the project webpage: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/tsap.aspx.

### C. OTC POLICY 11: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Department of Transportation will meaningfully involve the public in important decisions by providing for early, open, continuous, and effective public participation in and access to key planning and project decision-making processes.

**FINDINGS:** Outreach for the Draft TSAP was conducted in compliance with OTC Policy 11 – Public Involvement, which establishes public involvement objectives for the development and update of statewide plans, including topic plans, such as the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan. The measures taken to meaningfully involve the public are discussed in additional detail below.

### D. STATE LAND USE PLANNING GOALS

The State of Oregon has established 19 statewide planning goals to guide state, regional, and local land use planning. The goals express the state's policies on land use and related topics. The findings below are based on applicability and content of the Plan.

**Goal 1. Citizen Involvement** – The purpose of Goal 1 (660-015-0000(1) is "To develop a citizen involvement program that ensures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process."

**FINDINGS:** The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan was built upon continuous engagement with a broad spectrum of stakeholder groups and individuals across Oregon.

The voices and perspectives captured in the Plan include those of representatives from Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), city, county, regional and tribal governments, and public interest groups representing mode-specific interests (bicyclists and pedestrians, transit providers and users, commercial trucking, motorcyclists), ODOT and other State agencies. State advisory bodies with direct charges related to transportation safety were engaged such as the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OBPAC), the Oregon Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC), the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety, the GAC on Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Oregon Freight Advisory Committee and others.

Outreach activities were also conducted in compliance with relevant policies in the Oregon Transportation Plan including OTP Goal 7, Coordination, Communication and Cooperation.

Throughout the planning process there were several methods of outreach. Highlights include:

- In September and October, 2014 a consultant hired to support project scoping and public involvement planning conducted 22 interviews among ODOT Divisions to assess perceptions about the current 2011 Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) and to seek suggestions for the development of the next iteration of the plan. The interviews included Maintenance and Operations Branch, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Project Delivery, Motor Carrier, Transportation Development, Crash Data, and Bike and Pedestrian programs, as well as representatives from ODOT's Region offices.
- In November 2014 public meetings were held in eleven locations (with a twelfth meeting cancelled due to ice hazards, replaced by an ad hoc meeting with freight haulers iced in at the same hotel). Participant numbers were modest (ranging from 6 to 25 participants), but the representation by stakeholder groups was rich, with local, regional and tribal governments; private business people; bicycle, walking and motorcycle interests; the freight industry; ODOT Region safety, engineering and planning staff; and the Federal Highway Administration all represented.

- A stakeholder email list was generated through these meetings. All participants who entered their email addresses on sign-in sheets were signed up for periodic updates on the developing plan through the project website. At the end of this meeting cycle in early December over 300 people had signed up.
- Listening meetings targeting city and county staff, other practitioners, and the general public were held in January 2016 in the headquarters cities of ODOT's five Regions, and a virtual open house was made available to include people not participating in the in-person meetings. All of these points of contact provided an update on the plan development process and an opportunity to submit comments.
- Email alerts provided regular updates through the project website with interim draft reports, information on opportunities to attend PAC and other public meetings, and opportunities to provide input including on-line surveys and the formal public comment period.
- Presentations on the plan were provided to numerous groups throughout the course of the project, including ODOT leadership teams that have a direct interest in safety midway through plan development, and a concentrated effort to engage Area Commissions on Transportation statewide during the public review period.
- A tabling event was held at the statewide Transportation Safety Conference in October 2015.
- Notification of public review was sent to groups and individuals engaged in transportation safety businesses or non-profits, interested state agencies who participated in the plan development process and others with an interest in decisions affecting land use, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, tribal governments, Oregon counties and cities, interested advisory committees, Department of Land Conservation and Development, groups required to be notified by FHWA for Strategic Highway Safety Plans, and groups required to be notified by the state for plans affecting land use.
- A public comment period of 45 days started on June 16th and notification of public review was completed June 20th. The public review period ended August 1, 2016.
- The Oregon Transportation Commission held a public hearing at their July 21, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting.

Development of the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 1, Citizen Involvement.

**Goal 2. Land Use Planning** – The purpose of Goal 2 (OAR 660-015-0000(2)) is "To establish a land use planning process and policy framework as a basis for all decisions and actions related to use of land and to assure an adequate factual base for such decisions and actions."

**FINDINGS:** The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan does not include policy that directly affects land use. It is understood that implementation of TSAP Goal 2: Infrastructure and some other implementation measures will require individual project decisions that may affect land use. But the plan itself is permissive rather than prescriptive in its long-range Policies and Strategies and short-term Actions, which allows for wide variation in specific measures for implementation based on variations in geographic, demographic and geometric conditions, etc. The plan supports a focus on transportation safety when individual location- or jurisdiction- specific decisions are made.

Development of the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 2, Land Use Planning.

Goal 3. Agricultural Lands - The purpose of Goal 3 (OAR 660-015-0000(3)) is "To preserve and maintain agricultural lands."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly propose or approve changes to facilities or infrastructure that would encroach on or impact agricultural lands. The plan contains Policies, Strategies and Actions that recognize

differences between urban and rural crash statistics and the federal government requires the plan to address crash risks on rural roads. Improved transportation safety on rural roads is a benefit to rural residents and enterprises, including agriculture.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 3, Agricultural Lands.

**Goal 4. Forest Lands** – The purpose of Goal 4 (OAR 660-015-0000(4)) is "To conserve forest lands by maintaining the forest land base and to protect the state's forest economy by making possible economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species as the leading use on forest land consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, and fish and wildlife resources and to provide for recreational opportunities and agriculture."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly propose facilities or infrastructure that would encroach or impact forest lands. The plan contains Policies, Strategies and Actions that recognize differences between urban and rural crash statistics and the federal government requires the plan to address crash risks on rural roads. Improved transportation safety on rural roads is a benefit to rural residents and enterprises, including forests and forestry.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 4, Forest Lands.

**Goal 5. Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces** – The purpose of Goal 5 (OAR 660-015-0000(5)) is "To protect natural resources and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly propose facilities or infrastructure that would encroach upon or impact historic areas, scenic areas, or open spaces. It is understood that implementation of TSAP Goal 2: Infrastructure and some other implementation measures will require individual project decisions that may affect resource lands. But the plan itself is permissive rather than prescriptive in its long-range Policies and Strategies and short-term Actions, which allows for wide variation in specific measures for implementation based on, among other things, minimizing impacts on resource, environmental and cultural resources.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 5, Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces.

**Goal 6. Air, Water and Land Resources Quality** – The purpose of Goal 6 (OAR 660-015- 0000(6)) is "To maintain and improve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly propose facilities or infrastructure that would affect the quality of air, water or land resources. One aspect of transportation safety is managing traffic around crash sites. The plan includes supporting efforts to continue to improve incident management, which in turn would reduce emissions related to slowdowns and idling of vehicles in the vicinity of crash sites. The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 6, Air, Water and Land Resources Quality.

**Goal 7. Areas Subject to Natural Hazards** – The purpose of Goal 7 (OAR 660-015- 0000(7)) is "To protect people and property from natural hazards."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly affect efforts to plan for, mitigate or recover from natural disasters. The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 7, Areas Subject to Natural Hazards.

**Goal 8. Recreational Needs** – The purpose of Goal 8 (OAR 660-015-0000(8)) is "To satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of the state and visitors and, where appropriate, to provide for the siting of necessary recreational facilities including destination resorts."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not directly address transportation safety in the context of recreational lands, but effective safety programs help create conditions for an area to be more likely to appeal to and attract return visits from recreational users. Recreation issues that were discussed during the plan development process included concerns that bike touring maps did not appear to consider bicycle safety on some of their remote routes, and that poor delineation of roadways after sanding and plowing reduced safety for winter visitors as well as locals in snowy regions. Tourists and recreationists also benefit from effective enforcement, education about seasonal safety conditions, road maintenance and emergency services.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 8, Recreational Needs.

**Goal 9. Economic Development** – The purpose of Goal 9 (OAR 660-015-0000(9)) is "To provide adequate opportunities throughout the state for a variety of economic activities vital to the health, welfare, and prosperity of Oregon's citizens."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan supports economic development by promoting a safe, reliable transportation system. A safe transportation system can provide employees safe and reliable access to jobs, and help attract and retain skilled workers. Safe transportation also supports tourism.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 9, Economic Development.

Goal 10. Housing - The purpose of Goal 10 (OAR 660-015-0000(10)) is "To provide for the housing needs of citizens of the state."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not have direct application to the provision of housing and no issues directly related to meeting housing needs were raised in the plan development process.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not affect housing needs or supplies, and so is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 10, Housing.

**Goal 11. Public Facilities and Services** – The purpose of Goal 11 (OAR 660-015-0000(11)) is "To plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development."

**FINDINGS:** The Goal does not address transportation safety, but improving safety improves the efficiency of the transportation system by reducing incident-related congestion and by supporting the notion that everyone using the transportation system should arrive safely at their destination.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 11, Public Facilities and Services.

**Goal 12. Transportation** – The purpose of Goal 12 (OAR 660-015-0000(12)) is "To provide and encourage a safe, convenient and economic transportation system."

**FINDINGS:** The purpose of the TSAP is to further encourage safety for all transportation system users.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 12, Transportation.

Goal 13. Energy Conservation – The purpose of Goal 13 (OAR 660-015-0000(13)) is "To conserve energy."

Goal 13 states that "land and uses developed on the land shall be managed and controlled so as to maximize the conservation of all forms of energy, based upon sound economic principles."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not create land uses or affect energy conservation in any direct way. In theory, improving the safety of non-auto transportation facilities encourages the use of modes other than private vehicles, and so can reduce transportation energy consumption. More directly, when crashes occur, reducing the time it takes to manage, investigate and clear crashes on busy roadways can reduce idling and stop-and-start speeds for traffic that backs up around crash sites and so results in a relative reduction of energy use and carbon and other emissions.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 13, Energy Conservation.

**Goal 14. Urbanization** – The purpose of Goal 14 (OAR 660-015-0000(14)) is "To provide for an orderly and efficient transition from rural to urban land use, to accommodate urban population and urban employment inside urban growth boundaries, to ensure efficient use of land, and to provide for livable communities."

**FINDINGS:** Goal 3 of the TSAP is "Healthy, Livable Communities" which is focused on using transportation safety tools to support safety and thus reinforce health options and livability in communities. The plan does not directly assume a role in creating healthy, livable communities, but recognizes that engaging a variety of safety stakeholders in improving safety in urban and other developed communities contributes to improving a sense of security, availability of healthy transportation options and a reduction of the long term impacts of crashes that do occur.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 14, Urbanization.

**Goal 15. Willamette River Greenway** – The purpose of Goal 15 (OAR 660-015-0005) is "To protect, conserve, enhance and maintain the natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, economic and recreational qualities of lands along the Willamette River as the Willamette River Greenway."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not plan for specific uses on lands protected in the Willamette River Greenway, so does not contribute to risks to the Greenway.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 15, Willamette River Greenway.

**Goal 16. Estuarine Resources** – The purpose of Goal 16 (OAR 660-015-0010(1)) is "To recognize and protect the unique environmental, economic, and social values of each estuary and associated wetlands; and to protect, maintain, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore the long-term environmental, economic, and social values, diversity and benefits of Oregon's estuaries."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not plan for specific land uses that would affect estuarine resources so does not contribute to risks to protected estuarine resources.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 16, Estuarine Resources.

**Goal 17. Coastal Shorelands** – The purpose of Goal 17 (OAR 660-015-0010(2)) is "To conserve, protect, where appropriate, develop and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of all coastal shorelands, recognizing their value for protection and maintenance of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water-dependent uses, economic resources and recreation and aesthetics. The management of these shoreland areas shall be compatible with the characteristics of the adjacent coastal waters; and to reduce the hazard to human life and property, and the adverse effects upon water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, resulting from the use and enjoyment of Oregon's coastal shorelands."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not plan for specific land uses that would affect coastal shorelands so does not contribute to risks to coastal shorelines.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 17, Coastal Shorelands.

**Goal 18. Beaches and Dunes** – The purpose of Goal 18 (OAR 660-015-0010(3)) is "To conserve, protect, where appropriate develop, and where appropriate restore the resources and benefits of coastal beach and dune areas; and to reduce the hazard to human life and property from natural or man-induced actions associated with these areas."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not plan for specific land uses or infrastructure that would impact beach and dune resources.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 18, Beaches and Dunes.

**Goal 19. Ocean Resources** – The purpose of Goal 19 (OAR 660-015-0010(4) is "To conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to future generations."

**FINDINGS:** The Transportation Safety Action Plan does not plan for specific land uses or infrastructure that would impact ocean resources.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in general compliance with and supports Statewide Planning Goal 19, Ocean Resources.

### E. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RULE<sup>40</sup>

### OAR 660-012-0000, Transportation Planning Rule Purpose

- (1) This division implements Statewide Planning Goal 12 (Transportation) to provide and encourage a safe, convenient, and economic transportation system. This division also implements provisions of other statewide planning goals related to transportation planning in order to plan and develop transportation facilities and services in close coordination with urban and rural development. The purpose of this division is to direct transportation planning in coordination with land use planning to:
  - (a) Promote the development of transportation systems adequate to serve statewide, regional and local transportation needs and the mobility needs of the transportation disadvantaged;
  - (b) Encourage and support the availability of a variety of transportation choices for moving people that balance vehicular use with other transportation modes, including walking, bicycling and transit in order to avoid principal reliance upon any one mode of transportation;
  - (c) Provide for safe and convenient vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle access and circulation;
  - (d) Facilitate the safe, efficient and economic flow of freight and other goods and services within regions and throughout the state through a variety of modes including road, air, rail and marine transportation;
  - (e) Protect existing and planned transportation facilities, corridors and sites for their identified functions;
  - (f) Provide for the construction and implementation of transportation facilities, improvements and services necessary to support acknowledged comprehensive plans;
  - (g) Identify how transportation facilities are provided on rural lands consistent with the goals;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Sections of OAR 660-012 that are not referenced in these findings do not apply to long-range planning and/or do not apply to transportation planning by the state.

- (h) Ensure coordination among affected local governments and transportation service providers and consistency between state, regional and local transportation plans; and
- (i) Ensure that changes to comprehensive plans are supported by adequate planned transportation facilities.

**FINDINGS:** The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan supports the purposes stated in OAR 60-012-0000 in the following ways:

- (a) The TSAP promotes the safety of all modes of transportation and all system users.
- (b) Improving safety for all modes improves system user choices and perceptions of safety.
- (c) The TSAP addresses safety aspects of vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle access and circulation; "convenience" is improved where system users have safer access to their chosen mode.
- (d) Freight dependent interests and haulers are recognized as parties to safe and healthy communities. Their interests must be considered in making safety focused changes to intersections. Freight interests were represented on the Policy Advisory Committee and the ODOT Plan Coordination Team.
- (e) The classification, location and related purpose of roadways are all considerations in identifying appropriate safety measures for implementation.
- (f) The TSAP encourages identifying opportunities for construction of appropriate safety measures on either a systemic or site specific basis, but does not itself identify specific projects for construction.
- (g) About 50% of fatal and serious injury crashes occur on rural roads. Factors that apply to crashes in all areas include impaired, distracted, and aggressive driving: lane departure crashes occur at higher rates in rural areas. The TSAP recognizes the importance of addressing safety risks that impact rural areas.
- (h) Transportation safety is a complex area of transportation planning that includes all Oregonians and visitors to the state as stakeholders. TSAP Goal 5: Collaborate and Communicate, makes it clear that coordination among all jurisdictions and other stakeholders is key to a successful transportation safety program.
- (i) The TSAP is part of the state's transportation systems plan, and is a topic plan that builds on the safety goals of the Oregon Transportation Plan.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan is in compliance with and supports safety for the whole transportation system, consistent with the Transportation Planning Rule Purpose section.

### OAR 660-012-0015: Preparation and Coordination of Transportation System Plans

Preparation and Coordination of Transportation System Plans.

- (1) ODOT shall prepare, adopt and amend a state TSP in accordance with ORS 184.618, its program for state agency coordination certified under ORS 197.180, and OAR 660-012-0030, 660-012-0035, 660-012-0050, 660-012-0065 and 660-012-0070. The state TSP shall identify a system of transportation facilities and services adequate to meet identified state transportation needs:
  - (a) The state TSP shall include the state transportation policy plan, modal systems plans and transportation facility plans as set forth in OAR chapter 731, division 15;

(b) State transportation project plans shall be compatible with acknowledged comprehensive plans as provided for in OAR chapter 731, division 15. Disagreements between ODOT and affected local governments shall be resolved in the manner established in that division.

FINDINGS: The Transportation Safety Action Plan is a topic plan (for purposes of this rule that is analogous to a "modal" plan) that is an element of the OTP. As noted above, the state policy plan (OTP) and modal/topic plans, collectively make up the state TSP. The TSAP is, in this regard, consistent with this section of the TPR.

### OAR 660-012-0025: Complying with the Goals in Preparing Transportation System Plans; Refinement Plans

- (1) Except as provided in section (3) of this rule, adoption of a TSP shall constitute the land use decision regarding the need for transportation facilities, services and major improvements and their function, mode and general location.
- (2) Findings of compliance with applicable statewide planning goals and acknowledged and comprehensive plan policies and land use regulations shall be developed in conjunction with the adoption of the TSP.

**FINDINGS:** As a topic plan that is part of the state TSP, many of the requirements of section 0025 do not apply to the Transportation Safety Action Plan. However, TPR Section 0025, Subsection 2 states "Findings of compliance with applicable statewide planning goals and acknowledged comprehensive plan policies and land use regulations shall be developed in conjunction with the adoption of the TSP."

This requirement is addressed through development of this "Findings" document, so the plan complies with this section of the TPR.

### OAR 660-012-0030: Determination of Transportation Needs

Section 30 of the TPR requires that TSPs identify transportation needs relevant to the planning area and the scale of the transportation network being planned including state, regional and local transportation needs.

**FINDINGS:** Statewide transportation safety needs were identified through data analysis using state system crash data and extensive public engagement including surveys, an online open house, and two rounds of outreach / listening meetings around the state. These processes helped to identify issues and challenges related to transportation both statewide and locally. By federal law, transportation safety needs must be based on relevant data with the opportunity to also consider existing policies and plans, and recognizing priorities and trends identifiable in public discourse. Both policies and actions identified in the plan are directly related to the most recent available crash data at the time of analysis and the input of the roughly 500 individuals who participated in the various public outreach opportunities.

The process used to identify system safety needs complies with this section of the TPR.

### OAR 660-012-0040: Transportation Financing Program

(1) For areas within an urban growth boundary containing a population greater than 2,500 persons, the TSP shall include a transportation financing program.

**FINDINGS:** The TSAP does not include a financing program, but is closely associated with and drives two safety finance plans: the annual safety Performance Plan and the Highway Safety Improvement Plan. The state TSP, the Oregon Transportation Plan, is implemented through the State Transportation Improvement Plan: safety projects involving construction projects are also funded through the STIP.

As part of the state TSP, and as supported by both the STIP and TSAP periodic funding plans, the TSAP further supports statewide TSP compliance with this section of the TPR.

### F. CONSISTENCY WITH OREGON MODAL AND TOPIC PLANS

The Oregon Transportation Plan includes Modal Plans for Highways, Rail, Public Transportation, Bicycles and Pedestrians, and Aviation. It also includes Topic Plans for Freight, Transportation Options and Safety. Each of these plans addresses safety in general terms, and, increasingly, modal and topic plans include specific strategies or actions for improving safety conditions.

The TSAP is the "big tent" for transportation safety activities and needs be broad enough to acknowledge the full range of safety concerns and planned actions that arise in the other plans. All of the plans are required to be consistent with the others. The best case is that the TSAP supports the safety agendas of the other plans but, at a minimum, it should not create conflicts with any safety provisions of those adopted plans. In future amendments to the other plans, any new or changed safety provisions will be required to be consistent with the TSAP.

**FINDINGS:** The other modal and topic plans currently in effect were reviewed for their content related to transportation safety. In addition, the drafts of the 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were reviewed and monitored in the same way to ensure no conflicts emerged. This was done during the long-range planning phase of the plan update when the framework for the Goals and Policies was substantially complete. The review was summarized in a table by the types of strategies and actions found in all of the other plans and noting the relationships of those entries with the draft long-range element of the TSAP. The 'crosswalk' table was reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee. No inconsistencies or direct conflicts were identified, and no discreet issues in the other plans were identified that had not been raised in some form in the TSAP process.

In the staff review of the Public Review Draft before it was submitted to OTC for release for public review, a second scan of the document for consistency with the other plans was completed. That review found that the 2016 Transportation Safety Action Plan is consistent with the Oregon Transportation Plan and other related transportation plans that are currently in effect, including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which has subsequently been adopted.

**Conclusion:** The 2016 TSAP Public Review Draft is consistent with the Oregon Transportation Plan and the related modal and topic plans.

### G. COMPATIBILITY WITH LOCAL LAND USE PLANS

Because the TSAP does not identify individual projects, and in particular does not include decisions for projects on a geographically specific basis, there is no basis for a comparison with local TSPs currently in effect. However, the plan recognizes that implementation of the TSAP should include support for local efforts to incorporate safety into TSPs and local project development.

Local land use plans have not historically included data-driven safety project identification in either comprehensive plan transportation elements or transportation system plans. Safety is a value in the TPR and in local plans, but is not specifically called out in requirements for plan development or implementation. However, over the years more fully developed approaches to including safety risk assessment have emerged and safety is growing in importance in local transportation planning. TSAP implementation will include supporting that emerging emphasis on transportation safety planning in local plans.

Oregon has been doing transportation safety planning for about twenty years and the state plan has been influential in demonstrating approaches and options that have been adapted for local planning. During the late stages of development

of this current TSAP, several jurisdictions, including counties, cities and Metro, have developed their first transportation safety plan or updated an existing one, with several of them using the drafts of this plan to guide their planning process.

Consistency between state, regional, county and city transportation safety plans is occurring due to Transportation Safety Division's support of local safety planning, and also, currently, due to the comprehensive and carefully articulated approach taken with this version of the TSAP.



# D OREGON ROADWAY MILEAGE 2015 BY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

### D. OREGON ROADWAY MILEAGE 2015 BY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Table D.1 Oregon Roadway Mileage 2015

	Urban		Rural		Totals	
	Roadway Miles	Lane Miles	Roadway Miles	Lane Miles	Roadway Miles	Lane Miles
Interstate	234.38	1108.43	495.18	2,020.86	729.56	3,129.29
Freeways and Expressways	57.22	250.35	0.00	0.00	57.22	250.35
Principal Arterial	856.0	2744.79	2,657.71	5,906.71	3,513.71	8,651.50
Minor Arterial	1285.68	2995.11	2,225.49	4,544.78	3,511.17	7,539.89
Collectors	2616.34	5284.05	16,206.23	32,424.44	18,822.57	37,708.49
Local	9852.78	19705.56	37,056.71	74,113.42	46,909.49	93,818.98
TOTALS	14902.4	32088.3	58,641.3	119,010.2	73,543.7	151,098.5



### 2014 CRASH DATA SUMMARY

### E. 2014 CRASH DATA SUMMARY

Table E.1 2014 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Attribute

Attribute	Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes 2014	Percent Total
Roadway or Lane Departure Crashes <sup>a</sup>	801	50.5%
Intersection Crashes	605	38.1%
Aggressive Driving Involved <sup>b</sup>	551	34.7%
Speed-Related Crashes <sup>c</sup>	399	25.1%
Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Involved	325	20.5%
Young Drivers – 21-25 Involved	277	17.5%
Alcohol Involved (No Drugs)	265	16.7%
Older Drivers – 65-75 Involved	227	14.3%
Young Drivers – 15-20 Involved	219	13.8%
Unrestrained Occupants	189	11.9%
Pedestrian(s) Injured or Killed	164	10.3%
Unlicensed Drivers Involved	149	9.4%
Older Drivers – 76 or Older Involved	143	9.0%
Commercial Motor Vehicle Involved	78	4.9%
Inattentive Drivers Involved	71	4.5%
Bicyclists(s) Injured or Killed	72	4.5%
Work Zone Involved	14	0.9%
School Bus or School Zone Involved	11	0.7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Roadway or Lane Departure definition excludes intersections, pedestrian-related, and bicycle-related crashes.

b Aggressive Driving Involved consists of Too Fast for Conditions, Following Too Closely, and/or Driving in Excess of Posted Speed (note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Speed-related Crashes consists of Too Fast for Conditions and/or Driving in Excess of Posted Speed (note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once).



### CRASH TYPE AND SEVERITY RANKING SUPPORTING DATA

### F. CRASH TYPE AND SEVERITY RANKING SUPPORTING DATA

**Table F.1 Potential Emphasis Areas Ranked by Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Frequency** 2009 to 2013

Rank	Potential Emphasis Area	Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes		
1	Roadway Departure Crashes	4,103		
2	Aggressive Driving Involved	2,767		
3	Intersections Crashes	2,633		
4	Young Drivers - 15-25 Involved	2,366		
5	Speed-Related Crashes	2,067		
6	Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Involved	1,695		
7	Older Drivers - 65+ Involved	1,548		
8	Alcohol Involved (No Drugs)	1,445		
9	Motorcycle Involvement	1,170		
10	Unrestrained Occupants	1,029		
11	Pedestrian(s) Involved	770		
12	Unlicensed Drivers Involved	603		
13	Inattentive Drivers Involved	350		
14	Pedalcycle(s) Involved	334		
15	Commercial Motor Vehicle Involved	322		

Table F.2 Potential Emphasis Areas Ranked by Fatal and Serious Injury (FSI) Crashes per 100 Total Crashes

2009 to 2013

Rank	Potential Emphasis Area	FSI Crashes	Total Crashes	FSI Crashes per 100 Crashes
1	Motorcycle Involvement	1,170	4,831	24.2
2	Unrestrained Occupants	1,029	5,205	19.8
3	Pedestrian(s) Involved	770	4,077	18.9
4	Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Involved	1,695	11,990	14.1
5	Alcohol Involved (No Drugs)	1,445	10,798	13.4
6	Unlicensed Drivers Involved	603	8,102	7.4
7	Roadway Departure Crashes	4,103	56,488	7.3
8	Pedalcycle(s) Involved	334	4,694	7.1
9	Speed-Related Crashes	2,067	35,627	5.8
10	Commercial Motor Vehicle Involved	322	6,829	4.7
11	Older Drivers – 65+ Involved	1,548	41,139	3.8
12	Inattentive Drivers Involved	350	11,668	3.0
13	Young Drivers – 15-25 Involved	2,366	84,024	2.8
14	Aggressive Driving Involved	2,767	107,301	2.6
15	Intersection Crashes	2,633	109,460	2.4



## G TSAP PERFORMANCE MEASURE OPTIONAL TREND FORECASTS

### G. TSAP PERFORMANCE MEASURE OPTIONAL TREND FORECASTS

Several optional trend forecasts were considered for each of the five performance measures:

- Number of roadway fatalities;
- Number of roadway serious injuries;
- Roadway fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., fatality rate);
- Roadway serious injuries per vehicle miles traveled (i.e., serious injury rate); and
- Combined nonmotorized fatalities and nonmotorized serious injuries.

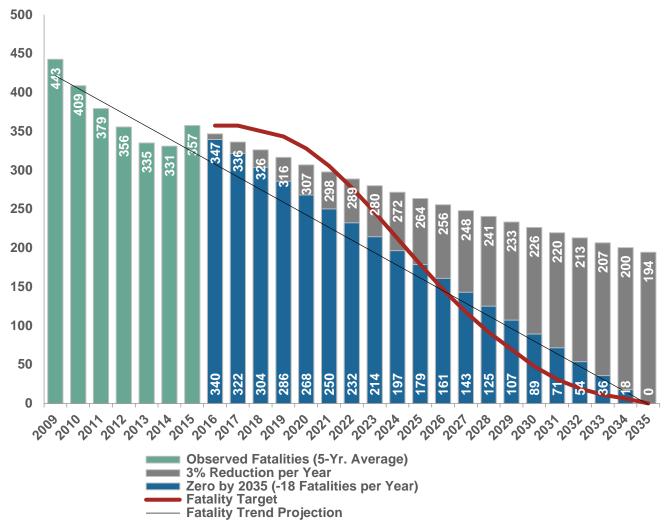
The forecasts are shown in Figures G.1 to G.5. The trend forecasting options were:

- **Straight line to zero by 2035.** In this forecast a straight line reduction in fatalities was assumed between the most recent five year average and an average of zero fatalities in the five year period between 2031 and 2035. This is shown in blue bars in the figure.
- 3-percent reduction per year. Historically, the Highway Safety Office has set a target of a 3-percent reduction in fatalities per year in its annual Transportation Safety Performance Plan. In the figure, the 3- percent reduction per year is forecast for the 20-year duration of the plan. This trend is forecast in the grey bars in the figure.
- **Trend-line.** The black line is a straight-line trend forecast from historic crash trends for the 20 year duration of the plan. It is based on the data shown in the green bars (2009 to 2015 for fatalities and 2009 to 2014 for the other performance measures).
- **S-Curve.** The S-Curve forecast (shown in Orange) was developed assuming the five-year average number of crashes may be relatively flat in the near future; start to decline in a few years in recognition of different programs of the plan being implemented and potential benefits of connected and/or automated vehicles; and flatten out again in the in the future as it becomes more difficult to address the remaining fatalities.

The PAC found strengths and weaknesses in each of these trend forecasts. For example, the trend-line forecast and the straight-line to zero forecast show that, with focus and effort, zero can be achieved.

However, recognizing the recent increase in fatalities, the PAC believes it is possible in the near future the five-year average number of fatalities may remain flat until programs and projects in this TSAP are well underway. The PAC also agreed in future years of the plan, the reductions will be more difficult to achieve because of smaller numbers; therefore, the rate of reduction would flatten out. Finally, the 3-percent per year forecast has put Oregon on a path to success; however, in order to reach zero fatalities, the PAC agreed it was necessary to have more aggressive targets.





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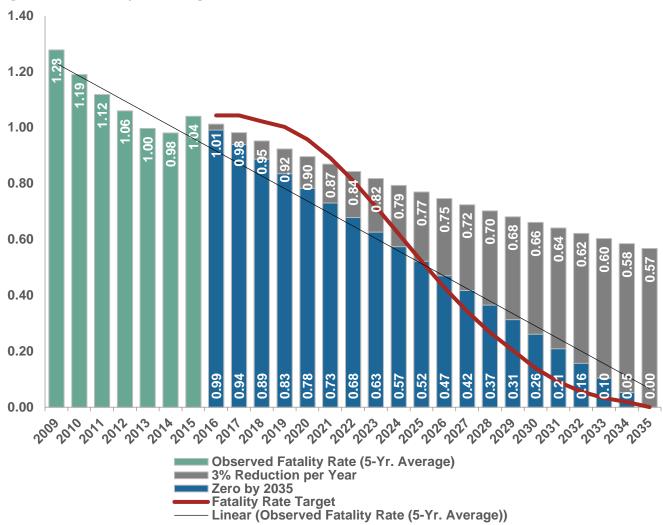
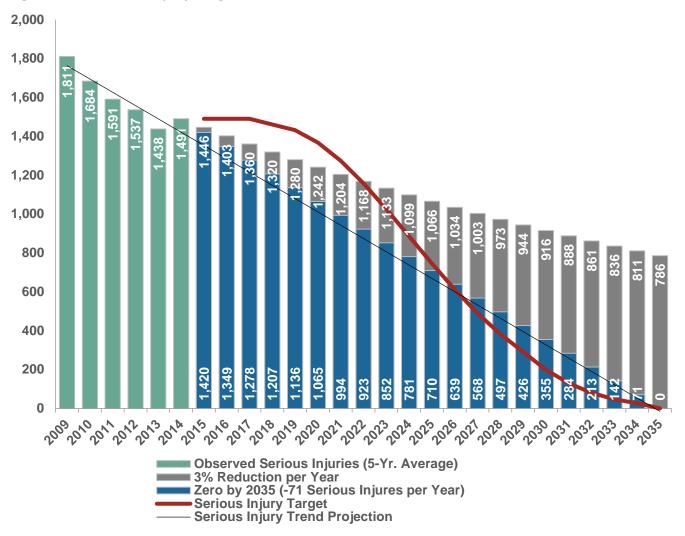
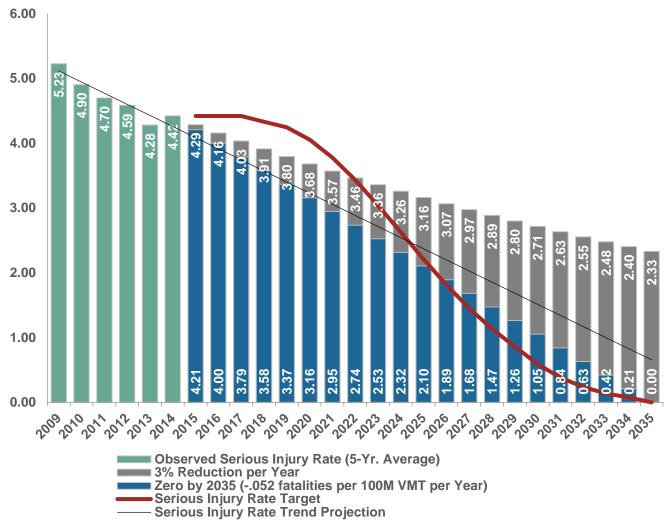


Figure G.3 Serious Injury Target







■ Observed Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (5-Yr. Average)
 ■ 3% Reduction per Year
 ■ Zero by 2035 (-11 Nonmotorized Fatalities + Serious Injuries per Year)

- Linear (Observed Non-Motorized Fatálities and Serious Injuries (5-Yr. Average))

Nonmotorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries Target

Figure G.5 Combined Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injury Target





23USC: Title 23 of the U.S. Code regarding transportation funding

3 Es: Engineering, Education, Enforcement

4 Es: Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services

**5-Point Child Restraint (CR) Harness:** A child restraint harness with five attachment points, two at the shoulder, two at the hips, one between the legs.

**AASHTO:** American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ABS: Anti-Lock Brake System

**ACT:** Area Commission on Transportation

**Aggressive Driving:** An individual commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property (FHWA). For purposes of this plan those offenses are driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, and/or driving in excess of posted speed.

**Aggressive Driving-Related Crash:** One of more of driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, and/or driving in excess of posted speed was an attribute of the crash. As used in this plan, note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once.

**Arterial:** A functional classification for surface streets. AASHTO defines arterials from the motor vehicle perspective as providing a high degree of mobility for the longer trip lengths and high volumes of traffic, ideally providing a high operating speed and level of service and avoiding penetrating identifiable neighborhoods.

**Attributes:** As used in this plan means characteristics of a crash that may be useful for analysis. Note that some road user attributes are not mutually exclusive. For example, some motorcycle riders are also young drivers. In some cases they may contribute to a crash occurring or its severity, but that is not required for them to be considered attributes.

AV: Autonomous vehicle

**BAC:** Blood Alcohol Concentration

**Best Practices:** For purposes of this plan, the term "best practices" is used as a general term of preferred practices accepted and supported by experience of the applicable professional discipline. It is not prescriptive to a particular set of standards or a particular discipline.

**Booster Seats:** Are intended to be used as a transition to lap and shoulder belts by older children who have outgrown convertible seats (over 40 pounds). They are available in high backs, for use in vehicles with low seat backs or no head restraints, and no-back booster bases only.

**BPSST:** Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

**Car Seat:** Common term for a specially designed device that secures a child in a motor vehicle, meets Federal safety standards, and increases child safety in a crash.

**CAV:** Connected Autonomous Vehicle

**Child Safety Seat/Child Restraint:** A crash tested device that is specially designed to provide infant/child crash protection. A general term for all sorts of devices including those that are vests or car beds rather than seats.

**CFAA:** Criminal Fine and Assessment Account

Countermeasure: An activity or initiative to prevent, neutralize, or correct a specific problem.

**County/Local Traffic Safety Group:** An advisory or decision body recognized by one or more local governments and tasked with addressing traffic safety within the geographic area including one or more cities.

**Collector:** A functional classification for surface streets. AASHTO defines collectors as providing both land access and traffic circulation within neighborhoods and commercial and industrial areas. The role of the collector system, from the motor vehicle perspective, is to distribute traffic to and from the arterial system.

**CTSP:** Community Traffic Safety Program

**CRF:** Crash Reduction Factor

**CVIS:** Commercial Vehicle Information System

**DHR:** Oregon Department of Human Resources

**DHS:** Oregon Department of Human Services

**Distracted Driving:** Engagement in any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving: the practice of driving a motor vehicle while engaged in another activity. Typical distractions include eating, dealing with passengers or pets, changing settings on vehicle devices, and, increasingly, using a cellular phone or other electronic device.

**DMV:** Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation

**DPSST:** Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

**DOE:** Oregon Department of Education

**DRE:** Drug Recognition Expert

**DUI:** Driving Under the Influence

**DUII:** Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, sometimes DUI is used

**Emphasis Areas (EA):** Topics identified to provide a strategic framework for developing and implementing a Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Emphasis areas are near-term focus areas to be implemented through agreed upon Actions, as articulated in this plan in Chapter 6.

**EMS:** Emergency Medical Services

**Equity:** Equity refers to fair treatment or equal access to transportation services and options. In the context of safety, transportation equity relates to improving the travel choices, the safety of travel and not unfairly impacting one group or mode of transportation. More specifically it means improved safety for all transportation options and lessening the risks or hazards associated with different choices of transportation.

**Expressway:** In Oregon, a route designated to prioritize through traffic with a long term management focus on managing direct access to the roadway to minimize conflicts.

F & I: Fatal and injury crashes

FARS: Fatal Analysis Reporting System, U.S. Department of Transportation

**FAST Act:** The **Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act** is a funding and authorization bill to govern United States Federal surface transportation spending, signed by President Obama on December 4, 2015. It is subsequent to MAP-21, but does not replace all of the applicable requirements of that earlier law, so both must be referenced.

**Fatality Rate:** The number of traffic fatalities per number of vehicle miles traveled in a given year. The rate is usually expressed in terms of fatalities per one hundred million miles traveled. Sometimes also expressed as a rate of fatalities per population or licensed drivers

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration

FMCSA: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FRA: Federal Rail Administration

**Freeway:** Directional travel lanes usually separated by a physical barrier, and access and egress points are limited to onand off-ramp locations or a very limited number of at-grade intersections.

**GAC-DUII:** Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

GAC: Motorcycle Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

**GDL:** Graduated Driver Licensing

**GHSA:** Governors Highway Safety Association

**GLS:** Graduated Licensing System

**GR:** Governor's Representative

**Hazard index formula:** Any safety or crash prediction formula used for determining the relative likelihood of hazardous conditions at railway-highway grade crossings, taking into consideration weighted factors, and severity of crashes. (23 CFR § 924.3)

HEP: Hazard Elimination Program (earlier Federal program, replaced by HSIP)

**High Crash Location:** Highway or road segments that are susceptible to an inordinate number of crashes. Identification of high crash locations is part of the problem identification process.

**High Risk Rural Road, Oregon:** The term "high risk rural road" means any roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector or a rural local road with significant safety risks, that meets the threshold for investment of Highway Safety Improvement Plan funds pursuant to the All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program.

**High Visibility Enforcement (HVE):** Law enforcement efforts that are highly visible and well publicized through paid and earned media support. (NHTSA)

**Highway Safety Improvement Program:** The term "highway safety improvement program" means projects, activities, plans, and reports carried out under this section. (23 USC section 148)

**Highway Safety Improvement Project:** (23 USC section 148) In general, the term "highway safety improvement project" means strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a state strategic highway safety plan and correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature; or address a highway safety problem.

**HR3:** High Risk Rural Road

**HSEC:** ODOT Highway Safety Engineering Committee

**HSIP:** Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program

**HSIS:** Highway Safety Information System

**HSM:** Highway Safety Manual

**HSP:** Highway Safety Plan, the grant application submitted for Federal section 402 and similar funds. Funds are provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration.

IACP: International Association of Chiefs of Police

ICS: Incident Command System

**IHSDM:** Interactive Highway Safety Design Model

**IID:** Ignition Interlock Device

**IIHS:** Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

**Impaired Driving:** Driving a vehicle while the driver's reflexes have suffered from alcohol or other drugs to a point that is generally considered unsafe to operate a vehicle. Impairment is usually viewed less severely than intoxication. (NHTSA)

**Inattentional Blindness:** A term used in driver attention and other cognitive research trying to explain what happens when a driver is apparently not distracted from the task of driving, but fails to notice a fully-visible, but unexpected object because attention was engaged on another event or object.

### Examples:

- 1. While turning onto a side road from the main road, the driver, while watching for other cars, failed to notice the (unexpected) motorcycle, which was in full view, and turned in front of the motorcycle.
- 2. While approaching a light, drivers notice pedestrians in the walk way when the light is red. When the light is green, pedestrians, even in full view, may not be noticed in the walkway because pedestrians in the walkway are unexpected when the light is green.

"Injury A" and "Incapacitating injury" are used interchangeably. Incapacitating injuries typically are injuries that the victim is not able to walk away from. They are synonymous with the term "Severe injury"

"Injury B" and "Moderate injury" are used interchangeably.

"Injury C" and "Minor injury" are used interchangeably.

"Injury K" and "Fatality" are used interchangeably

IRIS: Integrated Road Information System

**ITS:** Intelligent Transportation Systems

Lane Departure: See "Roadway Departure"

LCDC: Land Conservation and Development Commission

**Local Street:** A functional classification for surface streets that includes all public surface streets not defined as arterial or collector. Local streets are typically low-speed streets with low traffic volumes in residential areas, but also include similar streets in commercial and industrial areas.

**LTSG:** Local Traffic Safety Group: An advisory or decision body recognized by a local government and tasked with addressing traffic safety. Limited to one geographic area, and may not include cities or other governmental areas within the boundaries.

MADD: Mothers against Drunk Driving

**MAP-21:** Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), reauthorization of Federal highway funding, signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012. Subsequent adoption of the FAST Act does not replace MAP-21 in all areas regulation of transportation safety planning and funding, so both must be referenced.

**MCTD:** Motor Carrier Transportation Division

**Minor Arterial:** Provides moderate-length trips and offers connectivity to the higher arterial system, providing intracommunity continuity.

**MIRE:** Model Inventory of Roadway Elements: The listing and standardized coding by the Federal Highway Administration of roadway and traffic data elements critical to safety management, analysis, and decision-making (23 USC section 148)

**Monitoring:** Management and oversight of the day-to-day operations of grant and sub-grant supported activities to assure compliance with applicable Federal and state requirements and that performance goals are being achieved.

**Motorcycle:** A motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. The NHTSA defines "motorcycle" to include mopeds, two or three-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, scooters, mini bikes and pocket bikes.

**Motorcycle Crash:** A crash involving one or more motorcycles

**Motorcycle Driver:** The operator of a motorcycle

**Motorcycle Occupant:** Describes either a motorcycle driver or passenger of a motorcycle not in motion.

**Motorcycle Occupant, Unknown;** Used in crash data to indicate a person involved in a motorcycle related crash when it is unknown whether the person was the driver or a passenger.

Motorcycle Passenger: A person riding on a motorcycle who is not the operator

**Motorcyclist:** As used in this plan, refers to either an operator or a passenger of a motorcycle.

**MPO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization. MPOs are designated by the governor to coordinate transportation planning in an urbanized area of the state.

**MUTCD:** Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

**NHTSA:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NTSB: National Transportation Safety Board

**OACP:** Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**OBM:** Oregon Benchmark

**Occupant Protection:** Any device(s) installed in a vehicle designed to prevent an occupant from crashing into the vehicle's interior or to reduce the severity of injuries for that occupant. Safety belts, child safety seats, air bags, padded interiors, and side door beams are all occupant protection devices.

**ODAA:** Oregon District Attorneys Association

**ODE:** Oregon Department of Education

**ODOT:** Oregon Department of Transportation

**ODOT Regions:** ODOT'S service territory is divided into five geographic Regions:

**Region 1:** Portland Metro (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington Counties)

**Region 2:** Willamette Valley, North, and Mid-Coast (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Linn, Benton, and Lane Counties)

Region 3: Southern Oregon and South Coast (Douglas, Curry, Coos, Josephine, and Jackson Counties)

**Region 4:** Central Oregon (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Lake, and Klamath Counties)

Region 5: Eastern Oregon (Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney, and Malheur Counties)

**OHA:** Oregon Health Authority

**OJD:** Oregon Judicial Department

**OJIN:** Oregon Judicial Information Network

**OLCC:** Oregon Liquor Control Commission

**Older Drivers and Pedestrians:** Drivers and pedestrians 65 years of age and older.

**OMHAS:** Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**OSP:** Oregon State Police

**OSSA:** Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

**OTC:** Oregon Transportation Commission

**OTP:** Oregon Transportation Plan

**OTSAP:** Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan

**OTSC:** Oregon Transportation Safety Committee

PAC: Policy Advisory Committee

Per capita is used to describe crash rate per population. Except where otherwise noted, crash rates are per million residents.

**Per VMT** is used to describe crash rate per motorized vehicle miles traveled. Except where otherwise noted, crash rates are per 100 million motorized vehicle miles traveled.

**Performance Measure:** "A process of assessing progress toward achieving predetermined goals, including information on the efficiency with which resources are transformed into goods and services (outputs), the quality of those outputs (how well they are delivered to clients and the extent to which clients are satisfied) and outcomes (the results of a program activity compared to its intended purpose), and the effectiveness of government operations in terms of their specific contributions to program objectives." (FHWA)

**Performance Plan:** The document, accompanied by the HSP that states submit to NHTSA annually for approval. The performance plan contains: 1) a list of annual quantifiable and measurable highway safety performance targets that is data driven, consistent with the Uniform Guidelines for Highway Safety Program, and based on highway safety problems identified by the state during the planning process conducted; and 2) performance measures developed by DOT in collaboration with the Governor's Highway Safety Association and others, beginning with the MAP-21 directed "Traffic Safety Performance Measures for States and Federal Agencies" (DOT HS 811025), which are used as a minimum in developing the performance targets.

PI&E: Public Information and Education

PMT: Project Management Team

**Practical Design:** "A systematic approach to deliver the broadest benefit to the transportation system, within existing resources, by establishing appropriate project scopes to deliver specific results" as defined by ODOT Technical Services.

Problem Identification: A process of analyzing general data to isolate specific causes or locations of traffic crashes.

**Project to Maintain Minimum Levels of Retroreflectivity:** A project that is designed to maintain a highway sign or pavement marking retroreflectivity at or above the minimum levels prescribed in Federal or state regulations. (23 USC section 148)

**Public Grade Crossing:** A railway-highway grade crossing where the roadway (including associated sidewalks, pathways and shared use paths) is under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel, including non-motorized users. All roadway approaches must be under the jurisdiction of a public roadway authority, and no roadway approach may be on private property. (23 CFR § 924.3)

**Public Road:** Any highway, road, or street under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel, including non-state-owned public roads and roads on tribal land. (23 CFR § 924.3)

**PUC:** Oregon Public Utility Commission

**Road Safety Audit:** A formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent multidisciplinary audit team. (23 CFR § 924.3)

Road users: A motorist, passenger, public transportation operator or user, truck driver, bicyclist, motorcyclist, or pedestrian, including a person with disabilities. (23 USC section 148)

Roadway Departure: Leaving one's lane unintentionally, typically due to distraction or impairment, including leaving the roadway entirely, moving into an adjacent lane or across a center lane or median into oncoming traffic.

Roadway Departure Crash: Crash where roadway departure is an attribute. As used in this plan, note that the roadway or lane departure definition excludes intersections, pedestrian-related, and bicycle-related crashes.

RTP: Regional Transportation Plan for a Metropolitan Planning Organization

Safe Communities Group: A coalition of private and/or public sector entities who use a data driven approach to community safety issues.

Safe Communities Model: A long-standing approach to reducing injuries and deaths that works through engaging local partners who care about safety, using data to identify leading causes of injury, making a plan to address the issues using proven methods and measuring success.

Safety data includes, but is not limited to, crash, roadway, and traffic data on all public roads. For railway- highway grade crossings, safety data also includes the characteristics of highway and train traffic, licensing, and vehicle data. (23 CFR § 924.3)

**Safety stakeholder:** (23 CFR § 924.3) includes, but is not limited to:

A highway safety representative of the Governor of the state;

Regional transportation planning organizations and metropolitan planning organizations, if any;

Representatives of major modes of transportation;

State and local traffic enforcement officials;

A highway-rail grade crossing safety representative of the Governor of the State;

Representatives conducting a motor carrier safety program under Section 31102, 31106, or 31309 of Title 49;

Motor vehicle administration agencies;

County transportation officials;

State representatives of non-motorized users; and

Other Federal, state, tribal and local safety stakeholders.

Serious Injury: An incapacitating injury or any injury, other than a fatal injury, which prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities the person was capable of performing before the injury occurred.

Severity: A measurement of the degree of seriousness concerning both vehicle impact (damage) and bodily injuries sustained by vehicle occupant.

**SFST:** Standard Field Sobriety Testing

**SHSP:** Strategic Highway Safety Plan, A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

**Side Impact Air Bags:** Provide additional chest protection to adults in many side crashes. Children who are seated in close proximity to a side air bag may be at risk of serious or fatal injury if the air bag deploys. Check with the vehicle dealer or vehicle owner's manual for information about danger to children.

SIP: Safety Investment Program (used for ranking safety projects prior to 2012; no longer used)

SMS: Safety Management System or Highway Safety Management System

**SPIS:** Safety Priority Indexing System

**Speed, types:** A strong statistical relationship exists between operating speed and posted speed. The relationship between design speed and operating or posted is less well known and is the subject of many studies.

**Design Speed**: Speed for which roadway elements such as curves are designed.

**Operating Speed**: The measured speed, either average or fixed percentile speed (i.e., 85<sup>th</sup> percentile).

**Posted Speed**: The speeds indicated on signs along the roadway.

**Statutory Speeds**: Are posted as defined in statute (i.e., 25 mph on a neighborhood street) and any road authority may post applicable statutory speeds within their jurisdiction.

**Posted Speed Violations**: In Oregon, posted speeds set the maximum speed that can be traveled, violations can be either speed limit or basic rule.

**Basic Rule Speed:** A speed that is reasonable and prudent considering the conditions at the time. Speeds in excess of the posted speed are evidence of the violation. Basic rule violations can apply on any roadway.

**Speed Limit:** Speed limits are limited to specific roadways such as interstates, roadways within city limits, and school speed zones. In addition, speed limits apply to certain types of vehicles on any roadway – large trucks, school buses and vehicles transporting children or workers.

**Designated speeds**: Differ from statutory speeds (i.e., 35 mph on city arterial), and must be established by a defined speed zoning process and investigation. Designated speeds typically have to be administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Oregon Revised Statutes establish and define Speed Limits, and the Basic Rule within the State of Oregon; the definitions presented here paraphrase those laws, and should not be relied upon in lieu of ORS.

**Speeding:** Driving too fast for conditions and/or driving in excess of posted speed

**Speed-Related Crashes:** Attributes of crash include driving too fast for conditions and/or driving in excess of posted speed (note that duplicate crashes are not counted more than once).

**Spot Safety Improvement:** An improvement or set of improvements that is implemented at a specific location on the basis of location-specific crash experience or other data-driven means.

**SSHSP:** State Strategic Highway Safety Plan; A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

**State Highway Safety Improvement Program:** The term "State highway safety improvement program" means a program of highway safety improvement projects, activities, plans and reports carried out as part of the Statewide transportation improvement program under section 135(g). (23 USC section 148)

**Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP):** A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

**STIP:** Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

**Systemic Safety Improvement:** An improvement or set of improvements that is widely implemented based on high-risk roadway features that are correlated with particular severe crash types.

**TAC:** Technical Advisory Committee

Toward Zero Deaths: A term of art for transportation safety program analogous to Vision Zero

TRCC: Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

TRS: ODOT Traffic-Roadway Section

TSAP: Oregon's Transportation Safety Action Plan

**TSD:** Transportation Safety Division, Oregon Department of Transportation

TSRP: Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

**U.S. DOT:** United States Department of Transportation

**Vision Zero:** A system and approach to public policy developed by the Swedish government which stresses safe interaction between road, vehicle and users. Highlighted elements include a moral imperative to preserve life, and that the system conditions and vehicle be adapted to match the capabilities of the people that use them.

VMT: Vehicle miles traveled; a measure used as a means of determining exposure in calculating fatality rates.

Work Zone: A segment of road along which road construction or maintenance work is being done.

**Young Drivers:** As used in this plan, "Young Drivers" includes two age groups: age 15-20 and 21-25. Where appropriate, the groups were considered as one to simplify presentation. However, it is acknowledged that there may be different countermeasures to address the two different age groups.



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# **Foreword**

This performance plan has been prepared to provide documentation for the 2019 program plan for highway safety.

The 2019 Performance Plan will be presented for approval to the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC) on May 09, 2018 and subsequent approval by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on June 21, 2018. The majority of the projects will occur from October 2018 through September 2019.

The process for identification of problems, establishing performance goals, and developing programs and projects is detailed on page 3. A detailed flow chart of the grant program planning process is offered on page 7, Overview of Highway Safety Planning Process.

Each program area page consists of five different parts.

- 1. A link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan which shows how ODOT-TSD is addressing the long range strategies for Oregon.
- 2. Problem statements are presented for each topical area.
- 3. Data tables reflect the latest information available and provide previous year averages where available.
- 4. Goal statements are aimed for the year 2020 (TSAP): performance measure targets are for 2019.
- 5. Project summaries are at the end of the document and listed by individual funding source. The dollar amounts provided are federal dollars, with the state/other funding sources contained in [brackets.]

Throughout the 2019 fiscal year the following funds are expected (financial figures represent the latest grant and match revenues available through April 26, 2018):

Federal funds: \$12,106,489 State/local match: [\$ 6,552,330] Grand Total \$18,658,819

Copies of this performance plan are available and may be requested by contacting the Transportation Safety Division at (503) 986-3883.

# **Document Purpose**

The purpose of this document is two-fold; it primarily serves as Oregon's annual application for federal NHTSA Highway Safety grant funds, but it also shows the effectiveness of the broad collaboration that takes place in Oregon's highway safety community. It conveys the significant impact that TSD funds, time, and programs continue to have on the safety of Oregon's traveling public.

The plan represents a one-year look at the 2019 transportation safety program including all of the highway safety funds managed by the Transportation Safety Division, both state and federal. In addition, every year an Annual Evaluation report is completed that explains what funds were spent and how ODOT-TSD fared on its annual performance measures.

TSD looks forward to a successful 2019 program where many transportation injuries are avoided and the fatality toll is dramatically reduced. Each and every day, Oregon's goal is zero fatalities.

# **Process Description**

The following is a summary of the current process by the Transportation Safety Division (TSD) for the planning and implementation of its grant programs. The performance plan is based on a complete and detailed problem analysis prior to the selection of grant projects. A broad spectrum of agencies at state and local levels and special interest groups are involved in project selection and implementation. In addition, federal grants are awarded to TSD directly (on behalf of the State) that it can in turn award contracts to private agencies, or manage multiple sub-grant projects. Self-awarded TSD grants help supplement basic programs to provide more effective statewide services involving a variety of agencies and groups working within traffic safety programs that are usually not eligible for direct grant funds.

HSP 2019 planning began with problem analysis by Transportation Safety Division staff, the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC), and partner agencies and groups on October 24, 2017 and again on January 17, 2018. A state-level analysis was completed, using the most recent FARS data available (2016 data). The data is directly linked to performance goals and proposed projects for the coming year, and is included in the project objectives (not all of the reviewed data is published in the Performance Plan).

Performance goals for each program are established by TSD program staff, taking into consideration partner input and data sources that are reliable, readily available, and reasonable as representing outcomes of the program. TSD Programs and their projects are designed to impact problems identified through the problem identification process described above.

TSD and its partner agencies work together in providing continuous follow-up to these efforts throughout the year, adjusting plans or projects in response to evaluation and feedback as feasible. For instance, Lane County currently has the highest fatal crash rate in the state. They are starting to build a local TSAP now with many partner agencies. One of their biggest traffic problems is impaired driving, where the county leads the state in incidences of drug-impaired driving. After participating in a planning meeting with Lane County's TSAP group, TSD requested and obtained NHTSA approval to fund a new DUII Investigator project for Lane County's District Attorney's Office in the current grant year that will focus exclusively on the investigations surrounding DUII crimes, crashes and fatalities and the resulting cases, providing a level of support and specialty not previously available to the seven attorneys currently assigned to major vehicle crash-related assault cases and DUII.

Oregon initiated over ten adjustments to the HSP 2018 federal program, upon approval by NHTSA, in response to increasing fatality and serious injury crashes.

#### **Process for Identifying Problems**

Problem analysis was completed by Transportation Safety Division staff, the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC), and involved partner agencies and groups on October 24, 2017 and again on January 17, 2018.

#### **HSP** development process Organizations and Committees

- · Association of Oregon Counties
- Beaverton SRTS Coordinator
- · City of Keizer Traffic
- Clackamas County
- Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training
- Federal Highway Administration
- GAC on Motorcycle Safety
- · Lane County
- · Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments
- Multnomah County Circuit Court
- NHTSA
- ODOT Planning Unit
- ODOT Driver and Motor Vehicle Services
- ODOT Motor Carrier Division
- ODOT Traffic Services
- ODOT Transportation Safety Division
- ODOT TSD Region 2
- ODOT TSD Region 4
- Oregon Impact
- Oregon State University
- Portland Police Bureau
- Washington County Land Use and Transportation
- Western Oregon University

- · Beaverton Police Dept.
- City of Eugene
- · City of Salem Public Works
- Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission
- Driver Education Advisory Committee
- GAC on DUII
- · Gard Communications
- Legacy Emanuel Trauma Nurses Talk Tough
- McMinnville Police Department
- Morrow County SO
- · National Traffic Safety Institute
- Oregon Driver Education Center
- ODOT Region 5 District 13
- ODOT Highway Division Traffic-Roadway
- ODOT Traffic Roadway Section
- ODOT Transportation Data Section
- ODOT TSD Region 1
- ODOT TSD Region 3
- ODOT TSD Region 5
- Oregon State Police
- Oregon Transportation Safety Committee
- Washington Co Sheriff's Office
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission

A state-level analysis is completed, using the most recent data available (2016 data), to certify that Oregon has the potential to fund projects in various program areas. Motor vehicle crash data, survey results (belt use and public perception), and other data on traffic safety problems are analyzed. Program level analysis is included with each of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) priority areas such as impaired driving, safety belts, and police traffic services. This data is directly linked to performance goals and proposed projects for the coming year, and is included in project objectives.

#### **Process for Establishing Performance Goals**

Performance goals for each program are established by TSD program staff. Performance measures incorporate elements of the Oregon Benchmarks, Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan, the Safety Management System, and nationally recognized measures. Both longrange (by the year 2020 (TSAP goals)) and short-range (current year) measures are utilized and updated annually. Oregon uses a minimum of 3, 5, or 8 year history average, then a change rate of 3 percent, plus or minus, to initially propose performance measures. If the 3 percent performance change is deemed unreasonable based on crash data, partner input during planning workshops, and/or legislative and environmental changes (i.e. legalization of recreational use of marijuana), the 3 percent may be adjusted in the target. This level of change has proven to be effective in prior Highway Safety Plans and is an easy way to forecast what can be expected. This level of change is generally representative of one standard deviation, meaning that the actions taken had an influence on the result outside of just pure chance. The Oregon highway safety community has also embraced this formula and supports the use of 3 percent.

#### Process for Developing Programs and Projects

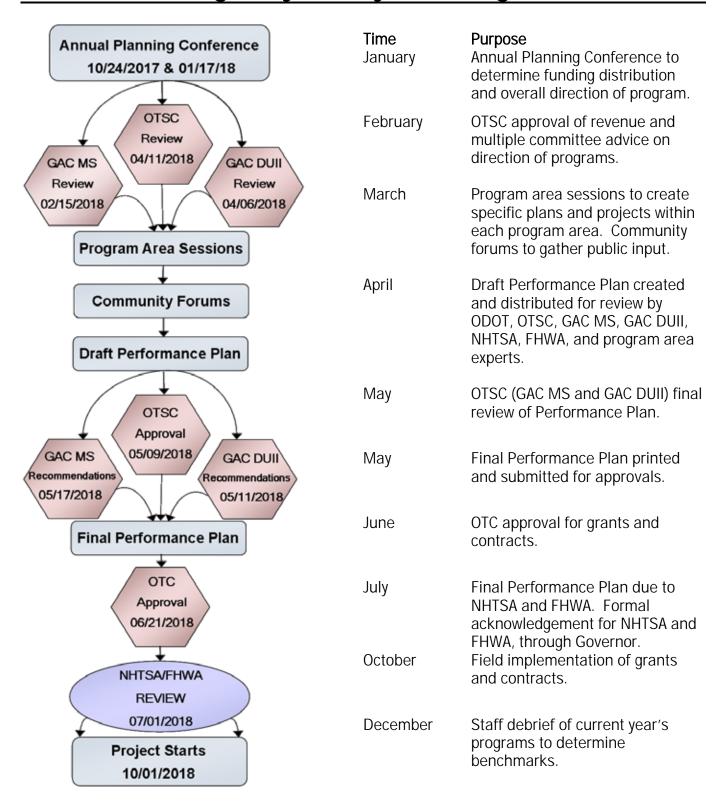
Programs and projects are designed to impact problems that are identified through the problem identification process described above. Program development and project selection begin with program specific planning meetings that involve professionals who work in various aspects of the specific program. Specific geographic areas are chosen from among jurisdictions determined to have a significant problem based on jurisdictional problem analysis. Project selection begins with proposed projects requested from eligible state and local public agencies and non-profit groups involved in traffic safety. Selection panels may be used to complement TSD staff work in order to identify the best projects for the coming year. Projects are selected using criteria that include response to identified problems, potential for impacting performance goals, innovation, clear objectives, adequate evaluation plans, and cost effective budgets. Those projects ranked the highest are included in Oregon's funding plan.

As required under FAST Act, the project selection process for NHTSA-funded grants relies on published reports and various types of studies or reviews. The Transportation Safety Division relies on these reports to also make project selections for all of the other grants and programs contained in the Performance Plan. The sources of information include:

- Countermeasures That Work: A Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide for State Highway Safety Offices - USDOT
- National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety
- ü Annual Evaluation TSD
- **ü** Annual Evaluation various SHSO's from across the country
- ü State Highway Safety Showcase GHSA
- ü Mid-Year Project Evaluations TSD
- **ü** Research Notes USDOT
- Program Assessments various SHSO's from across the country
- **ü** Uniform Guidelines for State Highway Safety Programs USDOT

The following flow chart presents the grant program planning process in detail.

# Overview of Highway Safety Planning Process



# **Performance Goals**

This report highlights traffic safety activities during the upcoming federal fiscal year 2019. The data contained in this report reflects the most current data available.

The following performance measures satisfy NHTSA's required core outcome, behavior and activity measures. This document was approved by the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, endorsed by the Governor's Advisory Committees, and these measures were reviewed in October 2017 and January 2018 as part of the 2019 planning process.

#### Performance Goals and Trends, 2012-2016

						3-Year	5-Year	Target
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average	Average	2019
Fatalities	337	313	357	446	495	433	390	343
Serious Traffic Injuries	1,619	1,418	1,495	1,777	1,973	1,748	1,655	1,432
Fatalities/100M VMT	1.02	0.93	1.03	1.24	1.35	1.21	1.11	0.83
Rural Road Fatalities/100M VMT*	1.58	1.33	1.76	1.97	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban Road Fatalities/100M VMT*	0.58	0.61	0.57	0.75	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant								
Fatalities, All Seat Positions	61	54	61	82	76	73	67	67
Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities								
Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator								
with a BAC of .08 and Above	88	103	99	154	154	136	120	124
Speeding-Related Fatalities	103	95	105	119	142	122	113	111
Motorcyclist Fatalities	51	34	46	61	54	54	49	49
Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Fatalities	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3
Drivers Age 20 or Younger in Fatal Crashes	40	35	33	50	56	46	43	42
Pedestrian Fatalities	55	48	57	69	72	66	60	60
Bicycle Fatalities	10	3	7	8	10	8	8	8
Statewide Observed Seat Belt Use,								
Passenger Vehicles, Front Seat Outboard								
Occupants	97.0%	98.2%	97.8%	95.5%	96.2%	97%	97%	97%

Sources: Injury data from Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation Fatality data from Fatality Analysis Reporting System, U.S. Department of Transportation Survey data from Oregon Occupant Protection Observation Study,

#### Grant Funded Enforcement, 2013-2017

	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	5-Year Average
Seat Belt Citations Issued During Grant Funded Enforcement	5,096	7,429	5,411	5,163	8,236	6,267
Impaired Driving Arrests During Grant Funded Enforcement	1,390	1,646	1,385	2,678	1,474	1,796
Speeding Citations Issued During Grant Funded Enforcement	12,376	21,732	4,143*	5,123	12,750	12,118

Sources: TSD Grant files, 2013 - 2017

Note: \*Previous years counted all TSD grant program overtime activities (not just speed grant overtime). Starting with 2015, the number reported counts only speed enforcement grant overtime citation activity.

#### **Core Outcome Measures**

Traffic Fatalities (C-1)

 Decrease traffic fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 433 to 395 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Serious Traffic Injuries (C-2)

 Decrease serious traffic injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 1,748 to 1,595 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Fatalities/VMT (C-3)

 Decrease fatalities per 100 million VMT from the 2014-2016 moving average of 1.21 to 1.10 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Rural Fatalities/VMT (C-3)

 Decrease rural fatalities per 100 million VMT from the 2013-2015 moving average of 1.67 to 1.61 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Urban Fatalities/VMT (C-3)

 Decrease urban fatalities per 100 million VMT from the 2013-2015 moving average of 0.60 to 0.54 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities (C-4)

 Decrease unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in all seating positions from the 2014-2016 moving average of 73 to 67 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities (C-5)

 Decrease alcohol impaired\* driving fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 136 to 124 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA) \*Note: Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities are all fatalities in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or greater. Speeding Related Fatalities (C-6)

 Decrease fatalities in speed related crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 122 to 111 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Motorcyclist Fatalities (C-7)

 Decrease motorcyclist fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 54 to 49 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Unhelmeted Motorcyclist Fatalities (C-8)

 Decrease un-helmeted motorcyclist fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 3 to 2 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Drivers Age 20 or Younger Involved in Fatal Crashes (C-9)

 Decrease the number of drivers; age 15-20, involved in fatal crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 46 to 42 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Pedestrian Fatalities (C-10)

 Decrease pedestrian fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 66 to 64 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

Bicycle Fatalities (C-11)

 Maintain bicyclist fatalities at the 2014-2016 moving average of 8 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

#### **Core Behavior Measure**

Seat Belt Use Rate (B-1)

 Increase statewide observed seat belt use among front seat outboard occupants in passenger vehicles, as determined by the NHTSA compliant survey, from the 2017 usage rate of 96 percent to 97 percent by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

#### **Activity Measures**

Seat Belt Citations (A-1)

- Number of Seat Belt citations issued during grant-funded enforcement activities. (NHTSA)
   Impaired Driving Arrests (A-2)
- Number of Impaired Driving arrests during grant-funded enforcement activities. (NHTSA)
   Speeding Citations (A-3)
- Number of Speeding citations issued during grant-funded enforcement activities. (NHTSA)

# 2018 Performance Report

The following is a performance report outlining ODOT-TSD's progress on the current NHTSA targets.

Core Measure	Description	2017 Target*	Status	Comments
C-1	Number of Fatalities	306	The 2016 number of traffic fatalities is: 446	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>390</b>
C-2	Number of Serious Injuries	1,379	The 2016 preliminary number of Serious Injuries is: 1,973	The preliminary 2012-2016 average is: 1,655
C-3	Fatalities/VMT	0.91	The 2016 Fatality Rate is: 1.35	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>1.11</b>
C-4	Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Fatalities	54	The 2016 number of Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Fatalities is: 76	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>67</b>
C-5	Alcohol-Impaired Fatalities	89	The 2016 number of Alcohol-Related Fatalities is: 154	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>120</b>
C-6	Speed-Related Fatalities	92	The 2016 number of Speed-Related Fatalities is: 142	The 2012-2016 average is: 113
C-7	Motorcyclist Fatalities	40	The 2016 number of Motorcyclist Fatalities is: 54	The 2012-2016 average is: 49
C-8	Un-helmeted MC Fatalities	2	The 2016 number of Un-helmeted MC Fatalities is: 3	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>3</b>
C-9	Drivers Age 20 or Younger Involved in Fatal Crashes	33	The 2016 number of Drivers Age 20 or Younger Involved in Fatal Crashes is: 56	The 2012-2016 average is: 43
C-10	Pedestrian Fatalities	49	The 2016 number of Pedestrian Fatalities is: 72	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>60</b>
C-11	Bicycle Fatalities	6	The 2016 number Bicycle Fatalities is: 10	The 2012-2016 average is: <b>8</b>
B-1	Observed Seat Belt Use	97%	The 2016 Observed Seat Belt Use rate is: 96.20%	The 2016 number represents a 0.7% increase from the previous the year.

	Other Areas Tracked						
		FFY 2016 Data	FFY 2017 Data				
A-1	Seat Belt Citations Issued During Grant Funded Activities	5,163	8,236				
A-2	Impaired Driving Arrests During Grant Funded Activities	2,678	1,474				
A-3	Speeding Citations Issued During Grant Funded Activities**	5,123	12,750				

Sources: Fatality Analysis Reporting System, U.S. Department of Transportation Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation Oregon Occupant Protection Observation Study, TSD Grant files.

\*http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM

Note: \*\*Previous years counted all TSD grant program overtime activities (not just speed grant overtime). Starting with 2015, the number reported counts only speed enforcement grant overtime citation activity.

#### Public Opinion Measures<sup>1</sup>

Do you believe the transportation system in your community is safer now, less safe now or about the same as it was one year ago?

The majority of respondents believed that the transportation system in their community is about as safe now as it was a year ago (62.5 percent Statewide), while 26.2 percent reported that it is less safe now and only 8.3 percent reported that it is safer now. Looking at the individual regions, Region 5 had the largest proportion of respondents reporting no change over the past year (81.3 percent), followed by Region 2 (68.6 percent) and Region 3 (65.1 percent). Region 4 had the largest proportion of respondents reporting that the transportation system is less safe now than one year ago (36.1 percent), followed by Region 1 (29.8 percent).

<sup>\*</sup>Oregon uses a minimum of 3, 5, or 8 year history average, then a change rate of 3 percent, plus or minus, to establish performance measures. If the 3 percent performance change is deemed unreasonable based on crash data, partner inputs during planning workshop, and legislative and environmental changes (i.e. legalization of recreational use of marijuana), the 3 percent may be adjusted in the target. For the purposes of the above chart, Oregon is using a 3 year history average of the most recent FARS data available, to calculate the target.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: "2017 ODOT: NHTSA Program Measures Statewide Public Opinion Survey Final Results Report", October 2017.

In the past 60 days, how many times have you driven a motor vehicle within two hours after drinking alcoholic beverages? (A-1)

The vast majority of respondents reported having not driven within two hours of drinking alcohol within the past 60 days (83.1 percent Statewide), with the regions being quite similar, ranging from 85.4 percent (Region 3) to 80.7 percent (Region 1). There were, however, 16.4 percent of all Statewide respondents who reported having driven impaired by alcohol from one to six or more times in the past 60 days, with the largest proportion of respondents in Region 1 (19.1 percent).

In the past 30 days, have you read, seen or heard anything about alcohol impaired driving or drunk driving enforcement by police?(A-2)

Many respondents were aware of such messaging (58.4 percent Statewide), with the largest proportion of respondents in Region 4 (65.7 percent), Region 5 (63.9 percent), and Region 2 (60.7 percent). Region 1 had the most respondents who had not been exposed to messaging about drunk driving enforcement by police (45.1 percent), followed by Region 3 (39.5 percent) and Region 2 (39.3 percent).

Where did you see or hear these messages?

Of the respondents who reported having recently read, seen, or heard anything about alcohol-impaired driving or drunk driving enforcement by police, the most common source of those messages was Television, both Statewide (54.6 percent) and across all five regions (48.5 percent to 65.4 percent). The second most common source of drunk driving enforcement messaging was Radio Statewide (25.0 percent), as well as in Region 1 (24.8 percent), Region 2 (29.4 percent), and Region 4 (22.8 percent). The Internet was the second most common source in Region 3 (27.3 percent), and Newspaper in Region 5 (24.0 percent). More than one response option could be identified for this survey item, so the percentages in the columns of Table 6 add up to more than 100 percent. Also note that the sample size for some of the regions is quite small, so cautiously interpret these findings.

Based on anything you know or may have heard, what do you think the chances are of someone getting arrested if they drive after drinking - that is, how many times out of 100 would someone be arrested?(A-3)

The largest proportion of Statewide respondents (43.1 percent) believe there is a 51 percent to 100 percent chance of getting arrested for drunk driving, followed by a 21 percent to 50 percent chance (25.6 percent) and a 6 percent to 20 percent chance (15.5 percent). Region 2 had the largest proportion of respondents believing there is a 51 percent to 100 percent chance of getting arrested (48.4 percent), followed by Region 5 (45.7 percent) and Region 4 (45.3 percent. Again, it is interesting to note that that when looking at the individual responses provided, 13.4 percent of all Statewide respondents reported that there is a 100 percent chance of getting arrested for drunk driving, with Region 5 having the largest proportion of respondents (22.4 percent), followed by Region 4 (20.3 percent), Region 2 (17.4 percent), Region 3 (15.7 percent), and Region 1 (13.4 percent).

How often do you use safety belts when you drive or ride in a car, van, sport utility vehicle or pickup - always, almost always, sometimes, seldom or never?(B-1)

The vast majority of respondents reported using their safety belts when driving or riding in a passenger vehicle, with 93.6 percent Statewide, as well as across all five regions (73.9 percent to 96.0 percent). Region 5 had a distinctively smaller proportion of respondents reporting that they always use safety belts (73.9 percent) than the other regions and by far the largest proportion of respondents reporting that they Almost Always (22.8 percent) use safety belts.

In the past 60 days, have you read, seen or heard anything about seat belt law enforcement by police?(B-2)

The majority of respondents were not aware of any seat belt law enforcement messaging, both Statewide (72.3 percent), as well as across four of the five regions (68.3 percent to 79.4 percent). Of the respondents who had recently been exposed to seat belt law enforcement messaging (27.2 percent Statewide), the largest proportion of respondents were in Region 4 (50.4 percent), followed by Region 3 (30.3 percent) and Region 2 (29.7 percent).

Where did you see or hear these messages?

Of the respondents who reported having recently read, seen, or heard anything about seat belt law enforcement by police, the most common Statewide source of those messages was Television (37.8 percent), followed by Roadway Sign (27.7 percent), and seeing a Billboard or Outdoor Sign (24.1 percent). Television was also the most common source of messages for Region 1 (47.1 percent), Region 3 (35.3 percent), and Region 4 (42.0 percent), while seeing a message on a Roadway Sign was the most common source for Region 2 (31.5 percent) and Region 5 (36.7 percent). The second most common messaging source was seeing a Billboard or Outdoor Sign for Region 1 (28.1 percent) and Region 5 (27.2 percent), and Region 5 (29.3 percent), seeing a Roadway Sign for Region 3 (28.1 percent) and Region 4 (26.0 percent), and Television for Region 2 (30.4 percent).

Based on anything you know or may have heard, what do you think the chances are of getting a ticket if you don't wear your safety belt - that is, how many times out of 100 would you be ticketed?(B-3)

The largest proportion of Statewide respondents believe there is a 51 percent to 100 percent chance of getting a ticket for not wearing a safety belt (30.1 percent), followed by a 21 percent to 50 percent chance of getting a ticket (19.9 percent) and a 6 percent to 20 percent chance (15.0 percent). Region 4 had the largest proportion of respondents believing there is a 51 percent to 100 percent chance of getting a ticket (41.4 percent), followed by Region 5 (34.6 percent) and Region 3 (32.0 percent). It is interesting to note that when looking at the individual percentages provided, 15.9 percent of all Statewide respondents reported that there is a 100 percent chance of getting a ticket for not wearing a seat belt, with Region 4 having the largest proportion of respondents reporting a 100 percent chance of getting a ticket (20.5 percent), followed by Region 2 (17.9 percent), Region 3 (17.6 percent), Region 5 (14.9 percent), and Region 1 (13.2 percent).

On a local road with a speed limit of 30 miles per hour, how often do you drive faster than 35 miles per hour - most of the time, half of the time, rarely, or never?(S-1a)

Statewide respondents reported that they rarely (46.7 percent) drive that fast or they drive that fast Half of the Time (21.1 percent) drive that fast. Region 3 had the largest proportion of respondents reporting that they rarely (55.6 percent) drive that fast, followed by Region 5 (51.2 percent). Respondents in Region 1 were most likely to report that they drive that fast most of the time (17.5 percent), followed by Region 5 (14.1 percent).

On a road with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour, how often do you drive faster than 70 miles per hour - most of the time, half of the time, rarely, or never?(S-1b)

Statewide respondents reported that they rarely (40.2 percent) or Never (26.4 percent) drive that fast. Region 5 had the largest proportion of respondents reporting that they rarely drive that fast (49.1 percent) and Region 4 had the largest proportion of respondents reporting that they Never drive that fast (34.0 percent). Regions varied slightly in driving faster than 70 miles per hour on a 65 mile per hour road Most of the Time, with Region 3 having the largest proportion of respondents (16.6 percent) and Region 5 having the smallest proportion of respondents (9.7 percent).

In the past 30 days, have you read, seen or heard anything about speed enforcement by police?(S-2)

The majority of respondents were not aware of such (70.1 percent Statewide), with the largest proportion of respondents in Region 3 (71.0 percent) and Region 1 (70.9 percent). The regions were quite comparable in the proportion of respondents who had been exposed to messaging about speeding enforcement by police, ranging from 28.5 percent in Region 1 to 32.8 percent in Region 5.

Where did you see or hear these messages?

Of the respondents who reported having recently read, seen, or heard anything about speeding enforcement by police, the most common source of those messages was Television for all respondents (32.3 percent Statewide), as well as for Region 1 (33.8 percent), Region 2 (33.7 percent), Region 4 (33.4 percent), and Region 5 (28.3 percent). Respondents in Region 2 also reported Police Presence or Outreach or have been Pulled Over (33.7 percent) as the most common source of messaging, which was the most common in Region 3 (25.9 percent). The second most common source of speeding enforcement messages was Police Presence or Outreach or having been Pulled Over for all respondents (29.4 percent Statewide), as well as in Region 1 (27.7 percent), Region 4 (31.4 percent), and Region 5 (21.3 percent). The second most common source was Roadway Signs in Region 2 (24.9 percent) and Television in Region 3 (23.5 percent).

What do you think the chances are of getting a ticket if you drive over the speed limit - that is, how many times out of 100 would you be ticketed?(S-3)

The largest proportion of Statewide respondents (32.5 percent) believed there is a 21 percent to 50 percent chance of getting a ticket for speeding, followed by a 51 percent to 100 percent chance (26.2 percent). Region 5 had the largest proportion of respondents believing there is a 21 percent to 50 percent chance of getting a ticket (41.5 percent), followed by Region 2 (35.5 percent) and Region 4 (32.6 percent). Region 4 had the largest proportion of respondents (13.3 percent) who reported that there is a 1 percent or less chance of getting a ticket for speeding, with the remaining regions ranging from 5.8 percent in Region 5 to 9.0 percent in Region 1.

# **Acronyms and Definitions**

4-E Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services AASHTO American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ACTS Alliance for Community Traffic Safety

ADA Americans with Disabilities
AGC Associated General Contractors
AMHD Addictions and Mental Health Division

AMR American Medical Response

ARIDE Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement

ARTS All Roads Transportation Safety

ATV All-Terrain Vehicles

BAC Blood Alcohol Concentration BLTS Bicycle Level Traffic Stress

CARS Crash Analysis Reporting System
CCF Commission on Children and Families
CDC Centers for Disease Control Prevention

CLE Continuing Legal Education

CLTSG County/Local Traffic Safety Group: An advisory or decision body recognized by

one or more local governments and tasked with addressing traffic safety

within the geographic area including one or more cities.

COIC Commanding Officer In Charge
CPS Certified Child Passenger Safety
CTSP Community Traffic Safety Program
DEAC Driver Education Advisory Committee
DHS Oregon Department of Human Services

DMV Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation

DPSST Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

DRE Drug Recognition Expert

DUII Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (sometimes DUI is used)

EMS Emergency Medical Services
EMT Emergency Medical Technician
F & A Fatalities and Serious Injuries

F & I Fatal and Injury

FARS Fatality Analysis Reporting System, U.S. Department of Transportation

FAST Act Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, (P.L. 114-94), was signed into law

by President Obama on December 4, 2015.

FFY Federal Fiscal Year

FHWA Federal Highway Administration

FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration GAC-DUII Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

GAC-MS Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

GDL Graduated Driver License

GHSA Governors Highway Safety Association

GIS Geographic Information System Mapping Technology

GR Governor's Representative

HB House Bill

HSEC Highway Safety Engineering Committee HSIP Highway Safety Improvement Program HSM Highway Safety Manual

HSP Highway Safety Plan, the grant application submitted for federal section 402

and similar funds. Funds are provided by the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration.

HVE High Visibility Enforcement

IACP International Association of Chiefs of Police

ICS Incident Command System IID Ignition Interlock Device

IRIS Integrated Road Information System

LTSG Local Traffic Safety Group: An advisory or decision body recognized by a local

government and tasked with addressing traffic safety. Limited to one geographic area, and may not include cities or other governmental areas

within the boundaries.

MADD Mothers Against Drunk Driving

MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed

into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012.

MC Motorcycle

MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization: MPOs are designated by the governor to

coordinate transportation planning in an urbanized area of the state. MPOs

exist in the Portland, Salem, Eugene-Springfield, and Medford areas.

MS Motorcycle Safety

MVMT Million Vehicle Miles Traveled

NHTSA National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

OACP Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

OAR Oregon Administrative Rules

OASIS Oregon Adjustable Safety Index System
ODAA Oregon District Attorneys Association
ODE Oregon Department of Education
ODOT Oregon Department of Transportation

ODTSEA Oregon Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

OHA Oregon Health Authority
OJD Oregon Judicial Department

OJIN Oregon Judicial Information Network
OLCC Oregon Liquor Control Commission

ORS Oregon Revised Statute
OSP Oregon State Police

OSSA Oregon State Sheriffs' Association OTC Oregon Transportation Commission

OTP Oregon Transportation Plan

OTSC Oregon Transportation Safety Committee

PAM Police Allocation Model
PAR Police Accident Report
PDO Property Damage Only

PI&E Public Information and Education
PSA Public Service Announcement
PSE Pedestrian Safety Enforcement
PUC Oregon Public Utility Commission

RADAR/LIDAR RAdio Direction And Ranging/Light Detection and Ranging

RTSC Region Traffic Safety Coordinator

SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for

Users

SB Senate Bill

SCG Safe Communities Group: A coalition of representatives from private and/or

public sector entities who generally use a data driven approach to focus on community safety issues. Includes all age groups and may not be limited to

traffic safety issues.

SFST Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

SHSP Strategic Highway Safety Plan

SMS Safety Management System or Highway Safety Management System

SPF Safety Performance Functions SPIS Safety Priority Index System SRO School Resource Officers

STIP Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

STSI State Traffic Safety Information
TNTT Trauma Nurses Talk Tough
TOF Transportation Operating Fund

TRCC Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

TSAP Transportation Safety Action Plan

TSD Transportation Safety Division, Oregon Department of Transportation

TSEP Traffic Safety Enforcement Plan
TSRP Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

USDOT United States Department of Transportation

VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled

# Statewide (SW)

#### <u>Links to the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP):</u>

TSAP VISION Statement: Oregon envisions no deaths or life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035.

"Every day, people arrive safely at their destinations in Oregon, but tragically, fatalities and serious injuries still occur on the Oregon transportation system. Any fatality or life-changing injury is a significant loss that can be avoided by implementing state-of-the-art programs, policies, and projects related to safety engineering, emergency response, law enforcement, and education. The TSAP lays the foundation to consider and prioritize safety for all modes and all users of our transportation system in order to eliminate all deaths and life-changing injuries on the transportation system.

Achieving this vision by 2035 requires commitment and engagement from a variety of Oregon's agencies and stakeholders. Engineers, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement and educators traditionally play a strong role in advocating for, planning, designing, and implementing transportation safety plans and will continue to do so. However, this plan also includes goals, policies, strategies, and actions relevant to public health professionals, the media, private stakeholders, the individual transportation system user, and others. All of these organizations and individuals will be tasked with planning and implementing safe travel options, and traveling responsibly, with the safety of all users in mind."

#### The Problem

- In 2016, 498 people were killed and 44,496 were injured in traffic crashes in Oregon.
- In 2016, 19 percent of Oregon's citizens believe the transportation system is less safe than it was the prior year.

#### Oregon Traffic Crash Data and Measures of Exposure, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Total Crashes*	49,797	49,495	51,244	55,156	44,102*	n/a
Fatal Crashes	306	292	321	410	448	355
Injury Crashes	24,455	22,975	24,207	28,721	30,162	26,104
Fatalities and Serious Injuries	1,956	1,729	1,851	2,222	2,471	2,046
Property Damage Crashes	25,036	26,228	26,716	26,026	13,492	23,500
Fatalities	337	313	356	445	498	390
Fatalities per 100 Million VMT	1.02	0.93	1.03	1.24	1.35	1.11
Fatalities per Population (in thousands)	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.10
Injuries	36,083	33,149	35,054	41,754	44,496	38,107
Serious Injuries per Population (in thousands)	0.42	0.36	0.37	0.44	0.48	0.42
Injuries per 100 Million VMT	108.78	98.35	101.28	115.99	121.18	109.11
Injuries per Population (in thousands)	9.29	8.46	8.85	10.40	10.92	9.58
Population (in thousands)	3,884	3,919	3,963	4,014	4,076	3,971
Vehicle Miles Traveled (in millions)	33,173	33,706	34,610	35,999	36,719	34,841
No. Licensed Drivers (in thousands)	2,926	2,924	2,930	2,948	3,101	2,966
No. Registered Vehicles (in thousands)	4,069	4,113	4,180	4,281	4,410	4,211
% Who Think Transportation System is as Safe or Safer than Last Year	83%	81%	73%	77%	79%	79%

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation

Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University
Public Opinion Survey, Executive Summary, Quality Counts
\*2016 Total Crashes is preliminary and does not include all Property Damage Only Crashes (PDO)

# Fatal and Injury Crash Involvement by Age of Driver, 2016

	# of Drivers in F&I	% of Total F&I	# of Licensed		Over/Under
Age of Driver	Crashes	Crashes	Drivers	% of Total Drivers	Representation <sup>^</sup>
14 & Younger	5	0.01%	0	0.00%	0.00
15	66	0.12%	16,044	0.52%	0.24
16	618	1.16%	27,513	0.90%	1.29
17	1,007	1.88%	32,947	1.07%	1.76
18	1,422	2.66%	37,921	1.23%	2.15
19	1,489	2.78%	40,116	1.31%	2.13
20	1,464	2.74%	42,864	1.39%	1.96
21	1,390	2.60%	44,545	1.45%	1.79
22-24	4,102	7.67%	144,670	4.71%	1.63
25-34	10,905	20.39%	551,812	17.96%	1.14
35-44	8,729	16.32%	511,182	16.64%	0.98
45-54	7,660	14.32%	489,650	15.93%	0.90
55-64	6,776	12.67%	524,356	17.06%	0.74
65-74	3,874	7.24%	405,493	13.20%	0.55
75 & Older	1,985	3.71%	231,197	7.52%	0.49
Unknown	1,989	3.72%	11	0.00%	0.00
Total	53,481	100.00%	3,100,321	0.00%	n/a

Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation

<sup>^</sup>Representation is percent of fatal and injury crashes divided by percent of licensed drivers.

### Goals

 Reduce the traffic fatality rate from the 2012-2016 moving average of 1.11 to 0.78 per hundred million vehicle miles traveled by December 31, 2020. [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>

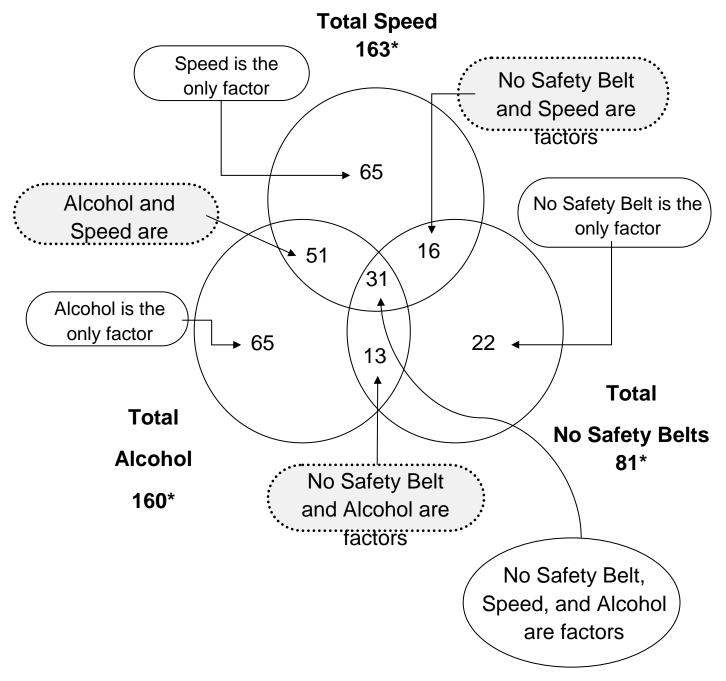
### **Performance Measures**

- Increase zero fatality days from the 2014-2016 moving average of 123 to 134 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce the fatality rate from the 2014-2016 moving average of 1.21 to 0.83, through December 31, 2019. [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>
- Reduce the traffic injury rate from the 2014-2016 moving average of 112.82 per 100 million VMT to 102.97, through December 31, 2019.
- Decrease traffic fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 433 to 343 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA) [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>
- Decrease traffic fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 433 to 137 by December 31, 2019. (Vision of Zero by 2035)
- Decrease serious traffic injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 1,748 to 1,432 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA) [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>
- Decrease rural fatalities per 100 million VMT from the 2013-2015 moving average of 1.67 to 1.61 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease urban fatalities per 100 million VMT from the 2013-2015 moving average of 0.60 to 0.54 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>t</sup> Targets updated for 2016 TSAP with most current data available, Table ES.1 TSAP Performance Targets

# Oregon Average Traffic Fatalities per Year, 2014 - 2016, Select Crash Factors

The following Venn diagram shows the relationship between driver behavior factors in Oregon fatal crashes.



<sup>\*</sup>These three represent 61 percent average of the fatal crashes for 2014 - 2016.

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation.

# Bicycle and Pedestrian (B/P)

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.11.1 Conduct education campaigns to encourage all system users to recognize responsibility for the safety of all travelers (e.g., share the road, slow down for kids).

### The Background

- Section 405 of the FAST Act established Non-Motorized Safety grant awards to states to decrease bicyclist and pedestrian crashes with motor vehicles, where bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities exceed 15 percent of the state's overall traffic fatalities. Oregon's 2016 fatalities (from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, or FARS) for pedestrians and bicyclists exceeded this benchmark with16.6 percent of all traffic fatalities. The funding can be used for:
  - o Training law enforcement officials on bike/pedestrian related traffic laws
  - Enforcement campaigns related to bike/pedestrian safety traffic laws
  - Education and awareness programs related to relevant bike/pedestrian traffic laws

- Vulnerable road users are people who use alternative non-motorized transportation options such as people who walk (pedestrians) or roll using a wheelchair, skates, skateboards, or scooters and bicycles.
- Vulnerable road users face special safety challenges when commuting on multi-modal roadways of travel as they often face a higher risk of fatality or serious injury in motor vehicle related crashes (MVCs). Using the most current available data from 2016, the number of pedestrian fatalities has steadily increased to the highest frequency since 1990. Nationally, 2016 pedestrian fatalities (5,987) increased by 9 percent since 2015 (5,495) (NHTSA, 2017).
- Bicyclist fatalities have also steadily increased to their highest number since 1991. In 2016, bicyclist fatalities (840) increased by approximately 1 percent since 2015 (829). In combined total nationally, bicycle and pedestrian fatalities made up 18 percent of overall motor vehicle crash fatalities (bicycle (2 percent) and pedestrian (16 percent)) (NHTSA, Travel Safety Facts, Research Note for 2016 data 2017). Compared to the national statistics, in Oregon there were 74 pedestrian fatalities (14.5 percent) and 10 bicycle fatalities (2.2 percent) in 2016, for a combined total of 16.6 percent of Oregon's 2016 motor vehicle fatalities.
- Using the most current data from 2016, Oregon ranks as the 18<sup>th</sup> highest pedestrian fatality rate state at 1.76 per 100,000 people (NHTSA.gov). There is no current state bicycle fatality rate ranking available; however, the rate for Oregon is 2.0 per million population (National rate is 2.5 with a range of 0.0-7.4).

### **Bicyclists**

- Using the most current data from ODOT Crash Analysis & Reporting, or CARS, the 836 bicyclist injuries in 2016 accounted for approximately 2 percent of all Oregon traffic injuries during the year (preliminary data and subject to change). The 10 bicyclist fatalities in 2016 accounted for 2 percent of all Oregon traffic fatalities (preliminary data).
- For the three year period 2014-2016, an average of 52 percent of motor vehicle-bicyclist crashes involved a motorist who failed to yield, compared to the average of 10.7 percent of motor vehicle-bicyclist crashes where the bicyclist failed to yield.
- For 2014-2016, the most common driver errors in fatal and serious injury bicycle crashes were failure to yield the right-of-way to a bicyclist, inattention, speeding and disregarding traffic signals.
- For 2014-2016, the most common bicyclist errors in fatal and serious injury crashes was disregarding traffic signal, not stopping at a stop sign or flashing red and failure to yield right of way.

### **Pedestrians**

- In Oregon, 1,062 pedestrian injuries in 2016 accounted for 2 percent of all Oregon traffic injuries during the year (preliminary data and subject to change). The 74 pedestrian fatalities in 2016 (ODOT Crash Analysis & Reporting, or CARS) accounted for 14.8 percent of all Oregon traffic fatalities.
- For 2014-2016, for all crashes involving pedestrians, an average of 48.6 percent involved drivers who failed to yield to the pedestrian and an average of 8.3 percent were where the pedestrian failed to yield the right of way.
- However, for fatal and serious injury (F&A) crashes involving pedestrians (2014-2016), an average of 45 percent were coded as 'Driver Error,' and an average of 56 percent were coded as 'Pedestrian Error'.
- For 2014-2016, the top driver errors in pedestrian-involved fatal and serious injury crashes was "failure to yield right of way to the pedestrian", speeding and reckless driving.
- For 2014-2016, the top pedestrian errors in fatal and serious injury pedestrian-involved crashes was "crossing between intersections followed by not yielding the right of way and disregarding a traffic signal."
- For 2014-2016 an average 77 percent of crashes involving at least 1 pedestrian fatality occurred in the dark.

# Bicyclists in Motor Vehicle Crashes on Oregon Roadways, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Injuries:						
Number	1,026	922	955	957	836	939
Percent of total Oregon injuries	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%	1.9%	2.5%
Serious Injuries	69	61	65	69	54	64
Fatalities:						
Number	10	3	7	7	11	8
Percent of total Oregon fatalities	3.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%	1.9%
Percent Helmet Use (children)	60%	68%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crashes*:						
Number	1,033	916	959	960	838	941
Percent of total Oregon crashes	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%
Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes:						
Number	79	64	72	76	66	71

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, Bicycle Helmet Observation Study, Intercept Research Corporation

Note: PDO crashes are not included.

# Pedestrians in Motor Vehicle Crashes on Oregon Roadways, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016
1.1.1.						Average
<u>Injuries</u>						
Number	939	813	862	886	1,057	911
Percent of total Oregon injuries	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%	2.4%	2.4%
Number injured Xing in crosswalk or intersection*	571	512	593	n/a	n/a	n/a
Percent Xing in crosswalk or intersection*	60.8%	62.9%	68.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Injuries by Severity						
Major Injury	116	104	112	117	141	118
Moderate Injury	482	431	445	400	n/a	n/a
Minor Injury	341	279	305	364	n/a	n/a
<u>Fatalities</u>						
Number	60	52	56	73	74	63
Percent of total Oregon fatalities	17.8%	16.6%	15.7%	16.4%	14.9%	16.3%
Number of fatalities Xing in crosswalk or intersection*	19	14	19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Percent Xing in crosswalk or intersection*	31.7%	26.9%	33.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation Source:

### Goals

- Reduce bicyclist-involved fatal and serious injury motor vehicle crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 71 to 64 by December 31, 2020.
- Reduce bicyclist involved motor vehicle crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 919 to 847 by December 31, 2020.
- Sustain pedestrian fatal and serious injuries at the 2012-2016 average of 181 by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease bicyclist fatal and serious injury crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 71 to 65 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease bicyclist involved motor vehicle crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 919 to 836 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the number of crashes involving a bicyclist who failed to yield the right of way from the 2014-2016 moving average of 97 to 94 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the number of crashes where the driver failed to yield to a bicyclist from the 2014-2016 moving average of 483 to 469 by December 31, 2019.
- Sustain bicyclist fatalities at the 2014-2016 moving average of 8 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease pedestrian involved motor vehicle crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 958 to 930 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease pedestrian involved fatality and serious injury crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 186 to 182 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the 2014-2016 average percentage of crashes involving pedestrian fatalities in the dark from of 77 percent to 75 percent by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the average number of pedestrian errors in pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 57 percent to 55 percent by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the average number of driver errors in pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 43 percent to 42 percent by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease pedestrian fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 66 to 64 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

- Work with TSD media contractor to develop media campaigns with corresponding safety messages to drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists that safety 'is a shared responsibility.'
- Contribute to the annual TSD telephone citizen opinion survey that includes questions regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety, enforcement, and law awareness.

- Continue outreach to drivers and pedestrians promoting core messages that every intersection is a crosswalk; look out for each other; be visible; the first step to safety is yours; heads up for safety and every road user is responsible for safe behavior.
- Continue outreach to drivers and bicyclists promoting core messages that bicyclists are
  vehicles on the road; pass bicyclists only if it's safe to pass; drive defensively; be visible, and
  every road user is responsible for safe behavior.
- Continue to update pedestrian and bicyclist safety educational materials for both the English and Spanish-speaking audiences.
- Provide bicyclist and pedestrian friendly driver education through grants to targeted areas where pedestrian and bicyclist fatal and serious injury crashes occur, and in ways that successfully educate drivers.
- Continue to provide funding for pedestrian safety enforcement operations and pedestrian safety education to law enforcement statewide.
- Continue to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety education to youth to help them form safe behaviors and habits as adult vehicle drivers who share the road.
- Work with Region Traffic Safety Coordinators, Active Transportation Coordinators, ODOT
  engineers and communities interested in the promotion of bicycle and pedestrian safety
  education and corresponding safety resources.

# Community Traffic Safety (CTS)

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.17.2 - Encourage and support local planning for safety efforts, the formation of local government commissions and committees, and other affiliated groups that address transportation safety.

- Volunteerism is changing. For many Oregon communities, there is no local mechanism for mobilizing and motivating volunteer resources, as well as plans for keeping up with attrition numbers and training requirements.
- Over half of Oregon's fatal and injury crashes occur in the north Willamette Valley in just four counties, significantly impacting overall state crash statistics. Two counties, Gilliam and Sherman, have experienced an average fatal and injury crash rate above 7 per 1,000 people for the past decade. These counties have minimal local resources to address highway safety issues.
- While safety is a stated priority for many organizations and governments, when confronted with financial difficulties, safety is often the first area where budget cuts or other changes are made
- Few local governments in Oregon have developed a business plan for reducing vehicle related death and injury, either as a standalone plan or as part of a transportation system plan; even fewer have undertaken to develop a more comprehensive "4E" approach to the problem.
- A traffic safety academy or other systematic approach to training local volunteers is not currently in place. Efforts to train local government employees, while offered, are not always coordinated.
- Two MPOs have now published the long-standing required Strategic Highway Safety Plan (Portland Metro and Lane County).

# Jurisdictional Data for Oregon Counties, 2016

				ALCOHOL	FATAL AND	F&I CRASHES	NIGHTTIME FATAL
COUNTY		POPULATION	FATALITIES	INVOLVED FATALITIES	INJURY CRASHES	/1,000 POP.	AND INJURY CRASHES
BAKER	*	16,510	7	3	130	7.87	16
BENTON		91,320	9	1	539	5.90	85
CLACKAMAS	ļ	404,980	44	16	2,884	7.12	425
CLATSOP		38,225	13	1	339	8.87	47
COLUMBIA	*	50,795	4	3	263	5.18	45
COOS		63,190	7	5	343	5.43	48
CROOK		21,580	2	3	158	7.32	30
CURRY		22,600	1	2	108	4.78	20
DESCHUTES		176,635	24	2	1,051	5.95	145
DOUGLAS	*	110,395	16	7	664	6.01	107
GILLIAM		1,980	4	0	35	17.68	6
GRANT	ļ	7,410	3	1	42	5.67	6
HARNEY	ļ	7,320	5	2	51	6.97	11
HOOD RIVER		24,735	3	2	139	5.62	15
JACKSON	ļ	213,765	34	9	1,596	7.47	258
JEFFERSON		22,790	9	4	140	6.14	20
JOSEPHINE		84,675	24	16	600	7.09	101
KLAMATH		67,410	14	6	491	7.28	101
LAKE		8,015	3	0	69	8.61	13
LANE		365,940	45	26	2,415	6.60	344
LINCOLN		47,735	15	3	370	7.75	54
LINN		122,315	18	9	931	7.61	131
MALHEUR	ļ	31,705	7	0	259	8.17	58
MARION		333,950	37	11	2,934	8.79	423
MORROW	ļ	11,745	4	1	56	4.77	10
MULTNOMAH		790,670	55	23	7,418	9.38	1,132
POLK		79,730	13	9	508	6.37	75
SHERMAN		1,795	1	2	40	22.28	10
TILLAMOOK		25,920	3	2	194	7.48	28
UMATILLA	ļ	79,880	14	1	473	5.92	91
UNION	ŀ	26,745	4	2	133	4.97	21
WALLOWA		7,140	2	0	30	4.20	5
WASCO		26,700	10	1	195	7.30	47
WASHINGTON	#	583,595	30	11	4,228	7.24	488
WHEELER		1,465	0	0	11	7.51	1
YAMHILL		104,990	14	3	773	7.36	116
STATEWIDE TOTAL		4,076,350	498	187	30,610	7.51	4,533

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University, Text in italics based on urban boundary changes per national census.
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<sup>!=</sup> Safe Communities Group

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\*Nighttime F&I Crashes are those fatal and injury crashes that occur between 8 p.m. and 4:59 a.m.

# Jurisdictional Data for Oregon Cities over 10,000 Population, 2016

City		Population Estimate	Alcoh Fatalities	nol Involved Fatalities	Fatal and Injury Crashes	F&I Crashes /1,000 Pop.	Nighttime Fatal and Injury Crashes
ALBANY	*	52,540	0	0	366	6.97	39
ASHLAND	*	20,620	1	0	79	3.83	8
BEAVERTON	*	95,385	8	3	1,090	11.43	122
BEND	*	83,500	5	1	478	5.72	47
CANBY	*	16,420	0	0	48	2.92	5
CENTRAL POINT		17,585	0	0	57	3.24	7
COOS BAY		16,615	1	0	60	3.61	5
CORNELIUS		11,915	0	0	84	7.05	8
CORVALLIS		58,240	1	1	313	5.37	37
DALLAS		15,345	0	0	48	3.13	4
DAMASCUS		10,625	1	0	131	12.33	18
EUGENE		165,885	8	4	1,129	6.81	128
FOREST GROVE		23,375	0	0	104	4.45	10
GLADSTONE	*	11,660	0	0	94	8.06	11
GRANTS PASS		36,815	4	1	324	8.80	33
GRESHAM	*	108,150	9	5	858	7.93	130
HAPPY VALLEY	#	18,680	0	0	160	8.57	24
HERMISTON	#	17,730	1	0	97	5.47	8
HILLSBORO	*	99,340	2	1	905	9.11	106
KEIZER	*	37,505	3	0	174	4.64	17
KLAMATH FALLS	#	21,640	1	0	118	5.45	20
LA GRANDE	*	13,200	0	0	36	2.73	3
LAKE OSWEGO	*	37,425	0	0	140	3.74	21
LEBANON		16,435	0	0	85	5.17	8
MCMINNVILLE		33,405	0	0	201	6.02	27
MEDFORD	*	78,500	0	2	763	9.72	91
MILWAUKIE	*	20,510	0	0	114	5.56	17
NEWBERG	#	23,465	0	0	114	4.86	9
NEWPORT		10,190	1	0	90	8.83	6
ONTARIO		11,465	0	0	85	7.41	8
OREGON CITY	*	34,240	2	0	332	9.70	31
PENDLETON	ļ	16,880	0	0	71	4.21	5
PORTLAND	*	627,395	42	14	6,180	9.85	939
REDMOND		27,595	1	0	185	6.70	24
ROSEBURG		22,820	0	0	189	8.28	16
SALEM		162,060	6	3	1,673	10.32	218
SANDY		10,655	1	1	75	7.04	7
SHERWOOD		19,145	0	0	123	6.42	7
SPRINGFIELD		60,140	1	1	491	8.16	70
ST. HELENS	*	13,120	0	0	52	3.96	11
THE DALLES		14,625	1	0	71	4.85	6
TIGARD		49,745	5	3	516	10.37	50
TROUTDALE		16,035	1	0	75	4.68	10
TUALATIN		26,840	2	0	295	10.99	30
WEST LINN		25,615	0	0	111	4.33	14
WILSONVILLE		23,740	0	0	124	5.22	18
WOODBURN		24,795	2	0	162	6.53	19
STATEWIDE TOTAL		2,359,6100	110	40	19,070	8.08	2,452

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University Text in italics based on urban boundary changes per national census.

\*Nighttime F&I Crashes are those fatal and injury crashes that occur between 8 p.m. and 4:59 a.m.

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#### Goal

 Increase the number of Oregonians (living in cities or counties with populations over 10,000) represented by a community-level transportation safety group from the 2012-2016 average of 66 percent to 77 percent by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Increase the number of active<sup>2</sup> traffic safety groups from the 2014-2016 moving average of 52 to 55 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of communities that have a "four E" based transportation safety action plan or business plan from 6 in 2015 to 8 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of video or in person educational opportunities addressing community level safety efforts that are coordinated, designed for, and offered to both government and non-profit organizations in Oregon from 14 in 2016 to 18, or an increase of four courses by December 31, 2019.

### **Strategies**

- Provide a statewide clearinghouse program for local volunteers, groups and efforts which
  encourage a 4E approach to transportation safety, and promotes proven countermeasures to
  address local traffic safety problems.
- Assist local Safe Community and local Safety Action Plan implementation through funding of coordinators and financial assistance to select communities.
- Provide financial assistance to local safety groups for development of safety action plans that address local crash problems using the 4E approach to safety.
- Provide topically coordinated funding from multiple Division programs and federal, state and local funding streams to develop leveraged and fully integrated local transportation safety programs.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An "active" local traffic safety committee or group is defined as meeting twice a year or more; to address local transportation safety issues.

# **Driver Education (DE)**

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.17.6 - Provide continued improvement of the education system for new drivers, including issues dealing with access to, and cost associated with passenger vehicle operator training. Evaluate required driving training for youthful operators.

- In 2016, drivers age 15-20 represented 6.4 percent of total licensed drivers, but were involved in 13 percent of all fatal and serious injury crashes that year. There is a need to increase the number of teens who participate in an approved driver education program to reduce the incidence of these crashes.
- There is a need to eliminate inconsistencies in the various driver education public/private provider services by enforcing a model statewide program with standards proven to reduce the risk factors of teen driver crashes.
- There is a statewide need for more qualified and updated driver education instructors.
   Current approved instructors need to be evaluated and contrasted to the national standards, and a refresher course needs to be provided for instructors out in the field more than four years.
- There is a statewide need for more exposure to novice driver training outside of the Willamette Valley.
- There is a need to measure citations, crashes and convictions of students that have completed approved driver education to compare against those teens that do not complete an approved course, to evaluate program effectiveness; and a need to be able to identify the approved provider in cases of repeated deficiencies.
- There is a need to continually update the Playbook and DVD Instructor interface (curriculum guide), in an effort to acknowledge best practices and compare to the national curriculum standards.
- There are currently 25 Commercial Drive Schools certified by Oregon DMV operating in the state of Oregon; eleven of these also participate in the ODOT-Approved Driver Education Program. The need continues for incorporating the remaining DMV certified schools into TSD Approved status.

## Youth Drivers on Oregon Roadways, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Age 15-20, % of Total Licensed Drivers	6.03%	6.11%	6.23%	6.20%	6.37%	6.19%
Overrepresentation of Drivers Age 15-20**	1.68	1.65	1.64	1.76	1.78	1.70
Total 15-20 Drivers in Fatal Crashes	40	35	33	50	56	43
Total 15-20 Drivers Alcohol Involved	7	10	7	10	8	8
Percent Alcohol Involved	17.5%	28.6%	21.2%	20.0%	14.3%	20.3%
15-20 Auto Occupant Fatalities	18	25	27	23	34	25
15-20 Unrestrained Auto Occupant Fatalities	7	8	3	9	12	8

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Law Enforcement Data System

## Driver Education in Oregon, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
DMV Provisional Licenses Issued (Age 16-18)	23,515	24,813	26,406	27,178	27,292	25,841
Students completing Driver Education	6,906	7,632	7,656	8,813	9,761	8,154
Students that did not complete an ODOT-TSD approved DE program before licensing	16,609	17,181	18,750	18,365	17,531	17,687
Number of instructors completing two courses or more	40	43	45	65	73	53
DMV Certified Drive Schools	21	22	22	27	25	23
DMV Certified Drive Schools with ODOT-TSD Approval (Driver Education)	7	7	8	10	11	9

Source: Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Transportation Safety Division, Oregon Department of Transportation

### **Goals**

• Decrease the number of drivers age 15-20 involved in fatal and serious injury crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 335 to 250 by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease the number of drivers; age 15-20, involved in fatal crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 46 to 42 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Increase the number of students completing driver education from the 2014-2016 moving average of 8,743 to 10,140 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of DMV Certified drive schools participating in the TSD-Approved program from the 2014-2016 moving average of 10 to 12 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of students exposed to "pre-driver education" formational education from the 2014-2016 annual average of 20,905 to 26,036 by December 31, 2019.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Representation is the percent of fatal and serious injury crashes divided by percent of licensed drivers.

- Implement a marketing plan (including adaptive strategies and instructor recruitment plans) to increase access and completion of quality Driver Education in Oregon.
- Continue implementation of statewide curriculum standards and instructor training.
   Additionally, continue work towards implementation of an instructor evaluation program.
- Develop web tools that integrate DMV licensing information into course completion tracking for students of schools involved in the reimbursement process and track private provider driver education student participants.
- Continue to work with NHTSA, ODOT Research Division and other groups to evaluate the elements of the Oregon Driver Education program, and other ways to effectively teach (and reach) Oregon youth.
- Implement Revision Three (R3) of the state curriculum guide (Playbook®) and related Instructor DVD Interface (D3) by December 31, 2019.
- Maintain the centralized instructor certification process and continue to improve the efficiency of system(s) for which student and instructor certification is accomplished and secured.

# **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.15.1 - Recruit, train, and retain EMS responders in urban, rural, and sparsely populated areas.

- Traffic crashes contribute heavily to the patient load of Oregon hospitals and EMS agencies.
  During the last recession many larger hospitals had to make budget cuts and their
  foundations suffered financially as well. Smaller rural community hospitals faced even more
  severe budget constraints that continue to impact their ability to obtain necessary training
  and equipment. Oregon Administrative Rules determine continuing education and
  recertification requirements for EMTs of all levels.
- Rural crashes can be more severe than other crashes because they often involve higher
  rates of speed and longer emergency response times. A cohesive EMS system is essential
  to ensuring positive patient outcomes. The stabilization and long-distance transport of motor
  vehicle crash patients to facilities that can provide the appropriate level of trauma care is
  critical to reducing the health and financial impact of these injuries.
- Trauma patients are of particular concern for rural counties where motor vehicle crash
  patients can require a higher level of care than what the rural hospital or facility can provide.
  These crashes can seriously extend response times and delay adequate care needed in that
  critical 'golden hour' after a serious crash injury.
- Trauma is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among pediatric patients within the state of Oregon and nationwide. According to the CDC, injuries due to transportation were the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. in 2015:
  - o The highest death rates were among occupants of motor vehicles in traffic.
  - There were also a substantial number of pedestrian and pedal cyclist deaths among children.
- Pre-hospital providers are often inadequately prepared to deal with the unique medical needs of pediatric trauma victims from motorized crashes. A lack of pediatric specific training and education as well as appropriately sized equipment contribute to less than optimal care of children outside of pediatric trauma centers.

# Oregon's EMS Workforce 2014-2015, 2017

EMS Level	2014	2015	*2017
Emergency Medical Responders (EMR)	1,596	1,932	2,394
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	5,366	4,407	4,762
Advance/Emergency Medical Technician (A/EMT)	60	83	162
Emergency Medical Technicians-Intermediate (EMT-I)	918	795	748
Paramedics	3,617	3,347	3,779
Total	11,557	10,564	11,845

Data according to Oregon Health Authority. All EMT's are expected to renew their license once in two years. \*2016 Data does not exist, during this year Oregon transitioned their licensure levels to match national levels.

## Oregon's Average Response Times 2015-2017

	2015	2016	2016 Difference
Response time	7	6	-1
Time on Scene to stabilize and prepare for transport	14	16	2
Transport time to medical facility	13	15	2
Total Incident time	34	37	3

Data according to Oregon Health Authority. 2015 reported in median minutes.

### **Goals**

- Improve transportation safety related trauma medical care and associated EMS/Trauma programs throughout Oregon through participation in 16 EMS statewide and national meetings in 2016 to 18 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase knowledge of EMS personnel by increasing the number of EMS conference scholarship awards from 51 in 2016 to 57 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease response, scene and transport times, through training and appropriate equipment, from the statewide average of 34 minutes in 2014-2015 to 29 minutes by December 31, 2020.
- Maintain attendance of one OTSC member at the quarterly EMS Advisory Committee meetings by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Increase TSD attendance at EMS meetings statewide and nationally from 16 meetings in 2017 to 17 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of scholarships for individual rural EMS personnel from 99 in 2017 to 105 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease response, scene and transport times from the statewide average of 35.5 minutes in 2015-2016 to 34 minutes by December 31, 2019.

•	Increase opportunities for EMS certification and training by providing scholarships and online training opportunities to rural paid and volunteer providers for responding to motor vehicle crashes.

# **Equipment Safety Standards (EQ)**

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.17.3 - Implement education, training or examinations to ensure licensed drivers understand current traffic laws.

- Neither long- nor short-term resident drivers are well-informed about Oregon's vehicle
  equipment/operation laws. This lack of knowledge presents safety hazards as drivers
  unknowingly violate equipment and operation statutes by failing to properly maintain their
  vehicles, adding non-permissible equipment, or violating vehicle operation laws. Unsafe tire
  tread depth is a common example of vehicle owners failing to follow manufacturer guidelines,
  which can create a significantly increased stopping distance; where Oregon law requires
  motorists to maintain their vehicle in a safe manner.
- Equipment retailers sell products and/or modify vehicles that are not in compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), Oregon Revised Statutes or Oregon Administrative Rules.
- Vehicle owners are choosing to install non-compliant vehicle equipment which is resulting in safety hazards for other drivers. Owners are either unaware that the product is not permitted, or they are disregarding existing safety equipment laws/rules.
- Law enforcement lacks the resources (personnel, dedicated traffic enforcement teams, budget) to consistently pursue vehicle equipment violators. Equipment violations are potentially a low priority issue in relation to competing law enforcement time demands. Additionally, new Oregon traffic stop data gathering requirements coupled with the potential of accusations of racial profiling as a result of initiating traffic stops for vehicle safety equipment violations or malfunctions may be a barrier to enforcement.
- Oregon does not have a trailer brake requirement. ORS 815.125 (7) only addresses that a
  combination of vehicles must be able to stop within a certain distance at a certain speed.
  This can contribute to crashes as a result of the lack of awareness for the total distance
  required to safely slow or stop a vehicle/trailer combination.
- Vehicle equipment defects may not be consistently reported in crashes.

## Automobile Vehicle Defect Crashes, Fatalities, and Injuries, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Total Number of F&I Vehicle Defect Crashes	265	276	322	399	444	341
Total Number of Fatal, Vehicle Defect Crashes	3	3	4	4	6	4
Total Number of Non-Fatal, Vehicle Defect Crashes	262	273	318	395	438	337
F&I Crashes due to tire failure*	75	84	109	113	128	102
F&I Crashes due to defective brakes	108	87	104	138	174	122
F&I Crashes due to mechanical defects	88	59	77	98	87	82
Fatalities due to ANY Vehicle Defect	4	4	4	4	6	4
Injuries due to ANY Vehicle Defect	421	406	443	587	647	501
Fatalities due to tire failure	1	1	1	2	0	1
Injuries due to tire failure	122	125	148	159	189	149
F&I Tire Failure	123	126	149	161	189	150
Fatalities due to defective brakes	3	0	1	1	2	1
Injuries due to defective brakes	173	129	152	220	258	186
F&I defective brakes	176	129	153	221	260	188
Fatalities due to mechanical defects	1	2	1	1	1	1
Injuries due to mechanical defects	143	84	99	149	114	118
F&I mechanical defects	144	86	100	150	115	119
Convictions for unlawful use of or failure to use lights (ORS 811.520)	1,170	953	676	661	374	767

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, DMV,\*Note: More than one type of mechanical problem may occur in any given vehicle or crash

Includes: Autos, Pickups, Vans, SUVs, Motorhomes, Motorcycles and Mopeds. Types of defects: trailer connection broken, steering, brakes, wheel came off, hood flew up, lost load, tire failure, other. (Trucks, buses and semi vehicle safety and equipment standards are administered and enforced by the Motor Carrier Division of ODOT.)

### Goals

 Reduce total fatal and injury vehicle defect-related crashes from the 2012-2016 average of 341 to 279 by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Reduce the number of people killed or injured due to tire-failure or wheel coming off from the 2014-2016 moving average of 166 to 152 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce the number of people killed or injured due to defective/inadequate brakes or vehicles with no brakes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 212 to 194 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce the number of people killed or injured due to mechanical defects from the 2014-2016 moving average of 564 to 515 by December 31, 2019.

- Identify opportunities for drivers to develop and maintain awareness of new and existing transportation laws. The 2017 Transportation Safety Division Fall Conference, and the January planning meeting attendees prioritized traffic law education as a focus for 2019.
- Continue to directly share Oregon Vehicle Code information with customers of ODOT/sister agencies to maximize safety in the transportation system. This will be carried out through partnerships with Ask ODOT, Ask OSP, DMV call centers, phone/email inquiries, and focused outreach to events featuring specific equipment (trailers, custom vehicles, new vehicles).
- Continue to collaborate with operators/owners of emergency vehicles to insure they are properly equipped, are adequately trained, and fully understand "due care" when operating in code.
- Assist employers in awareness and understanding of worker transport vehicle laws and rules.
- Work with the ODOT Assistant Attorney General, Government Relations, ODOT Oregon
  Administrative Rules Coordinator, law enforcement, sister agencies, and stakeholder groups
  to address ongoing and new issues related to vehicle equipment questions. Act on
  opportunities for law/rule clarification or updates to laws/rules to reflect technology
  improvements and research findings. Monitor national developments in vehicle equipment
  requirements and assess the impacts to Oregon drivers.
- Continue the 2017-2018 efforts to promote motorist awareness of "cover/secure your cargo" campaign to increase transportation system user safety and reduce preventable crashes.

# Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.7.1 - Design and implement treatments addressing risk factors associated with roadway departure crashes.

- The purpose of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance. The problem is how to achieve the best results with limited funds.
- City and county roads account for half of the fatal and serious injury crashes in the state, but these crashes are spread over 43,000 miles of roadway.
- State highways have the highest rate of fatal and serious injury crashes per mile and city streets and county roads have the highest rates per Vehicle Mile Traveled (VMT).
- Good project selection can suffer from subjective opinions, crash variability (i.e., short term spike in crashes) and surrogate measures of safety (i.e., near misses). To most effectively use limited HSIP funds, projects should use a data driven process to find the best reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes for the money spent.
- Rural roads typically have lower overall number of crashes, but more dispersion of severe crashes. Addressing safety needs on these roads can be challenging. Installing low cost systemic countermeasures along entire routes or a series of curves or at groups of intersections can effectively reduce fatal and serious injuries across the system.
- Lower volume roads are typically more risky and have narrower or no shoulders and steeper roadside areas, making the use of some systematic countermeasures impractical. Fewer effective countermeasures translate to less practical options for improving safety.
- Some safety measures require ongoing costs for maintenance once installed, adding costs to agencies already struggling to keep up with their needs.
- To advance data driven decisions using the Highway Safety Manual will require more data about the roadway characteristics. Electronic data collection processes will improve. Yet the cost of data will be significant.

## Oregon Highways, Fatalities and Serious Injuries (F&A) 2012-2016

Public Roads by Jurisdiction	State	Highways	Urban	Non-State	All Roadways			
	Average	Per VMT*	Average	Per VMT*	Average	Per VMT*	Average	per VMT*
All F&A	1026	4.80	646	8.39	374	4.89	2046	5.57
Roadway Departure F&A	421	1.97	136	1.76	260	3.39	817	2.22
Intersections F&A	300	1.40	365	4.74	56	0.73	721	1.96
Pedestrians and Bicyclists	93	0.43	146	1.89	14	0.19	252	0.69

<sup>\*</sup>Fatalities and serious injuries per one hundred million vehicle miles traveled (non-state VMT is 42% of total, best estimate is that it is almost evenly split between urban and rural)

**Roadway Departure Crash** - a crash not related to an intersection, which occurs after a vehicle crosses an edge line, a centerline, or otherwise leaves the traveled roadway.

**Intersectional Crash** - a crash which occurs within the limits of the intersection of two or more roads; or a crash which occurs outside the intersection but are generally within 50 feet and a direct result of some maneuver at or because of the intersection.

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crash - a crash in which a pedestrian or pedal cyclist was struck by a motor vehicle.

**Fatal and Serious Injuries (F&A)** - Number of people killed (Fatal) and seriously injured (Serious Injury A) in crashes.

### Goals

 Reduce fatalities and serious injuries from the 2012-2016 average of 2,045 to 1,696 by December 31, 2020. [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>

### **Performance Measures**

- To reduce the average number of roadway departure fatal and serious injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 829 to 740 by December 31, 2019.
- To reduce the average number of intersection fatal and serious injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 739 to 660 by December 31, 2019.
- To reduce the average number of pedestrian and bicycle (nonmotorized) fatal and serious injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 262 to 225 by December 31, 2019. [TSAP]<sup>t</sup>

## **Strategies**

- Improve the reporting, accuracy, and usefulness of the Project Safety Management System.
   Continue development and refinement of the Safety Tools, including:
  - o Investigate new SPIS for all public roads using buffering protocols for including relevant crashes and to make the processing more timely each year.
  - Update Intersection Implementation Plan.
  - o Investigate usefulness of GIS in crash reporting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>t</sup> Targets shown in 2016 TSAP, Table ES.1 TSAP Performance Targets

- o Evaluate and implement a Speed Management Plan.
- o Evaluate and implement an Intersection Control Evaluation Plan.
- Evaluate developing an Older Driver Safety plan that includes strategy's and measures.
- Research BLTS as a possible risk factor for pedestrian and bicycle crashes to further explore improving project selection for bike and pedestrian safety projects.
- Evaluate how to update systemic plans on a regular basis possibly utilizing a SPIS for all public roads using OASIS.
- Work with Transportation Development Division to incorporate locations from the Roadway Departure Plan, Intersection Plans and Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan into TransGIS.
- · Work with TSD to develop local Safety plans for cities and counties.
- Continue to develop a safety tracking mechanism/performance measuring to enable ODOT to track effectiveness of ODOT safety projects.
- Track and evaluate projects on High Risk Rural Roads to determine if penalties occur.
- Evaluate and suggesting further changes to the ARTS Safety program and guidance based on the implementation of the 2022-2024 STIP.
- Implement the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) and related Safety Analyst software in ODOT (this is anticipated to take 2 to 5 years), including:
  - o Develop a plan for collecting MAP 21 Fundamental Data Elements.
  - o Provide or obtain training on the Highway Safety Manual procedures.
  - o Collect data in Region 1 as identified in the Signalized Intersection HSM pilot Project.
  - Develop more Oregon specific SPFs for statewide application, including Freeways.
  - o Continue to update and add new CRF's that can be applied Agency-wide.
- Improve coordination and communication between and within ODOT and local agencies responsible for safety, including:
  - Provide training for ODOT and local agency staff on Safety process, data analysis and the use of new SPIS for all public roads.
  - Expand reporting capabilities to enhance usefulness of crash data within ODOT and to local agencies.
  - Encourage local agency's to utilize the state funded local programs (SFLP) for project delivery.
- Continue to investigate new technologies and expand the use of proven engineering measures for improving safety, including:
  - Develop a plan and Implement recommendations of red clearance extension research to reduce red light running.
  - o Evaluate and implement variable speed systems to reduce weather related incidents.
  - Update Signal Detection Guidance to include latest technology and detection methods for motorcycles and bicycles.

- Develop new guidance to encourage use of roundabouts and separation of turning movements at rural intersections.
- o Evaluate the use of profiled durables as an alternative to rumble strips.
- o Evaluate the use of low noise rumble strips.
- Participate in national pooled fund study of low cost countermeasures.

# Impaired Driving - Alcohol (AL)

### **Links to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.1.3 - Conduct targeted impaired driving enforcement.

- Data from ODOT's Crash Analysis Reporting System (CARS data is based on police, medical, and other crash reporting) show that in 2016, 125 fatalities were alcohol-impaired (0.08 BAC or higher); 138 fatalities involved alcohol only at any detectable level; and 35 were a combination of both alcohol and other impairing drugs.
- Due to lack of monitoring methodology, there are a high number of ignition interlock devices (IID) that are not installed as required. Legislation passed in 2012 estimates an additional 10,000 IIDs were mandated for DUII diversion. In 2015, the Legislature passed SB397 which clarified how IID information was to flow between IID providers, courts and treatment providers, along with penalties, and incentives for offender compliance with the IID requirements. However, there is no coordinating oversight for the qualifications of the sellers or installers for either the IID or how frequently the IID's report back to the courts for offender accountability. This problem of oversight was addressed during the 2017 Legislative Session based on an interim work group's work from the House Judiciary Committee which authorized the creation of a management oversight structure for IID vendors, installers and manufacturers to be developed and operational by ODOT-TSD and then permanently transferred to the Oregon State Police in 2019 for the critical enforcement component of implementation.
- While enforcement has shown itself to be the most effective tool at combatting impaired driving, budget cutbacks and shortfalls at the local level have led to lowered participation in grant-funded overtime enforcement activities when smaller agencies do not have adequate staffing to fill straight time shifts and existing officers are over-worked. Agencies are also dismantling specialized units, such as traffic teams and motorcycle units, in favor of general patrol duties. Moreover, federal requirements have discouraged smaller agency participation which may not have dedicated public information officers and budget managers to meet the non-enforcement requirements.
- Oregon's Impaired Driving recidivism rate is about 30 percent. Additionally, between 80-90 percent of those arrested for impaired driving are evaluated to have a substance abuse/dependency issue. This means that 80-90 percent are going through treatment and 30 percent of those are reoffending. However, treatment outcomes are not being tracked and tied to recidivism, and correlated to programmatic methodology differences to determine best practices and to insist on the most effective providers and tools.

- In February of 2018, the Oregon Court of Appeals overturned a DUII conviction for a defendant who blew a 0.09 BAC, stating that enough evidence was not presented to specifically prove impairment, even though Oregon's per se limit is 0.08. The appellate court also gave weight to the argument that the defendant could have consumed alcohol immediately prior to the arrest and may have been sober when pulled over (known as the "Rising BAC Defense"). This will undoubtedly be used in future DUII defenses and create complications.
- Oregon's IID for Diversion statute has recently come under criticism as being excessive and legislative changes to make IID's optional for drug-only impairment, or for breath blows under a 0.08 BAC were made in 2016. Additionally, administrative changes need to be made to how courts, DMV and IID providers communicate and report data to accurately track those IID's installed for diversion. These circumstances will have a significant impact on the viability of this particular goal.

## Impaired Driving in Oregon - Alcohol, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Fatal & Injury Crashes	24,761	23,266	24,528	29,131	30,610	26,459
Fatalities	337	313	357	445	498	390
Alcohol Only Fatalities	95	100	90	155	138	116
Combination Alcohol & Other Drugs	28	28	31	32	35	31
Alcohol Involved Fatalities	123	128	121	187	173	146
Percent Alcohol Involved Fatalities	36.5%	40.9%	33.9%	41.9%	34.9%	37.6%
Alcohol Involved Fatalities per 100 Million VMT	0.37	0.38	0.35	0.52	0.47	0.40
Drivers in Fatal Crashes with BAC .08 & above	68	88	74	125	108	92

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation

## Impaired Driving Arrests During Grant Funded Activities, FFY 2013–2017

	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	2013-2017 Average
Impaired Driving Arrests	1,390	1,646	1,385	2,678	1,474	1,796

Sources: TSD Grant files, 2013 - 2017

# Impaired Driving in Oregon - Alcohol, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Number of Confirmed Installed IID	3,756	3,597	3,235	2,874	n/a	n/a
DUII Offenses	20,042	17,342	15,484	11,894	16,052	16,163
All Fatal & Injury Crashes	24,761	23,267	24,528	29,131	30,610	26,459
All Nighttime* F&I Crashes	3,646	3,413	3,455	4,238	4,533	3,857
% Nighttime* F&I Crashes	14.7%	14.7%	14.1%	14.5%	14.8%	14.6%
All Fatalities	337	313	357	445	498	390

Sources: Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation. Law Enforcement Data System, Transportation Safety Survey, Executive Summary, Intercept Research Corporation.

<sup>\*</sup>Nighttime F&I Crashes are those fatal and injury crashes that occur between 8 p.m. and 4:59 a.m. Use of crash data occurring 8 p.m. and 4:59 a.m. as a proxy measure for alcohol involved crashes is generally accepted nationally and suggested by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### **Goals**

- Decrease alcohol-involved fatalities from the 2012-2016 average of 146 to 130 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of Oregon municipal police agencies participating in NHTSA sponsored High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) events from the 2015 number of 43 to 56 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of Oregon County Sheriff's Offices participating in NHTSA sponsored High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) events from the 2015 number of 17 to 27 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of required Ignition Interlock Devices (IID) installed on vehicles for a DUII diversion from the 2009-2013 average of 32 percent to 50 percent by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease alcohol-involved traffic fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 145 to 133 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease alcohol impaired\* driving fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 136 to 124 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA) \*Note: Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities are all fatalities in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or greater.
- Maintain the number of Oregon municipal police agencies participating in NHTSA sponsored High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) events at the 2017 level of 49 agencies without losing any net population representation by December 31, 2019.
- Maintain the number of Oregon County Sheriff's Offices participating in NHTSA sponsored High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) events at the 2017 level of 22 offices by December 31, 2019.

- Expand resources available for HVE events in prioritized areas and promote local flexibility in targeting significant events with a specific or implied alcohol focus.
- Support Law Enforcement agency media and local public safety education efforts on DUII, especially with smaller agencies that may not have dedicated public affairs staff.
- Develop a standardized, on-line method to report HVE statistics compatible across state, county and city agencies to reduce administrative burden and increase participation.
- Work to develop and support key community groups that can speak as surrogates on the DUII issue throughout the state, such as MADD.
- Work to replicate effective best practices for DUII specialty courts in Oregon for those communities that can support this tool locally.
- Continue support for increased judicial and prosecutorial education on DUII issues.

- Continue participation and support with the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Board to promote cross-jurisdictional collaboration and coordination for addressing impaired driving across the state.
- Maintain collaboration with the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII and promote cooperative efforts for public education, stakeholder partnerships and advancement of policy.
- Continue the development and implementation of the Ignition Interlock Device Oversight and Management program to improve Oregon's IID installation compliance rate.
- Promote and support continued Standardized Field Sobriety Tests training (and trainer) opportunities around the state.
- Promote "No Refusal" policies with local jurisdictions to reduce court costs, time and law enforcement burdens.
- Target media efforts towards enforcement message, personal responsibility (harm to others) and the concept of "Crash, not Accident" campaign.
- Continue development of engagement marketing to key audiences, and partnerships with industry stakeholders.

# Impaired Driving - Drugs (DR)

### **Links to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.1.2 - Provide training and education on marijuana impairment detection for law enforcement.

- Data from the FARS, which is based on police, medical, and other information, shows that in 2016, 20.1 percent of all traffic fatalities were drug-related (100 deaths). One hundred of the fatalities involved only alcohol; 65 involved only other drugs; and 32 were a combination of both alcohol and other drugs.
- Since the inception of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program in January 1995, Oregon has experienced an increase in drug-impaired driving arrests, from 428 in 1995, to 1,192 in 2016. Impairment, due to drugs other than alcohol, continues to have a negative impact on transportation safety.
- Due to current Oregon law, drivers impaired solely by over-the-counter and/or non-controlled prescription drugs cannot be prosecuted for DUIIs and are therefore not referred to treatment.
- A lack of capacity in the Oregon State Police toxicology laboratories has led to a significant backlog of evidence testing. This backlog has caused the dismissal of many DUII cases, as well as expenses to contract with out-of-state labs to handle additional toxicology casework. Delays at the federal level to obtain the necessary waivers to purchase the toxicology instruments that can overcome the backlog continue to be a roadblock.
- In November 2014, Oregon voted to legalize recreational marijuana, joining Colorado, Washington and Alaska. In 2016, this now includes the states of California, Nevada, Maine and Massachusetts. This new law took effect July of 2015 and includes possession limits larger than any other state, as well as home-grow provisions and allowances for hash oil and other potent concentrates. An anecdotal increase has been seen in Oregon drug-impaired driving that closely resembles increases in Washington and Colorado. As there have yet to be validated scientific standards correlating THC levels in the blood to impairment, there is no per se impairment in Oregon, unlike Colorado and Washington which have chosen the arbitrary 5 ng/ml THC.
- Prosecutions for marijuana impairment have been difficult, post-legalization. As a cognitive impairment, marijuana is less familiar and more difficult to identify and articulate for untrained officers, inexperienced prosecutors and for jurors as well.

## Impaired Driving in Oregon – Drug Involved, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Other Drug Only Fatalities	42	46	49	56	65	52
Both Drug and Alcohol	28	28	31	32	35	30
Total Other Drug Only & Combination	70	74	80	88	100	82
Percent Other Drug-Involved Fatalities	20.8%	23.6%	22.5%	19.8%	20.1%	21.3%
DUII Arrests (Drugs other than Alcohol)	900	906	960	1,132	1,192	1,018

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Law Enforcement Data System

### **Goals**

- Maintain the total number of Impaired Driving drug-involved fatalities at the 2011-2015 average of 65 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of active certified Drug Recognition Experts in Oregon from the 2012-2016 moving average of 180 to 240 by December 31, 2020.

### **Performance Measures**

- Maintain the total number of Impaired Driving drug-only fatalities at the 2012-2016 average at 50 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of active certified DREs from the 2017 number of 217 to 225 by December 31, 2019.

- · Continue support for increased judicial and prosecutorial education on DUII-Drug issues.
- Continue support for DRE training and education programs and support a second DRE school if student interest, capacity and availability are evident.
- Target revised public opinion research to help guide legislative and public education efforts, specifically related to the impacts of marijuana legalization related to impaired driving.
- Support policy movement to include a penalty for a blood test refusal under implied consent, and allowing a DRE to testify on a refusal for a DRE examination, or on the results of an incomplete exam.
- Work to expand capabilities and capacity at the Oregon State Police Crime Lab in regards to blood toxicology testing.
- Target creative media to educate the public on the dangers of driving impaired from nowlegal marijuana, as well as a focus on Oregon's high rate of prescription drug abuse and the growing opioid problem.
- Continue to closely monitor the legalization of marijuana and all aspects of this policy direction for potential impacts to Impaired Driving.

•	Initiate outreach to the marijuana industry leaders for creative partnerships in communicating with and educating consumers.
•	Encourage Oregon State Police to pursue a policy of training all patrol and Fish and Wildlife troopers across in ARIDE by December 2019.

## **Judicial Outreach (JO)**

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.17.15 - Conduct training on traffic safety laws for law enforcement officers, attorneys and judges to improve consistent enforcement and adjudication processes.

#### The Problem

- Limited outreach and training availability for judges, district attorneys and court clerks/administrators relating to transportation safety issues.
- Numerous incidents of inconsistent adjudication of transportation safety laws from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, providing citizens with inconsistent and mixed messages.
- Lack of education regarding driving under the influence of any impairing substance, whether controlled or uncontrolled. Additionally, issues such as current DUII case law, ignition interlock device monitoring, impaired driving, and implied consent processes need to be addressed on an ongoing basis.
- Lack of education regarding impaired driving under the influence of marijuana and other drugs; how the de-felonization of certain drugs may impact traffic safety.
- Lack of participation by Oregon Judicial Department in Transportation Safety-facilitated trainings such as the Spring Judicial Conference
- New cell phone law; lack of consistency with understanding and thus adjudication of the law.

## Judicial Outreach, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
No. of Judges trained during offered training sessions	70	81	77	67	69	73
No. of Court Staff/Administrators trained	28	24	25	20	19	23
No. of Prosecutors trained	135	109	97	113	354	162
Combined total of CLE* Credits Approved	61	65	64.5	53.8	70.5	63.0

Sources: TSD Judicial Training Grant Reports (Impaired Driving and Judicial Education Program)

\*CLE is short for MCLE which means Minimum Continuing Legal Education activities. For judges that are active members of the Oregon State Bar, there is a minimum number of continuing legal education credits required to maintain certification as a licensed attorney. The MCLE rules require that all regular active members complete forty-five (45) hours of approved continuing legal education activities in each three (3) year reporting period. Of those forty-five (45) hours, nine (9) must be on the subject of professional responsibility; five (5) of the nine (9) must be legal ethics credits, one of the nine (9) professional responsibility hours must be on lawyers' child abuse reporting obligations. Three (3) of the nine (9) professional responsibility hours must be on "elimination of bias," which is defined as an activity "directly related to the practice of law and designed to educate attorneys to identify and eliminate from the legal profession and from the practice of law biases against persons because of race, gender, economic status, creed, color, religion, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation." MCLE Rule 3.2 and 5.5. http://www.osbar.org/\_docs/rulesregs/mclerules.pdf.

- Coordinate and deliver an annual Traffic Safety Education Conference for Oregon judges.
   Invite court administrators to attend.
- Coordinate and deliver a one day Judicial Education Workshop specific to Impaired Driving for Circuit Court judges.

 Work with Oregon District Attorney's Association to coordinate and deliver a Traffic Safety Education Conference for prosecutors.

#### **Goals**

- Maintain the number of justice and municipal court judges participating in transportation safety related judicial education programs hosted by TSD at the 2012-2016 average of 73 annually by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of prosecutors participating in annual transportation safety related judicial education programs funded by TSD from the 2012-2016 average of 162 to 167 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of training opportunities delivered by TSD for judges relating to impaired driving from the 2017 number of 1 to 2 annually by December 31, 2020.

#### Performance Measures

- Maintain the number of prosecutors participating in traffic education programs at the 2014-2016 average of 188 annually by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of judges attending a one day judicial workshop on impaired driving from the 2017 calendar base of 0 to 25 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of circuit court judges attending trainings facilitated by TSD from the 2017 calendar base of 3 to 7 by December 31, 2019.

# Motorcycle Safety (MS)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.9.1 - Increase awareness among motorcycle drivers that the majority of crashes involve speed, impairment, and roadway departure.

- Fatal motorcyclist crashes represented 12.1 percent of the fatal crashes in 2016 while only representing 3.1 percent of the total vehicles registered in 2016.
- Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in at least 37 percent of motorcyclist fatal crashes in 2016.
- Riding at speeds above the suggested/posted speed, riding too fast for conditions, and riding impaired continue to be leading rider errors in motorcyclist fatalities. These rider decisions are leading to roadway departure crashes. Stakeholders attending the 2017 Transportation Safety Division Fall Conference and the January 2018 planning meeting identified "addressing risk factors associated with roadway departure crashes" as one of the most important issues to focus on in 2019.
- Motorists continue to "not see" motorcyclists which leads to violation of riders' right of way resulting in property damage, injury and fatal crashes.
- Riding without a DOT compliant helmet and protective riding gear may be contributing to increases in injury severity and additional fatalities for motorcycle riders involved in crashes.
- People returning to riding after a significant break (months/years) may not be taking into account the changes in motorcycle technology, power, weight, and handling characteristics of modern motorcycles. Additionally, returning riders may not be accounting for personal human factors or choices (slower reaction time, vision decline, reduced physical fitness, use of alcohol/drugs preceding or during a ride, decreased situational awareness and unpracticed riding skills) that negatively impact their ability to ride safely. These factors contribute to the motorcycle crashes resulting in fatalities in Oregon. Stakeholders at the 2017 Transportation Safety Division Fall Conference prioritized "identifying risk factors for older drivers" as an elevated action item for 2019.
- Legislative proposals including the repeal of the helmet law, increased speed limits in rural areas and lane sharing/splitting may lead to additional crashes. Passage of these proposals will make the goal of eliminating crashes less achievable.

## Motorcyclists on Oregon Roads, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Fatal Crashes	47	32	43	60	54	47
Percent of fatal crashes	15.4%	11.0%	13.4%	14.6%	12.1%	13.3%
Injury Crashes	929	874	844	889	906	888
Percent of injury crashes	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	3.1%	3.0%	3.4%
<u>Fatalities</u>						
Motorcyclists killed	49	31	44	60	55	48
Percent alcohol impaired and/or drug fatalities	21.3%	31.3%	25.6%	40.0%	38.9%	31.4%
Percent unhelmeted fatalities	6.1%	0.0%	15.9%	6.7%	12.7%	8.3%

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation,

- Continue proportional funding of the TEAM OREGON basic rider training and intermediate rider training at strategic locations throughout the state.
- Ensure motorcyclist training courses are located within reasonable travel distance of Oregon's motorcycle owner population and courses are offered within a maximum of 60 days at all locations. Ensure that the training material continues to address the safety and legal informational needs of new riders to ensure safe and compliant riding.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS), law enforcement, and motorcycle groups in educating riders on the effects of riding under the influence of intoxicants, speeding, roadway departure crashes, multiple vehicle crashes and motorcycle safety related topics.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS) on road construction and maintenance practice review to engage with all road authority decision makers and promote information sharing and consideration of motorcycle specific issues. Publicize motorcycle specific construction/maintenance practices that increase or enhance rider safety.
- Partner with Region Traffic Safety Coordinators to support targeted outreach efforts to riders (impaired riding, speed, skill diminishment, emergency medical care).
- Analyze crash data and other available resources for identifying Oregon specific causative factors related to severe injury and fatality crashes. Where trends are identified, work with partners to implement NHTSA approved and/or new countermeasures in these high crash areas.
- Continue the motorcyclist safety campaigns in the Transportation Safety Division's Public Information and Education Program, focusing on motorist awareness of motorcyclists, separating drinking/drug use from riding, factors in motorcycle crashes (single/multi vehicle), and speed related issues.
- Ensure that media products are designed to connect and resonate with the majority of Oregon motorcyclists, with a focus on the demographic(s) most represented in the crash statistics.

## Motorcycles on Oregon Highways, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Registered Motorcycles	130,885	131,464	132,123	134,711	135,464	132,929
Percent of registered vehicles	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Motorcyclist fatalities per registered motorcycle						
(in thousands)	0.37	0.24	0.33	0.45	0.41	0.36
Team Oregon Students Trained	11,805	11,230	11,279	9,812	9,832	10,792

Source:

Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation. *NHTSA Shoulder Harness and Motorcycle Helmet Usage Study*, Intercept Research Corporation. TEAM Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program, TSD files.

#### Goal

Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in motorcyclist crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 279 to 257 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Reduce people killed in motorcyclist crashes when the rider was alcohol impaired and/or involved other drugs from the 2014-2016 moving average of 19 to 17 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce speed related motorcyclist crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 227 to 207 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce fatal motorcyclist crashes that occurred while negotiating a curve from the 2013-2015 moving average of 23 to 21 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease motorcyclist fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 54 to 49 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease un-helmeted motorcyclist fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 3 to 2 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)

## **Occupant Protection (OP)**

## Link(s) to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:

- Action # 6.2.1 Conduct targeted enforcement of occupant protection laws.
- Action # 6.2.2 Conduct targeted education to increase use of seat belts and child safety seats.
- Action # 6.2.3 Provide youth safety items (e.g., child seats, bicycle helmets) to satisfy public demand
- Action # 6.2.4 Recruit and train certified child passenger safety (CPS) technicians as needed.

- Non-use of Restraints: According to the annual 2017 Oregon observed seat belt use survey, 3.2 percent of front seat passenger vehicle occupants did not use restraints, a reduction from 3.8 percent in the 2016 survey (or 16 percent improvement). During 2016, crash reports (FARS) indicate 25.9 percent of motor vehicle occupant fatalities were unrestrained (5 percent improvement from 2015) and 16.3 percent were of unknown restraint use status (15 percent increase from 2015).
- Improper Use of Safety Belts: Oregon law requires "proper" use of safety belt and child restraint systems. Some adult occupants inadvertently compromise the effectiveness of their belt systems and put themselves or other occupants at severe risk of unnecessary injury by using safety belts improperly. This is most often accomplished by placing the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back, securing more than one passenger in a single belt system, or using only the automatic shoulder portion of a two-part belt system (where the lap belt portion is manual).
- Improper Use of Child Restraint Systems: Data collected through child seat fitting stations indicate the majority of child restraints are used incorrectly - up to 73 percent in 2014, according to Safe Kids Worldwide. Drivers are confused by frequently changing state laws, national "best practice" recommendations, and constantly evolving child seat technology.
- Premature Graduation of Children to Adult Belt Systems: Current crash data from 2016 indicates that of the 1,992 injured children under age twelve, 10 percent were reported not using a child restraint system. Although Oregon law requires use of child restraints to age eight or four feet nine inches in height, Safe Kids Worldwide indicates many children will be eight to twelve years of age before they meet this height requirement and can fit properly in an adult belt system.
- Affordability of Child Restraint Systems: Caregivers may have difficulty affording the
  purchase of child safety seats or booster seats, particularly when they need to accommodate
  multiple children. This contributes to non-use or to reuse of second-hand seats which may
  be unsafe for various reasons.

- Risky Drivers: According to the 2016-2020 TSAP analysis, approximately 65 percent of fatal
  and serious injury crashes involving 'non-use of restraints' occurred in rural areas and are
  the result of lane departures (72 percent), aggressive driving (44 percent), and speeding (41
  percent).
- 2017 NHTSA Program Measures Statewide Public Opinion Survey: The annual telephone survey of Oregonians conducted statewide showed the following results:
  - 93.6 percent of respondents reported 'Always using their safety belts when driving or riding in a passenger vehicle,' as well as across all five ODOT regions (73.9 percent to 96.0 percent); the 2017 observed seat belt usage rate for Oregon was 96.84 percent.
  - The respondents who reported they did not 'Always use safety belts' when they drive or are a passenger in a vehicle were asked why they do not. The most common reason statewide was when they Forget (23.9 percent), followed by when it was a Short Trip (23.0 percent), and only In Particular Areas (13.3 percent).

## NHTSA Observed Use Survey, 2013–2017

						2013-2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average
Front Seat Outboard Use	98%	98%	96%	96%	97%	97%

Source: NHTSA Seatbelt Usage Study Post-Mobilization Findings, Intercept Research Corporation and Portland State University, This Study employs trained surveyors to examine, from outside the vehicle, use or non-use of a shoulder harness by the driver and right front outboard occupant of passenger vehicles.

## Occupant Use Reported in Crashes, 2012–2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Total Occupant Fatalities	199	216	232	289	198	227
Number Unrestrained	61	54	61	79	89	69
Percent Unrestrained	30.7%	25.0%	26.3%	27.3%	44.9%	30.8%
Number Unrestrained, Night Time	52	55	38	54	99	60
Percent Unrestrained, Night Time	45.6%	48.2%	54.3%	49.5%	51.0%	49.7%
Total Occupants Injured	32,512	29,955	31,809	38,342	40,893	34,702
Percent Injured Restrained	87.4%	88.2%	96.1%	87.6%	87.6%	91.1%
Total Injured Occupants Under Age Twelve	1,476	1,555	1,558	1,709	1,992	1,658
Percent of Injured in Child Restraint	N/A*	N/A*	42.7%	44.5%	42.8%	43.9%

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation,

Note: Restrained" figures include only those coded as "Belt Used" or "Child Restraint Used." "Unrestrained" figures include only those coded as "None Used". "Nighttime" figures are from crashes that occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

## Belt Enforcement Citations During Grant Funded Activities, 2013–2017

						2013-2017
	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	Average
Seat belt citations issued	5,096	7,429	5,411	5,163	8,236	6,267

Source: TSD Grant files, 2013 - 2017, Oregon Department of Transportation (note: includes belt and child restraint)

<sup>\*</sup>Changed data collected to under twelve years in age in 2014.

#### Goals

- To increase proper safety belt use from the 2016 usage rate of 96 to 97 percent, among passenger vehicle front seat outboard occupants, as reported by the NHTSA postmobilization observed use survey, by December 31, 2020.
- To increase percentage of reported proper child restraint use among injured occupants under twelve years old from the 2012-2016 average of 44 percent to 50 percent by December 31, 2020.
- To reduce the number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities from the 2012-2016 average of 69 to 58, as reported by FARS, by December 31, 2020.

### Performance Measures

- Increase statewide observed seat belt use among front seat outboard occupants in passenger vehicles, as determined by the NHTSA compliant survey, from the 2017 usage rate of 96.8 percent to 97 percent by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in all seating positions from the 2014-2016 moving average of 73 to 67 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease unrestrained nighttime passenger vehicle occupant fatalities from 2014-2016 moving average of 64 to 58 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase percentage of reported proper child restraint use among injured occupants under twelve years old from the 2014-2016 moving average of 43 percent to 47 percent by December 31, 2019.

- Conduct public education activities to explain why vehicle restraints are needed, how to properly use them, and how to meet requirements of Oregon law.
- Provide educational materials to the public including parents, child care providers, new residents, health professionals, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and the court system.
- Provide funding for the overtime enforcement of Oregon's occupant protection laws.
- Maximize enforcement visibility by encouraging multi-agency campaigns, and coordinating campaigns with the timing of news releases, PSA postings, and nationwide events such as "Click It or Ticket" and National Child Passenger Safety Week.
- Target marketing and enforcement campaigns to high-risk and low-usage populations.
- Provide funding for statewide coordination of child passenger safety technician training.
- Strengthen service capabilities of local child seat fitting station and seat distribution programs by providing funding for durable, essential fitting station equipment and supplies including, to the extent that federal funding guidelines allow, purchase of child seats or boosters for distribution at discounted prices to families in need.
- Support and promote nationally recognized "best practice" recommendations for motor vehicle restraint use.

## Older Drivers (OD)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.12.1 - Identify risk factors for older drivers and implement treatments, within current law.

- The effects of aging on people as drivers and pedestrians are highly individual. Challenges
  that may impact people as they age include declining vision, decreased flexibility and
  psychomotor performance, and changes in perceptual and cognitive performance.
- According to the Administration on Aging, the 65-and-older age group, which numbered 39.6 million in the United States in 2009, will grow to more than 55 million in 2020. By 2030, there will be approximately 72.1 million aging persons, accounting for roughly one-fifth of the driving age population nationwide.
- This means that there will be a steadily increasing proportion of drivers and pedestrians who
  experience declining vision; slowed decision-making and reaction times; exaggerated
  difficulty when dividing attention between traffic demands and other sources of information;
  and reductions in strength, flexibility, and general fitness.
- There are important consequences of these changing demographics, and life for aging
  persons depends to an extraordinary degree on remaining independent. Independence
  requires mobility. In our society the overwhelming choice of mobility options is the personal
  automobile. Other mobility options that may be utilized include public transit and walking.
- According to NHTSA's February 2017 Traffic Safety Fact sheet on Older Population, in 2015 there were 6,165 people age 65 and older killed and an estimated 240,000 injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes nationwide. Older people made up 18 percent of all traffic fatalities and 10 percent of all people injured in traffic crashes nationwide. Most traffic fatalities in crashes involving older drivers occurred during the daytime (74 percent), on weekdays (70 percent), and involved other vehicles (67 percent). This is an increase compared to all fatalities, which was 49 percent during the daytime, 59 percent on weekdays, and 44 percent involving another vehicle.

#### DRIVERS AGE 65 & OLDER 2011-2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011-2015 Average
Fatal Crashes	41	39	44	44	56	45
Serious Injury Crashes*	140	148	119	149	176	146
Fatalities	41	39	45	44	56	45
DRIVERS AGE 65 & OLDER Fatalities Percent of State	12.4%	11.6%	14.4%	12.4%	12.6%	12.7%
Serious Injuries	147	153	120	153	184	151
DRIVERS AGE 65 & OLDER Serious Injuries Percent of State	9.5%	9.5%	8.5%	10.2%	10.4%	9.6%
Oregon Population Ages 65 and over	552,191	575,357	552,191	632,755	657,586	594,016

Source: ODOT Crash Data System

### Goal

 Decrease the number of fatal and serious injuries for drivers 65 years of age and older from the 2011-2015 average of 196 to 169 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measure**

 Decrease the number of fatal and serious injuries for drivers 65 years of age and older from the 2013-2015 moving average of 201 to 178 by December 31, 2019.

- Determine the current Oregon inventory of public education, information and other resources already being provided to older drivers/pedestrians in regard to traffic safety, public transit and other transportation options, DMV licensing, etc.; to identify any gaps and the best way to approach and educate this demographic.
- Work in cooperation with ODOT Highway and other divisions in identifying infrastructure risk factors for older walkers and implement treatments, within current law.

<sup>\*</sup>includes serious injuries sustained in "Fatal" Crashes

## Police Traffic Services (PTS)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action # 6.17.5 - Conduct training on traffic safety laws for law enforcement officers, attorneys and judges to improve consistent enforcement and adjudication processes.

## **Evidence Based Traffic Safety Enforcement Plan (TSEP)**

The Oregon Department of Transportation, in conjunction with its law enforcement partners, provides for an evidence based traffic safety enforcement program designed to prevent traffic safety violations, crashes, and crash fatalities and injuries across the state.

ODOT-TSD identifies Oregon law enforcement partner agencies with the data-driven need to conduct overtime traffic enforcement projects within their communities. All of Oregon's TSEP high visibility enforcement (HVE) projects are designed to coordinate with national mobilizations and/or state efforts for maximized visibility and effectiveness. High visibility enforcement has proven to be an effective countermeasure to traffic violations and poor driving behaviors, as motorists fear getting a ticket more than getting hurt in a crash (i.e., getting a ticket is more likely because the alternative of hurting someone or getting hurt 'is not going to happen to me.')

Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to conduct Multi-Agency Traffic Team saturation events, partnering several jurisdictions together for exponential exposure of enforcement and awareness efforts.

TSD and its partner agencies work together in providing continuous follow-up to these enforcement efforts, adjusting plans in response to data analysis, evaluation and feedback. As agencies submit their event reports, TSD program managers review them for accuracy, grant requirements, and any anomalies that might appear from those reviews. For instance, if a grantee conducted DUII enforcement on a Tuesday from 9am to noon, TSD would want to understand the agency's identified problem (data) that supports that day and time as high incidence of DUII and may request it from the agency during a monitoring visit, or for the resulting impact and effectiveness of the HVE on that particular problem. Another example might be a higher number of stops made on a certain roadway than usual; questions like 'why the increase in vehicle miles traveled at this location,' or 'why the higher incidence of this traffic infraction here than other locations' can lead to adjustments made in enforcement schedules, and sometimes to problem identification.

In addition to grant project monitoring, TSD contact is continually maintained with the state's law enforcement agencies via related meetings, conferences, training sessions, governor-advisory committees, joint press events, and similar venues throughout the year. At the end of each funding cycle a TSD program report evaluates the State's performance in meeting the PTS program's goals through an analysis of agency and regional performance and needs, cost-effectiveness of deployed strategies, and any opportunities for improved performance or a shifting of resources. This type of analysis is also done throughout the grant year as a short-term evaluation tool to identify any needed adjustments.

Because speed is a primary factor in 37% of Oregon's fatal crashes, and non-use of safety belts is 28%, speed and safety belt enforcement are inherent in all HVE grant-funded events, even though these two problem areas also have their own HVE time frames and campaigns throughout the year.

In 2019, the Oregon State Police, Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and local police departments will be awarded HVE grant projects. Grantees will be required to participate during specific campaign and calendar events in 2019 (Labor Day and Christmas/New Year's Eve holidays for Impaired Driving; and *Click It or Ticket* mobilization for Occupant Protection (May)); agencies can also use HVE grant funding for high incidence periods throughout the year such as:

- Super Bowl (DUII focus)
- St. Patrick's Day (DUII focus)
- April (Distracted Driving)
- 4th of July (DUII)
- Back to School (Bike/Pedestrian)
- Halloween (DUII, Pedestrian)

Overtime enforcement activity data is compiled from individual agency reports that include hours worked, number and type of enforcement contacts made, educational activities and other earned media (news stories/articles) conducted during the HVE campaigns. Many local and national media campaigns will be produced in conjunction with several of the HVE and high incidence periods to reinforce the messages and heighten community awareness.

Traffic Safety Enforcement Program TSEP(HVE)Statewide	Awarded
164AL - Impaired Driving OSP	\$100,000
164AL - Impaired Driving Local PDs	\$300,000
164AL - Impaired Driving OSSA	\$150,000
405(b) - Occupant Protection OSSA	\$190,000
405(b) - Occupant Protection OSP	\$70,000
405(b) - Occupant Protection Local PDs	\$52,897
405(e) - Distracted Driving	\$30,000
405(h) - Bicycle/Pedestrian	\$80,000
Section 402 - Speed	\$400,000
Section 402 - Occupant Protection Local PDs	\$200,000

Multiple 2019 enforcement events will be available to choose from based on NHTSA's and ODOT's Communications Calendars, and on local problem identification. All event reports will be evaluated as they come in to determine any needed adjustment to the enforcement calendar, or to problem focus area(s).

#### The Problem

- The need for increased enforcement resources is not generally recognized outside the law enforcement community.
- There is a need for increased training for police officers in the use of speed measurement equipment (Radar/Lidar), crash investigations, and traffic law (including any updates from recent legislative sessions, the legalization of recreational marijuana and its continued impact on impaired driving, and recent dangers related to the drug fentanyl).
- There is an additional need to increase advanced motor training availability to motorcycle officers in Oregon.
- Decreasing agency budgets resulting in larger officer-to-population ratios prevent most enforcement agencies from having capacity to respond to crashes that are non-injury and non-blocking.
- Many county and city police agencies lack the resources necessary to dedicate officers to traffic teams, or to even have a traffic team.

Many agencies are struggling to recruit and train qualified police officer applicants. This in turn makes it difficult to maintain regular patrol functions and some agencies don't have the resources to increase or in some cases, even maintain traffic enforcement levels (traffic teams/motor units).

Police Traffic Services, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Total Fatal Traffic Crashes	306	292	321	410	448	355
Total Injury Crashes	24,455	22,975	24,207	28,721	30,162	26,104
Total Fatalities	337	313	357	447	498	357
Total Injuries	36,083	33,149	35,054	41,754	44,496	38,107

## Police Traffic Services, 2012-2016

Top 10 Driver Errors in Total Crashes*: Failed To Avoid Stopped Or Parked Vehicle Ahead						
Other Than School Bus	8,037	7,161	7,450	8,215	8,383	7,849
Did Not Have Right-Of-Way	4,234	3,934	4,498	5,337	5,632	4,727
Ran Off Road	3,121	2,875	3,013	3,700	4,112	3,364
Failed To Maintain Lane	3,562	3,137	2,653	3,083	3,028	3,093
Driving Too Fast For Conditions (Not Exceeding Posted Speed)	2,436	2,048	2,289	2,353	2,845	2,394
Following Too Closely (Must Be On Officer's Report)	1,866	1,808	1,992	2,646	2,824	2,227
Inattention (Failure To Dim Lights Prior To 4/1/97)	1,357	1,470	1,886	1,862	2,343	1,784
Left Turn In Front Of Oncoming Traffic	1,357	1,085	1,340	1,685	1,803	1,454
Failed To Decrease Speed For Slower Moving Vehicle			1,167	1,745	1,750	1,554
Disregarded Traffic Signal	1,298	1,104	1,267	1,523	1,642	1,367
No. of Law Enforcement Officers	5,480	5,435	5,462	5,430	5,336	5,429
Officers per 1,000 Population	1.41	1.39	1.38	1.35	1.33	1.37
Number of Speed eCitations Issued	93,080	117,826	136,700	138,567	154,836	101,525
Total Number of eCitations Issued	223,189	356,965	428,593	427,804	469,740	323,153
Number of eCrash Reports Completed	8,063	9,322	12,230	12,203	13,057	10,975

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police Forensic Services, Transportation Safety Survey, Executive Summary; Intercept Research Corporation, eCitation/eCrash data warehouse

 $Note: Speed-involved\ of fenses\ and\ convictions\ count\ the\ following\ statutes:\ ORS\ 811.100,\ 811.111,\ and\ 811.125.$ 

## Annual Total Traffic Stops by Oregon State Police, 2007-2016

Year	Number of Traffic Stops	% Change from Previous Year
2007	207,592	5.28%
2008	230,045	10.82%
2009	277,460	20.61%
2010	285,100	2.75%
2011	263,306	-7.64%
2012	224,387	-14.78%
2013	221,129	-1.45%
2014	258,065	16.70%
2015	198,805	-22.96 %
2016	211,891	6.58%

Source: Oregon State Police

<sup>\*</sup>PDO crash data is not available at the time of this report.

## Annual Total Number of Officers Attending TSD Trainings, 2012-2016

Year	Number of Officers Attending	2012 – 2016 Average
2012	178	178
2013	43	111
2014	40	87
2015	203	116
2016	257	144

Source: TSD Files

#### Goal

 Through TSD sponsored traffic safety trainings, increase the number of police officers trained from the 2014-16 average of 144 officers to 267 officers (5 percent of the total police population) by December 31, 2020.

#### Performance Measures

- Increase training in advanced crash investigations from the 2014-2016 moving average of 49 police officers to 65 officers by December 31, 2019.
- Maintain the number of advanced motorcycle officers trained at the 2015 number of 60 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of officers trained statewide through a traffic safety training conference from the 2014-2016 moving average of 168 officers to at least 250 officers by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of police officers trained in Radar/Lidar use from the 2014-2016 moving average of 583 officers to 600 officers by December 31, 2019.

- Coordinate and deliver an annual Traffic Safety Education Conference for Oregon police officers.
- Provide two-day Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation training for Oregon police officers.
- Continue to support Oregon Advanced Motor Officer training.
- Conduct HVE events throughout the State based on data and problem identification.

# Region 1 (R1)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.17.8 - Provide support for use of comprehensive, integrated approaches such as 4
 E's to those who design, operate, maintain, and use the system. Extend efforts to all
 agencies and partners through education and other measures.

## Region 1 Overview

ODOT's Region 1 is responsible for management and implementation of public transportation infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects in Clackamas, Hood River, and Multnomah counties, and a portion of Washington County. Motorists, truckers, buses, pedestrians and bicyclists travel more than 17 million miles on Region 1 highways every day. Region 1 is the most urban and densely populated of the five ODOT regions, and includes responsibility for the following:

- 881 miles of highway
- 231 miles of urban bike facilities;
   428 rural miles with roadway shoulders
- 194 miles of sidewalks and
   136 enhanced crossings
- 1,081 state bridges
- 803 traffic signals
- 142 ramp meters

- Over 100 highway cameras
- Over 3,500 major signs
- VMS (variable message signs) on freeways
- Thousands of smaller signs, lights, variable signs, etc.
- Nine cities and two counties with established local traffic safety committees or similar advocacy groups
- · One safety corridor

- Intersection crashes are the most prevalent crash type for all roads in Region 1 that result in a fatality or serious injury, compared to the other regions (1,438, or 42.4 percent of 2012-2016 intersection crashes); as well as on city roads statewide (895, or 58.6 percent of all crashes).
- Roadway departure is also a major crash factor on city roads in Region 1, 267, or 53.8 percent of all 2012-2016 roadway departure crashes that resulted in fatalities and serious injuries); where out of all roadway departure crashes (on all roads), Region 2 had the most (1,489, or 36.5 percent). This makes sense due to the geographic, business, industry, and community traveling distances (VMT) that differ between the five regions.
- An example of the engineering 'E' is found in ODOT's Highway Safety Improvement Plan's All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program that helps implement engineering solutions for intersections, bicycle & pedestrian facilities, and roadway departure issues in local communities (and not just state highways) with infrastructure safety solutions.

- Speed, impaired driving, and young drivers continue to be top contributing factors in crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries in Region 1.
  - Speed F&A injuries rose dramatically in 2016, from increases already experienced in 2015, to 198 or 45 percent more than the previous year (137). Organized speed racing issues in the Portland area continue to be a problem that the Portland Police and Multnomah County Sheriff's Offices work together to combat.
  - Fatalities and serious injuries due to alcohol impairment also rose dramatically in 2016, to 152 or 19 percent more than the previous year (128). Oregon was considered a 'low-rate' state for NHTSA funding purposes, but due to this increase will now have to qualify for national priority impaired driving funds as a 'mid-rate' state in FFY2019 (> 30 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities are related to impaired driving).
  - Legalized recreational marijuana use in Oregon state law (July 2015) has led to an increase in drug-impaired driving incidences, and combination alcohol/drug driving as well. This intensifies the continued need to work on human factors by providing educational and safety messages that resonate with these drivers in order to be effective at reducing this unsafe and illegal driving behavior.
- Fatal and serious injury crashes involving drivers age 15-20 have declined from a 2011 high, but are still fluctuating.
- Pedestrian fatalities in Region 1 increased 12 percent in 2015 compared to the 2012-2014 average of twenty-five (25). Pedestrian fatalities have been increasing nationally; Oregon was no different, also seeing a spike primarily in urban areas like Region 1. (Combining pedestrian and bicycle fatal and serious injuries, they rose 29 percent in 2016 from 2015 (to 164 from 127), with the majority of those being pedestrian crashes.
- Distracted driving has become a greater safety threat to all modes of transportation, and was suspected to be under-reported in Oregon. House Bill 2597 in the 2017 Legislative Session, and later HB 4116 in 2018 clarified Oregon's law to not allow the use of 'mobile electronic devices' while driving (formerly 'communication devices'); strengthened penalties and fines upon subsequent offenses; removed several exemptions, and developed an avoidance course for violators. The state's standardized Police Accident Report, or PAR, was also updated to provide data specific to mobile device usage vs. other distracted driving behaviors. (Distraction can include use of cell phones, GPS, and other electronic devices, as well as reading, eating, children, and conversation).

## Region 1, Transportation Safety Information

Fatalities & Serious Injuries - Region 1

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Clackamas County	129	109	129	146	182	139
Hood River County	15	11	15	8	16	13
Multnomah County	329	271	304	356	430	338
Washington County	175	164	147	209	206	180
Region 1 Fatalities & Serious Injuries Total	648	555	595	719	834	670
Region 1 Fatalities Total	89	91	83	98	132	99
Statewide Fatalities & Serious Injuries (F&A)	1,955	1,729	1,851	2,220	2,471	2,045
Region 1 Percent of State	33.15%	32.10%	32.14%	32.39%	33.75%	32.71%
Region 1 F&A per 100,000 Population	38.21	32.33	34.17	40.63	46.23	38.31

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

## Speed Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 1

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Clackamas County	38	27	28	25	58	35
Hood River County	4	3	5	3	9	5
Multnomah County	61	60	61	75	99	71
Washington County	22	25	23	34	32	27
Region 1 Fatalities & Serious Injuries Total	125	115	117	137	198	138
Region 1 Speed Involved Fatalities - Total	27	38	29	31	45	31
Statewide Total Speed Involved F&A	519	484	502	510	652	533
Speed-Involved F&A Percent of Region 1	19.29%	20.72%	19.66%	19.05%	23.74%	20.49%
Speed-Involved F&A Percent of State	24.08%	23.76%	23.31%	26.86%	30.37%	25.68%
Region 1 Speed Involved F&A per 100k Population	7.37	6.70	6.72	7.74	10.98	7.90

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

### Alcohol Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 1

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Clackamas County	28	22	19	33	49	30
Hood River County	5	1	2	4	2	3
Multnomah County	93	67	55	54	69	68
Washington County	26	16	14	37	32	25
Region 1 Fatalities & Serious Injuries Total	152	106	90	128	152	126
Region 1 Alcohol Involved Fatalities Total	43	43	27	41	23	35
Statewide Total Alcohol Involved F&A	413	346	307	433	429	386
Alcohol-Involved F&A Percent of Region 1	23.46%	19.10%	15.13%	17.80%	18.23%	18.74%
Alcohol Involved F&A Percent of State Region 1 Alcohol Involved F&A per 100,000	36.80%	30.64%	29.32%	29.56%	35.43%	31.24%
Population	8.96	6.17	5.17	7.23	8.43	7.19

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

#### Population - Region 1

						2012-2016
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Clackamas	381,680	386,080	391,525	397,385	404,980	392,330
Hood River	22,875	23,295	23,730	24,245	24,735	23,776
Multnomah	748,445	756,530	765,775	777,490	790,670	76,7782
Washington	542,845	550,990	560,465	570,510	583,595	56,1681
Region 1 Total	1,695,845	1,716,895	1,741,495	1,769,630	1,803,980	1,745,569

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

### Bicyclist and Pedestrian Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 1

	2012	2012	2014	2015	2017	2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Clackamas	17	15	25	24	25	21
Hood River	1	0	2	0	3	1
Multnomah	85	70	84	73	108	84
Washington	31	22	19	30	28	26
Region 1 Total	134	107	130	127	164	132
Statewide Total	255	220	240	266	280	252

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

Distracted Driver Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 1

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Clackamas County	3	7	4	4	17	7
Hood River County	0	0	5	0	0	1
Multnomah County	7	4	14	23	31	16
Washington County	8	15	11	5	15	11
Region 1 Total	18	26	34	32	63	35
Statewide Total	138	111	154	144	208	152

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

Note: Distracted driving involved fatalities include the following behaviors: passenger interfered with the driver, driver's attention was distracted, an active participant was using a cell phone, or driver inattention.

### **Goals**

- Decrease fatalities in Region 1 from the 2012-2016 average of 99 to 77 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease serious injuries in Region 1 from the 2012-2016 average of 572 to 472 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease speed involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 150 to 123 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease alcohol fatalities and serious injuries in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 123 to 108 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 184 to 167 by December 31, 2019.
- Maintain fatalities and serious injuries in bicycle and pedestrian crashes in Region 1 at the 2013-2015 moving average of 122 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries in crashes where the driver was age 15-20 in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 106 to 89 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries in motorcycle crashes in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 97 to 86 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries related to driver distraction in Region 1 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 43 to 31 by December 31, 2019.

## **Strategies**

Action Items from Oregon's 2016-2020 Transportation Safety Action Plan for pedestrian safety (vulnerable road users) primarily address infrastructure analysis and improvements:

6.8.1	Evaluate the safety performance of innovative pedestrian facilities. Continue						
	implementing the most effective.						
6.8.2	Provide safe facilities and crossings in areas where pedestrians are present or						
	access is needed. Prioritize transit corridors, school areas, multilane streets and						
	highways and other high risk areas and facilities.						
6.8.3	Improve maintenance of existing pedestrian facilities.						

However, TSD is able to concurrently provide some technical and other support to local groups, facilities or schools looking to improve pedestrian (and other vulnerable users) roadway safety, while project scoping, construction, or other transportation planning efforts are being conducted (in tandem). Other strategies follow.

- Continue efforts in building a positive transportation safety culture to change risky behaviors, develop partnerships to leverage efforts, and build community buy-in and motivation.
- Continue and improve on safety messaging and public outreach efforts conducted in local communities and neighborhoods, especially those with identified safety issues. Continue to build on partnerships within the City of Portland's "Vision Zero" planning group and local traffic safety teams in promoting and/or conducting outreach and educational opportunities for related public events, as well as for at-risk populations within the community.

### Priority problem area efforts include:

- Pedestrian Safety Facilitate safe walking practices to improve health and fitness through education, enforcement, engineering, and public information on Oregon law.
- Bicyclist Safety Encourage bicyclist safety through public information and education programs for targeted audiences, school presentations, and law enforcement training.
- Community Traffic Safety Provide a big-picture approach to injury prevention through: citizen input and participation; collaboration, business and health care participation; data collection and analysis; and combined injury prevention efforts.
- ODOT Region Office Reducing the traffic related fatality and injury rate on state and local roads within the Region by providing expertise on the behavioral and design elements of all transportation safety programs. Work proactively with Region staff in developing solutions to transportation safety issues. Partner and coordinate with public and private agencies and organizations, including local transportation safety committees and law enforcement, to enhance community safety programs.

- Roadway Safety Continue work with the ODOT Traffic-Roadway Division, local and regional
  governments, as well as private contractors and local law enforcement, to ensure that all
  roads are engineered to meet the highest safety standards and assist in providing
  recommendations for systematic improvements in high crash risk locations. The four E's of
  safety engineering, enforcement, education and emergency medical services are the
  foundation of all Roadway Safety Program activities
- Safe Routes to School Promote walking and biking for the health/wellness and physical activity benefits; potential to lower traffic congestion around schools; and potential to increase air quality around schools. Program efforts are directed toward children in grades K-8 and are built around 5-E's: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, and evaluation. TSD is responsible for the non-infrastructure piece of the state's SRTS program (education, enforcement, and encouragement).

## Region 2 (R2)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.17.8 - Provide support for use of comprehensive, integrated approaches such as 4
Es to those who design, operate, maintain, and use the system. Extend efforts to all
agencies and partners through education and other measures.

## **Region 2 Overview**

ODOT's Northwest Region provides transportation facilities and services for nearly one-third of Oregon's population. Region 2 comprises Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Yamhill, southwestern Clackamas, and western Washington counties. Region 2 is responsible for the safety, construction, and maintenance of almost 25 percent of the state highway miles and has two major Cascade mountain passes (Santiam and Willamette). Region 2 is home to nearly 200 miles of U.S. 101 - The Oregon Coast Highway is a destination, a historic and cultural resource, and a challenge to maintain with landslides, hurricane force winds, and more than 90 inches of rain per year.

- Reducing roadway departure crashes continues to be a priority in Region 2. These types of crashes are common and preventable. During 2014-2016, there was an average of 287 roadway departure involved fatalities and serious injuries per year.
- Despite sustained reductions in traffic fatalities over the last decade, speed, alcohol, and safety belt use continue to be major factors contributing to deaths and injuries on all roads in Region 2.
- According to the CDC, motor vehicle fatalities continue to be the leading cause of accidental
  death among teenagers. In the U.S., six teens age 16-19 died every day from motor vehicle
  injuries (2015). During 2014-2016, there was an average of 124 fatalities and serious injuries
  per year in crashes where the driver was age 15-20.
- Motorcycle fatalities and serious injuries continue to be an issue. During 2014-2016, there
  was an average of 88 fatalities and serious injuries per year in motorcycle crashes in Region
  2.
- Distracted driving crashes make up a significant portion of the deaths and serious injuries and these types of crashes are increasing as well in Region 2. During 2014-2016, there was an average of 80 distracted driving related fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 per year.
- There continues to be a need to provide education and resources to local traffic safety committees on the "4-E" (education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical services) approach to transportation safety.

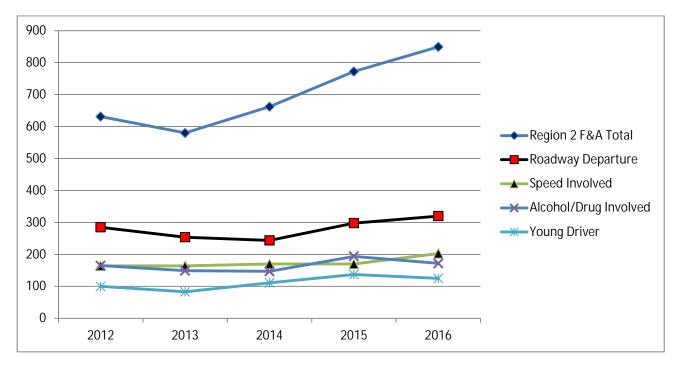
## Region 2, Transportation Safety Information

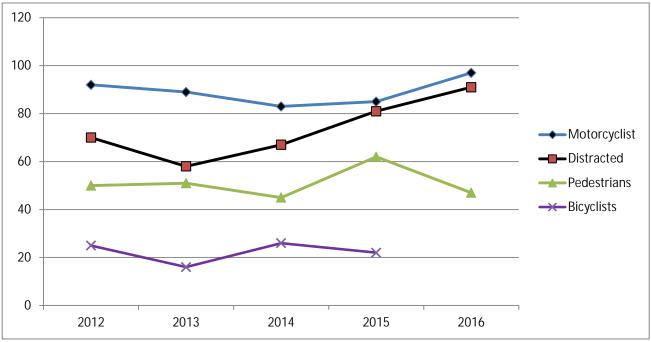
Region 2 – Fatalities & Serious Injuries

Counties	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Benton County	32	15	27	28	52	31
Clatsop County	26	35	26	35	43	33
Columbia County	18	32	22	28	20	24
Lane County	169	146	158	204	190	173
Lincoln County	43	45	41	53	64	49
Linn County	78	72	95	99	84	86
Marion County	100	113	172	173	233	158
Polk County	52	56	52	65	50	55
Tillamook County	46	20	31	24	17	28
Yamhill County	67	46	38	63	96	62
Fatal & Serious Injuries (F&A) Total	631	580	662	772	849	699
Fatalities	112	108	126	170	171	137
Alcohol/Drug Involved F&A	165	149	147	194	172	165
Alcohol/Drug Fatalities	57	58	62	98	81	71
Percent Alcohol/Drug F&A	26%	26%	22%	25%	20%	24%
Speed Involved F&A	164	164	170	170	203	174
Speed Fatalities	32	39	45	50	31	39
Percent Speed-Involved F&A	26%	28%	26%	22%	24%	25%
Roadway Departure F&A	285	254	244	298	320	280
Roadway Departure Fatalities	59	51	64	78	87	68
Percent Roadway Departure F&A	45%	44%	37%	39%	38%	40%

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

Fatalities & Serious Injury Charts – Region 2





Note: There may be more than one factor coded in a single crash. (For example, a driver seriously injured in a roadway departure crash may also have been speeding.)

#### Goals

- Decrease fatalities in Region 2 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 137 to 122 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 561 to 497 by December 31, 2020.

## **Performance Measures**

- Decrease roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 287 to 262 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease speed related fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 181 to 165 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease alcohol related fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 123 to 112 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries in crashes where the driver was age 15-20 in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 124 to 114 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries in motorcycle crashes in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 88 to 80 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease distracted driving related fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 80 to 73 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease pedestrian involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 2 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 51 to 47 by December 31, 2019.

- Employ deterrence countermeasures, including enforcement and education campaigns, to reduce speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, and safety belt use violations. Work with local law enforcement to increase patrols at top Safety Priority Index System (SPIS) sites within Region 2 (SPIS has been recognized as an effective problem identification tool for evaluating road segments with higher crash histories).
- Apply "4-E" safety countermeasures within active Safety Corridor sites, develop and implement Safety Corridor Plans, meet with active stakeholder groups, and decommission sites that no longer meet the criteria.
- Identify corridors that have high frequencies of roadway departure crashes and implement low-cost engineering, education, and enforcement initiatives to improve safety at those locations.
- Continue to increase the number and effectiveness of partnerships. Current efforts like Safe Kids and local traffic safety committees include hospitals, EMS providers, fire services, health educators, health programs, enforcement, engineering, etc. Attempt to tie specific efforts of these partnerships to crash reductions in target populations.

Identify and increase the opportunities to provide state data (crash, health, economic loss, etc.) to local jurisdictions and safety organizations. Work with multi-disciplinary teams to identify traffic safety problems, detect emerging trends, and draft possible safety responses to those conditions.

# Region 3 (R3)

## **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.17.8 - Provide support for use of comprehensive, integrated approaches such as 4
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 agencies and partners through education and other measures.

## **Region 3 Overview**

The Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 3 encompasses the five southwestern Oregon counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine. The Department is responsible for the safety, construction, and maintenance of the State's Highway system. The region is primarily rural in nature; however Interstate 5 and Hwy 101 run the entire length of the region from north to south. The economic condition of the five counties in Region 3 indicates that they are at a higher risk of distress than most other Oregon counties.

- Fatal and serious injury motor vehicle crashes are over-represented and caused primarily by human behavior and poor choices, as opposed to vehicle or roadway issues. Region 3 had 16.46 percent of total state traffic fatalities compared with 13.6 percent of the state's driving population. Despite sustained reductions in traffic fatalities over the last decade, speed, alcohol, and roadway departure continue to be major factors contributing to deaths and injuries on all roads in Region 3. Building a positive safety culture to change human behaviors is needed to maintain the momentum toward reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.
- Speed was a contributing factor in 105 fatal and serious injury crashes in Region 3 (16 percent of the statewide fatal and serious injury crashes) in 2016, increasing from 92, or by 14 percent in 2015.
- In 2016, 19 percent of the alcohol involved fatal and serious injury crashes in the state (83) occurred in Region 3.
- In 2016, total safety belt use and child safety seat use in Region 3 closely reflected the statewide figures; however there continues to be a need for public education on the importance of child passenger safety and proper use of restraint systems.
- Motorcycle fatalities and serious injuries increased from 44 in 2015 to 52 in 2016 in Region 3 and continued work is needed to reduce these fatal and serious injury crash types.
- Roadway departure crash fatalities and serious injuries increased from 177 in 2015 to 178 in 2016 in Region 3. These crash types are common and preventable, and continue to occur more often during periods of inclement weather.

## Region 3, Transportation Safety Information

Fatalities - Region 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Coos County	5	6	11	9	7	8
Curry County	0	3	4	3	1	2
Douglas County	15	13	27	31	16	20
Jackson County	14	15	17	24	34	21
Josephine County	18	12	13	24	24	18
Region 3 Total	52	49	72	91	82	69
Statewide Fatalities	337	313	356	445	498	390
Region 3 Fatalities Percent of State	15.43%	15.65%	20.22%	20.45%	16.47%	17.65%
Region 3 Fatalities per 100,000 Population	10.82	10.14	14.81	18.57	16.58	14.18

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

## Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 3

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Region 3 Fatalities & Serious Injuries	312	305	268	367	355	321
Statewide Fatalities & Serious Injuries	1,955	1,729	1,851	2,220	2,471	2,045

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation

### Speed Involved Fatalities – Region 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Coos County	2	2	6	1	3	3
Curry County	0	2	1	0	1	1
Douglas County	5	3	10	10	6	7
Jackson County	8	8	9	8	1	7
Josephine County	6	3	8	8	9	7
Region 3 Speed Involved Fatalities	21	18	34	27	20	24
Statewide Total Fatalities Speed Involved	114	120	144	138	207	145
Region 3 Speed Involved Fatalities Percent of State Region 3 Speed Involved Fatalities per 100k	18.42%	15.00%	23.61%	19.57%	9.66%	17.25%
Population	4.37	3.73	6.99	5.51	4.04	4.93

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

#### Speed Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Region 3 Speed Involved F&A Total	81	95	82	92	105	91
Statewide Speed Involved F&A Total	519	484	502	510	652	533

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

# Alcohol Involved Fatalities - Region 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Coos County	2	0	6	5	1	3
Curry County	0	2	2	2	0	1
Douglas County	2	7	6	7	4	5
Jackson County	4	7	9	9	16	9
Josephine County	7	8	6	16	15	10
Region 3 Alcohol Involved Fatalities	15	24	29	39	36	29
Statewide Total Fatalities Alcohol Involved	123	128	120	187	173	146
Region 3 Alcohol Involved Fatalities Percent of State	12.20%	18.75%	24.17%	20.86%	20.81%	19.36%
Region 3 Alcohol Involved Fatalities per 100k Population	3.12	4.97	5.97	7.96	7.28	5.86

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

### Alcohol Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries – Region 3

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Region 3 Alcohol Involved F&A Total	61	62	52	91	83	70
Statewide Total Alcohol Involved F&A Total	413	346	307	433	429	386

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

#### Populations - Region 3

						2012-2016
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Coos County	62,890	62,860	62,900	62,990	63,190	62,966
<b>Curry County</b>	22,295	22,300	22,355	22,470	22,600	22,404
Douglas County	108,195	108,850	109,385	109,910	110,395	109,347
Jackson County	204,630	206,310	208,375	210,975	213,765	208,811
Josephine County	82,775	82,815	83,105	83,720	84,675	83,418
Region 3 Total	480,785	483,135	486,120	490,065	494,625	486,946

#### Goals

- Decrease fatalities in Region 3 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 69 to 56 or below by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease serious injuries in Region 3 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 252 to 208 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease speed related fatalities and serious injuries in Region 3 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 93 to 79 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease alcohol involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 3 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 76 to 67 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries in motorcycle crashes in Region 3 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 43 to 36 by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce crashes associated with inclement weather on state highways in Region 3 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 615 to 521 by December 31, 2019.

- Serve as a resource to ODOT Region 3 for transportation safety priority program areas.
- Attend transportation safety meetings, both internal and external of ODOT, as a resource to local and regional safety programs. Attend event planning meetings to provide technical assistance for applicable transportation safety related events, programs, or fairs within the region.
- Coordinate and/or provide resources for traffic safety events as applicable. Advocate transportation safety programs and awareness to partners and stakeholders in the communities within Region 3.
- Collaborate and work to enhance partnerships with local agencies/groups to raise awareness around transportation safety issues and partner on proven countermeasures to impact those identified problems within Region 3.
- Provide mini-grants to local jurisdictions for DUII community education, speed overtime enforcement or equipment, distracted driving overtime enforcement, and/or for CPS equipment, supplies, and training.
- Partner in educational opportunities on transportation safety problem areas, with an emphasis on Impaired Driving (Drugs and Alcohol), Speed, Distracted Driving, Roadway Departure, and Motorcycle Safety. Increase partnerships with health and injury prevention, social, and youth advocacy groups.
- Work with local traffic safety committees to enhance existing programs and provide transportation safety resources and information. Work to stabilize struggling committees by identifying gaps and needs; working also with communities that have a need, or have expressed interest in forming new traffic safety committees.

- Assist w/coordination of Child Passenger Safety (CPS) coalitions in Region 3. Provide minigrants to local agencies to enhance support of public CPS public events, fitting stations, or trainings. Support regular meetings with certified CPS Technicians in the region to help expand existing programs as well as stay current on CPS recertification, paperwork, and reporting requirements.
- Partner on the implementation of a Salt Use Pilot program on the Siskiyou Pass and the four passes between Canyonville and Grants Pass; monitor evaluation reports for anticipated reductions in crashes during adverse weather conditions.
- Partner on the implementation of a tree removal program on select Region highways where vegetation causes shading and contributes to ice on the roadway.
- Partner on the implementation of Region-wide projects to increase visibility on highways to improve safety, including pavement markers, roadside delineation, and curve signage.
- Partner on the implementation of a Region-wide rumble strip countermeasure project to address roadway departure crash issues.

# Region 4 (R4)

# **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

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agencies and partners through education and other measures.

#### **Region 4 Overview**

Region 4 encompasses Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler counties. Region 4 is rural in nature and had an estimated population of 336,410 in 2016. The Region has 1,861 miles of state highway centerline miles (4,146 lane miles) a two major Cascade mountain passes (Santiam and Willamette). Region 4 hosts US 97, which serves as a major corridor between California and Washington, and I84, which connects Portland to Boise, Salt Lake City, and every point eastward. Central Oregon is a recreation hub of Oregon, with winter and summer tourism being a huge draw for the region. Region 4 has one safety corridor on OR Route 140 W - Lake of the Woods from mile point 29 to mile point 47.

- The rural nature of Region 4's high desert highways present unique challenges to transportation safety. The flat and straight highways and increased speed limits promote high speed driving, but where these highways also serve as the main streets for small towns, increasing the dangers to all users of the system. Longer distances between population centers decreases the enforcement capabilities and increases the response and travel times for first responders.
- The rural and small town characteristics are also reflected in how effective law enforcement can be on local traffic issues: equipment is difficult to come by for enforcing speed or DUII violations; staffing is based on population but the highways service many through-travelers, and many rural agencies may cite violations differently based on their procedures.
- Impaired driving continues to be one of the top highway safety concerns for Region 4. The number of fatal and serious injuries peaked in 2016 with the highest count for the past five years.

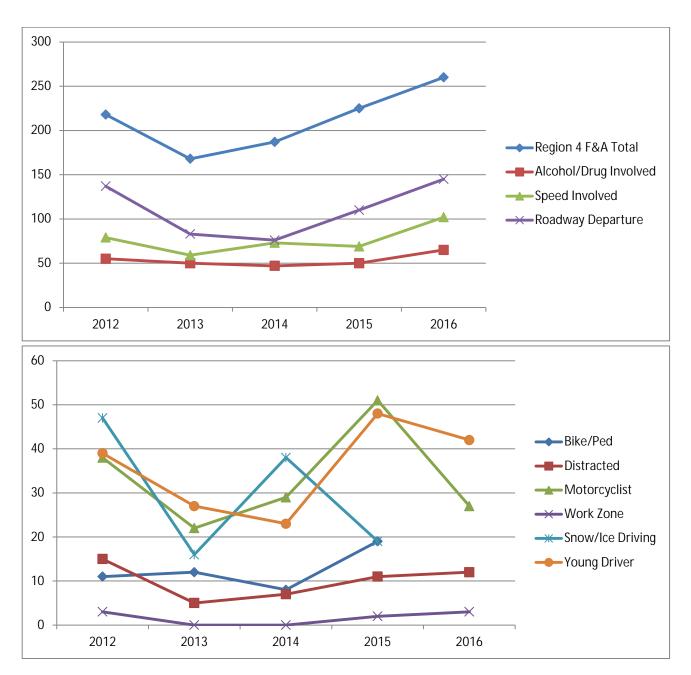
# Region 4, Transportation Safety Information

Region 4 - Fatalities and Serious Injuries

						2012-2016
Counties	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Crook County	16	16	16	21	17	17
Deschutes County	80	64	64	81	107	79
Gilliam County	4	1	1	2	9	3
Jefferson County	23	13	35	25	22	24
Klamath County	65	37	44	54	54	51
Lake County	6	13	5	5	4	7
Sherman County	4	2	3	5	4	4
Wasco County	19	20	18	30	41	26
Wheeler County	1	2	1	2	2	2
Fatal & Serious Injuries (F&A) Total	218	168	187	225	260	212
Fatalities	40	36	41	46	67	46
Alcohol/Drug Involved F&A	55	50	47	50	65	53
Alcohol/Drug Fatalities	35	31	19	22	27	27
Percent Alcohol/Drug F&A	25%	30%	25%	22%	25%	25%
Speed Involved F&A	79	59	73	69	102	76
Speed Fatalities	13	12	19	21	33	20
Percent Speed-Involved F&A	36%	35%	39%	31%	39%	36%
Roadway Departure F&A	137	83	76	110	145	110
Roadway Departure Fatalities	30	18	21	27	41	27
Percent Roadway Departure F&A	63%	49%	41%	49%	56%	52%

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

Note: There may be more than one factor coded in a single crash. (For example, a driver seriously injured in a roadway departure crash may also have been speeding.)



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#### Goals

- Decrease fatalities in Region 4 from the 2012-2016 average of 46 to 31 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease serious injuries in Region 4 from the 2012-2016 average of 179 to 118 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease alcohol/drug involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 4 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 54 to 46 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease speed involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 4 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 81 to 74 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease the number of roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 110 to 101 by December 31, 2019.

- Employ deterrence countermeasures, including enforcement and education campaigns, to reduce speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, and safety belt use violations. Work with local law enforcement to increase patrols at top Safety Priority Index System (SPIS) sites within Region 4 (SPIS has been recognized as an effective problem identification tool for evaluating road segments with higher crash incidence).
- Apply "4-E" safety countermeasures within active Safety Corridor sites, develop and implement Safety Corridor Plans, meet with active stakeholder groups, and decommission sites that no longer meet the criteria.
- Identify corridors that have high frequencies of roadway departure crashes and implement low-cost engineering, education, and enforcement initiatives to improve safety at those locations.
- Continue to increase the number and effectiveness of partnerships. Current efforts like Safe Kids and local traffic safety committees include hospitals, EMS providers, fire services, health educators, health programs, enforcement, engineering, etc. Attempt to tie specific efforts of these partnerships to crash reductions in target populations.
- Identify and increase the opportunities to provide state data (crash, health, economic loss, etc.) to local jurisdictions and safety organizations. Work with multi-disciplinary teams to identify traffic safety problems, detect emerging trends, and draft possible safety responses to those conditions.
- Assist with coordination of certified CPS Technician meetings and events to help them
  maintain certification, and to stay active in their communities. Techs will be able to network,
  share training opportunities, and stay current on recertification requirements to help with
  Technician retention rates.
- Collaborate and work to enhance or create new partnerships with local agencies/groups to raise awareness around transportation safety issues within the Region.

# Region 5 (R5)

# Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:

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agencies and partners through education and other measures.

#### **Region 5 Overview**

Region 5 includes Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties. The total population for the eight counties is 187,140 encompassing 2,228 state highway, 10,384 county and 892 city miles of roadway, with no active safety corridors. Six of the eight counties in Region 5 are considered frontier counties with six or fewer people per square mile while the two most populated counties are considered rural. Region 5 encompasses approximately 39 percent of the total area of the state, with only about 5 percent of the state's population and 22 percent of all total miles (state, county, city, misc. agency) in the state.

All eight counties in Region 5 have established local traffic safety committees or similar community organizations.

- In 2016, several of the rural highways in Region 5 initiated speed limit increases from 55mph to 65mph. I-84 from The Dalles to the Idaho border, I-82 to Washington, and HWY 95 in Malheur County increased from 65mph to 70mph; where speed is already a causation factor in over 1/3 of Oregon's motor vehicle fatalities.
- In 2016, traffic fatalities continued to be a major issue in Region 5 with 46 deaths, up from 40 deaths in 2015. Region 5 accounted for 9.2 percent of the statewide fatalities in 2016.
- In 2016, serious injuries due to traffic crashes totaled 127, up from 97 in 2015. Region 5 represented 6.4 percent of statewide serious injuries which is over-represented for its population.
- In 2016, alcohol was involved in 22 deaths and serious injuries in Region 5, down from 56 in 2015. Region 5 has seen a decrease in alcohol involved fatalities and serious injuries each year since 2013. Region 5 accounted for 5.1 percent of statewide alcohol involved fatalities and serious injuries.
- In 2016, 25.4 percent of all Region 5 fatalities and serious injuries were speed involved, totaling 44. While the total number is up from 2015, the percent of all Region 5 speed involved fatalities and serious injuries decreased to 31 percent in 2015. Region 5 accounts for 6.7 percent of statewide speed involved fatalities and serious injuries.

- Traditionally, a large percentage of fatalities and serious injuries are caused by roadway departures due to the rural nature of the region. 2016 was no exception with 96 fatalities and serious injuries, up from 75 in 2015. This represents 55.5 percent of the total fatalities and serious injuries in Region 5 for 2016 and 10.1 percent of statewide roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries.
- In 2016, 18.5 percent of all Region 5 fatalities and serious injuries were due to motorcycle crashes for a total of 32. This number is more than double what it was in 2015 when Region 5 saw a total of 14 fatalities and serious injuries due to motorcycle crashes. Region 5 accounted for 9.9 percent of the statewide fatalities and serious injuries due to motorcycle crashes.

Fatalities – Region 5

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Baker County	4	2	5	6	7	5
Grant County	1	1	0	2	3	1
Harney County	2	2	5	3	5	3
Malheur County	6	8	3	5	7	6
Morrow County	1	2	3	5	4	3
Umatilla County	27	11	12	11	14	15
Union County	1	2	1	8	4	3
Wallowa County	2	1	5	0	2	2
Total Region 5	44	29	34	40	46	39
Statewide Fatalities	337	313	356	445	498	390
Region 5 Fatalities Percent of State	13.06%	9.27%	9.55%	8.99%	9.24%	10.02%
Region 5 Fatalities per 100,000 Population	23.92	15.67	18.29	21.37	24.41	20.73

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

### Serious Injuries – Region 5

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Baker County	9	9	7	8	14	9
Grant County	7	2	3	3	4	4
Harney County	4	1	6	7	8	5
Malheur County	16	21	18	17	34	21
Morrow County	3	10	6	7	16	8
Umatilla County	45	35	57	35	39	42
Union County	13	11	7	13	9	11
Wallowa County	5	3	1	7	3	4
Region 5 Serious Injuries Total	102	92	105	97	127	105

Fatalities & Serious Injuries - Region 5

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Region 5 Fatalities & Serious Injuries	146	121	139	137	173	143
Statewide Fatalities & Serious Injuries	1,955	1,729	1,852	2,220	2,471	2,045

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

# Speed Involved Fatalities – Region 5

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Baker County	3	1	2	0	2	2
Grant County	1	1	0	1	2	1
Harney County	0	1	1	2	0	1
Malheur County	1	3	2	1	1	2
Morrow County	0	1	2	0	0	1
Umatilla County	16	4	5	4	3	6
Union County	0	1	1	1	3	1
Wallowa County	0	1	4	0	1	1
Region 5 Speed Involved Fatalities	21	13	17	9	12	14
Statewide Total Speed Involved Fatalities	114	120	144	138	207	145
Region 5 Speed Involved Fatalities Percent of State	18.42%	10.83%	11.81%	6.52%	5.80%	10.68%
Region 5 Speed Involved Fatalities per 100k Population	11.41	7.02	9.08	4.81	6.37	7.75

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

# Speed Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries - Region 5

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Region 5 Speed Involved F&A Total	70	51	60	42	44	53
Statewide Speed Involved F&A Total	519	484	502	510	652	533

				_		2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Baker County	0	1	0	3	5	2
Grant County	0	1	0	1	1	1
Harney County	1	1	3	2	0	1
Malheur County	3	3	0	0	4	2
Morrow County	0	1	2	1	0	1
Umatilla County	3	5	5	1	6	4
Union County	0	0	1	2	1	1
Wallowa County	1	1	4	0	0	1
Region 5 Alcohol Involved Fatalities						
	8	13	15	10	17	13
Statewide Total Alcohol Involved Fatalities	123	128	120	187	173	146
Region 5 Alcohol Involved Fatalities Percent of						
State	6.50%	10.16%	12.50%	5.35%	9.83%	8.87%
Region 5 Alcohol Involved Fatalities per 100k Population	4.35	7.02	8.07	5.34	9.02	6.76

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation, Center for Population Research and Census, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

### Alcohol Involved Fatalities & Serious Injuries - Region 5

				5	-	2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Region 5 Alcohol Involved F&A Total	20	28	26	25	22	24
Statewide Total Alcohol Involved F&A Total	413	346	307	433	429	386

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# Populations - Region 5

						2012-2016
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Baker County	16,210	16,280	16,325	16,425	16,510	16,350
Grant County	7,450	7,435	7,425	7,430	7,410	7,430
Harney County	7,315	7,260	7,265	7,295	7,320	7,291
Malheur County	31,395	31,440	31,470	31,480	31,705	31,498
Morrow County	11,300	11,425	11,525	11,630	11,745	11,525
Umatilla County	77,120	77,895	78,340	79,155	79,880	78,478
Union County	26,175	26,325	26,485	26,625	26,745	26,471
Wallowa County	7,015	7,045	7,070	7,100	7,140	7,074
Region 5 Total	183,980	185,105	185,905	187,140	188,455	186,117

#### Goals

- Decrease traffic related fatalities in Region 5 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 39 to 35 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease serious injuries in Region 5 from the 2012-2016 moving average of 105 to 93 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease speed involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 5 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 49 to 45 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease alcohol involved fatalities and serious injuries in Region 5 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 24 to 22 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease roadway departure fatalities and serious injuries in Region 5 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 84 to 74 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease fatalities and serious injuries from motorcycle crashes in Region 5 from the 2014-2016 moving average of 19 to 17 by December 31, 2019.

- Serve as a resource to ODOT Region 5 for transportation safety priority program areas.
   Attend transportation safety meetings, both internal and external of ODOT, as a resource to local and regional safety programs. Attend event planning meetings as a coordinator or partner for applicable transportation safety related events, programs, or fairs within the region.
- Coordinate and/or provide resources and education for transportation safety events, with a
  focus on priority areas of speed, impaired driving, distracted driving, road departure/winter
  driving, motorcycle safety, and occupant protection. Advocate transportation safety
  programs and awareness to partners and communities in Region 5.
- Work with the existing local transportation safety committees (or similar) within the region to enhance and strengthen programs and provide resources and other important information.
   Member and volunteer retention and recruitment is a priority in those communities struggling to keep their groups active.
- Collaborate and work to enhance or create new partnerships with local agencies/groups to raise awareness around transportation safety issues within the region.
- Provide mini-grants to local jurisdictions for DUII community education, speed equipment and/or overtime enforcement, and/or for child passenger safety equipment, supplies, and/or training.
- Assist with coordination of certified CPS Technician meetings and events to help them
  maintain certification, and to stay active in their communities. Techs will be able to network,
  share training opportunities, and stay current on recertification requirements to help with
  Technician retention rates.

- Assist with coordination of bi-annual meetings of the Region 5 Safe Communities Grant Coordinators; as an opportunity to share resources, review local data, coordinate projects, and/or assist with grant writing and reporting. Assist with the development of local TSAPs for these areas.
- Assist with coordination of bi-annual meetings with Region 5 School Resource Officers (SRO) to share information specific to transportation safety; and to give the local SROs opportunity to network, share resources, and coordinate efforts as needed.
- Assist Region 5 law enforcement agencies on training needs and share with state trainers to assist with planning and promotion of training opportunities in Region 5.

# Roadway Safety (RS)

#### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.17.8 - Provide support for use of comprehensive, integrated approaches such as 4
Es to those who design, operate, maintain, and use the system. Extend efforts to all
agencies and partners through education and other measures.

### The Problem

- There is a lack of a blended "4 E" (Education, Enforcement, Engineering and EMS) approach
  to transportation safety statewide.
- There is not general acceptance of the Highway Safety Manual or an identified set of trainings for its benefits and potential implementation statewide.
- Evaluation of the Oregon Safety Corridor Program has identified that existing corridors continue to not be decommissioned within one year of meeting the decommissioning criteria.
- Non-state road authorities do not program safety as a stand-alone priority for their transportation dollars in a consistent manner. Training and awareness are lacking on flexibility, legal requirements, and identification of safety projects.
- There is a need for a statewide comprehensive roadway safety, engineering-related training program. The program should address continuing and enhanced education on a variety of roadway safety engineering related topics, and cover elementary to advanced courses, with efforts made to provide training at low to no cost.
- Roadway safety engineering does not cover the identified need.
- Road authorities find it difficult to attend necessary highway safety training.
- There is a growing need to conduct jurisdictional traffic control device assessments; only some are covered through services provided by Oregon State University.

# Traffic Rates in Oregon, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
National Traffic Fatality Rate <sup>1</sup>	1.14	1.10	1.08	1.12	n/a	n/a
Oregon Traffic Fatality Rate <sup>1</sup>	1.02	0.93	1.03	1.24	1.35	1.11
Highway System, Non-freeway Crash Rate <sup>2</sup>	1.51	1.45	1.53	1.62	n/a	n/a
Highway System Rural Non-freeway Crash Rate	0.88	0.76	0.89	1.05	n/a	n/a
Highway System, Freeway Crash Rate	0.46	0.47	0.51	0.51	n/a	n/a
County Roads/City Streets Crash Rate	2.08	2.00	2.11	2.10	n/a	n/a

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation

<sup>1</sup> Deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

<sup>2</sup> Crashes per million vehicle miles traveled

<sup>\*</sup>PDO crash data not available at the time of this report.

#### Goals

- Increase the number of trainings and local workshops available for state and local public works, and law enforcement staff on various roadway safety related topics from the 2014-2016 moving average of 27 to 30 by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the number of state and local public works and law enforcement staff trained on various engineering, enforcement and transportation safety related topics from the 2014-2016 moving average of 559 to 630 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Increase the number of trainings and local workshops for state and local public works, and law enforcement staff on various roadway safety related topics including human factors engineering from the 2014-2016 moving average of 27 to 29 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of state and local public works and law enforcement staff trained on various engineering, enforcement and transportation safety related topics from the 2014-2016 moving average of 559 to 611 by December 31, 2019.

- Participate in the following ODOT efforts in order to continue the enhancement of roadway safety:
  - Highway Safety Engineering Committee (HSEC)
  - o Research projects and Expert Task Group(s)
  - o Informal Safety Committee
- Provide overtime traffic enforcement on the worst ranked safety corridors.
- Advocate for the proper implementation of the Safety Corridor Guidelines within ODOT.
- Coordinate discussions and input on training topics to be provided within the state. Seek comments and input from local agencies, FHWA and ODOT staff.
- Continue to promote the Highway Safety Manual in an effort to identify and implement its benefits to the state.
- Advance the adoption of the "4 E" approach to traffic safety (e.g., education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services).
- Continue to promote Human Factors Countermeasures in an effort to identify and implement its benefits to the state's transportation system.

# Safe & Courteous Driving (DD)

# **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action 6.4.2: Decrease distracted driving through education and changing social norms.

- "Safe Following Distance" is one of the components of the program, as 'following-too-close' related crashes were the fifth most common driver error in Oregon crashes in 2015.
- "Red Light Running" is also a significant cause of death and serious injury on Oregon streets. These crashes can result in debilitating brain injury and death.
- "Lights and Swipes" refer to safety precautions to take while driving in inclement weather; headlights and windshield wipers used together help your vehicle be more visible to other motorists and road users.
- "Drowsy" or fatigued driving is another component of the Safe and Courteous program. From 2012-2016 there were 3,427 drowsy driving fatal and injury crashes that resulted in 48 fatalities and 4,646 injuries in Oregon.
- "Distracted Driving" is a dangerous behavior for drivers, passengers, non-occupants, and non-motorized travelers alike, and includes multiple distracted behaviors like eating, drinking, reading, and other passengers; as well as use of mobile electronic devices. From 2012-2016 there were 10,814 crashes resulting in 70 fatalities and 16,503 injuries caused by crashes involving a distracted driver in Oregon (all ages).
- During 2017 Legislative Session, HB 2597 was passed to improve the ability of law
  enforcement to cite and convict for the distracted driving violation by clarifying the definition
  of 'hands free' and the allowance for one touch to activate or deactivate the device;
  broadening the scope of coverage to all mobile electronic devices (not just cell phones); and
  adding a diversion course to provide distracted driving education to violators.
- Cell phone use is a major driver distraction problem in Oregon as well as nationwide. From 2012-2016 there were 1,040 fatal and injury crashes statewide, resulting in 19 fatalities and 4,497 injuries caused by drivers reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash. These crash types have historically been underreported in Oregon, as convictions for this offense during the same time frame total 87,839.
- Distracted and Drowsy Driving are the most prevalent of unsafe driving behaviors found in Oregon's Safe & Courteous Driving program.

# Oregon Driver reported to have used Cell Phone, Fatalities and Injuries 2012-2016

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2012	1	296
2013	4	235
2014	3	245
2015	3	316
2016	8	405
Total	19	1,497

Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, , U.S. Department of Transportation

# Oregon Cell Phone Use Convictions 2012-2016

Year	Convictions
2012	23,015
2013	21,520
2014	17,723
2015	15,264
2016	10,317
Total	87,839

Source: Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services

#### Goals

- Decrease drowsy driving fatalities from the 2012-2016 moving average of 10 to 9 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease drowsy driving injuries from the 2012-2016 moving average of 929 to 762 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease distracted driving fatalities related to driver use of a cell phone from the 2012-2016 moving average of 4 to 3 by December 31, 2020.
- Decrease distracted driving injuries related to driver use of a cell phone from the 2012-2016 moving average of 299 to 266 by December 31, 2020.

### Performance Measures

- Decrease drowsy driving fatalities from the 2014-2016 moving average of 10 to 9 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease drowsy driving injuries from the 2014-2016 moving average of 1,006 to 839 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease distracted driving fatalities related to driver use of a cell phone from 2012-2016 average of 5 to 4 by December 31, 2019.
- Decrease distracted driving injuries related to driver use of a cell phone from the 2012-2016 moving average of 322 to 294 by December 31, 2019.

- Develop and distribute public information and education materials to raise awareness and understanding of the dangers of drowsy and distracted driving.
- Provide high visibility enforcement for distracted driving statewide, especially during April 2019, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Distracted Driving Awareness Month.
- Provide public information on all topics in Safe and Courteous program, as required. For example, see ORS 811.526, Safety Campaign for the Use of Headlights. The campaign shall include, but need not be limited to, encouraging people to drive with headlights on under inclement weather conditions.

# Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

#### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.11.1 - Conduct education campaigns to encourage all system users to recognize responsibility for the safety of all travelers (e.g., share the road, slow down for kids).

#### Safe Routes to School Overview

The objectives of a Safe Routes to School Program are:

- To increase the ability and opportunity for children to walk, roll and bicycle safely to and from school
- To make walking, rolling and bicycling appealing travel alternatives
- To influence a healthy and active lifestyle
- To facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools

- Alternative commuting options such as walking, biking, and other types of rolling (wheelchairs, scooters, and skateboards) to school can have many health and academic benefits for youth; however, for the majority of schools nationwide, 10 percent or fewer students walk or bike to school. This is an approximate 40 percent decrease since 1969 (CDC.gov).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended for children and adolescents to have 60 minutes of physical activity per day, yet as of 2016, only 21 percent of youths nationwide meet these recommended physical activity guidelines (health.gov).
- Nationally, 17 percent of children and adolescents are obese (12.7 million) which can have immediate health risks such as hypertension and breathing problems. Long term health risks include a higher risk of being obese as an adult, metabolic chronic disease, and low selfesteem and depression (CDC.gov)
- Despite the benefits of walking and rolling to school, there can be barriers to commuting to school safely such as unsafe roadways facilities or environments. Other contributing factors may be unsafe driving, pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors. In Oregon for children ages 5-14, there is a five-year average of one bicyclist fatality and 80 bicyclist injuries each year; and a three-year average of 2 pedestrian fatalities and 83 pedestrian injuries involving motor vehicle crashes.

A SRTS Action Plan evaluates the travel modes of students to a specific school site and identifies the barriers and hazards to students walking and biking safely to that school. The conclusions drawn from the collected information lead to priority projects and activities that the school, municipality and community can advance to promote safe walking and bicycling to school. Pedestrian safety and bicycle safety education are typical components of a Safe Routes to School program.

In Oregon there are more than 1,200 public K-12 schools organized into 197 school districts.

#### Methods of Traveling to School in Oregon 2012-2015 Children Living within One Mile of the School, Grades K-8

Mode	2012	2013	2014	2015
Car	35%	46%	43%	42%
School Bus	33%	26%	28%	34%
Walk	28%	21%	21%	17%
Bike	2%	4%	2%	1%
Public transit	-	1%	1%	0.3%
Other	-	-	-	6%
Don't' know	1%	-	2%	0.2%

Note:

Intercept Research Corporation, Public Opinion Survey, Summary and Technical Report, May 2014

Portland State University Survey Research Lab: 2015 ODOT NHTSA Program Measures Statewide Public Opinion Survey

Respondents who indicated there is a child in the household who lives within 1 mile of the school they attend were asked to estimate frequency with which child used various modes of commute. Categories were not presented as mutually exclusive and results do not necessarily total 100%.

#### Goals

 Increase the number of completed Oregon SRTS Action Plans from 195 in 2015 to 220 by December 31, 2020.

#### Performance Measures

• To increase the number of schools that have a completed SRTS Action Plan from 197 in 2017 to 210 by December 31, 2019.

- Assist communities in developing SRTS Action Plans by providing training through the SRTS Technical Service Provider consultant.
- Support SRTS efforts at schools implementing their SRTS Action Plans, or looking to create SRTS Action Plans by providing "Train the Coordinator" workshops through the SRTS Technical Service Provider consultant.
- Promote safe walking and biking through media campaign materials targeted to parents and kids choosing active transportation modes to school.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Other" category was identified in the 2015 PSU survey, with the three types of responses found being homeschooled, bike and school bus equally, and car and school bus equally.

- Assist the Oregon Safe Routes to School Network in their development of the SRTS Recognition Program.
- Collaborate with the SRTS Technical Service Provider consultant in updating and managing the OregonSafeRoutes.org website.
- Continue to provide educational resources for statewide distribution promoting safe walking and biking to/from school.
- Assist communities that have identified infrastructure enhancements for walking and biking safely to school to learn about other potential aid opportunities through ODOT.

# Speed (SP)

# **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

Action # 6.3.7 Conduct targeted enforcement to reduce speeding.

- In 2016, 41.07 percent of all traffic fatalities in Oregon involved speeding (traffic deaths).
   Data reflects excessive speed or driving too fast for present conditions as the number two contributing factor to fatal traffic crashes on Oregon roads in the year 2016.
- 22 percent of all 2016 speed related traffic deaths in Oregon occurred on the State Highway System. The Oregon State Police do not currently have the staffing levels needed to appropriately enforce traffic laws in significantly reducing traffic deaths and injuries. Multiagency partnerships and events will be required to address this problem.
- Police agencies, large and small, do not have adequate funding to allow for the purchase of needed speed enforcement equipment, such as radar and Lidar devices, to assist them with traffic enforcement duties.
- Speed Racing is becoming an increasing problem in Oregon (primarily an urban issue). In 2016 there were 331 convictions for Speed Racing in Oregon. Law Enforcement is also seeing an increase in coordinated events where racers are taking over freeways and bridges; a decline in the amount of law enforcement officers available for traffic enforcement makes it difficult to effectively deal with the issue.
- Following are facts relative to increased speed:
  - The chances of dying or being seriously injured in a traffic crash double for every 10 mph driven over 50 mph - this equates to a 400 percent greater chance of dying at 70 mph than 50 mph.
  - o Crash forces increase exponentially with speed increases (i.e., 50 mph increased to 70 mph is a 40 percent increase in speed, while kinetic energy increases 96 percent).
  - The stopping distance for a passenger car on dry asphalt increases from 229 feet at
     mph to 387 feet at 70 mph a 69 percent increase in stopping distance.
- Safety equipment in vehicles is tested at 35 mph that same equipment loses the ability to work effectively at higher speeds.

# Speed in Oregon, 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012-2016 Average
Total Number of Fatalities Statewide	337	313	356	445	498	390
Number of People Killed Involving Speed	114	120	144	138	207	145
Percent Involving Speed	33.8%	38.3%	40.4%	31.0%	41.7%	37.0%
Total Number of Injuries Statewide	36,083	33,149	35,054	41,754	44,496	38,107
Number of People Injured Involving Speed	4,897	4,871	5,248	6,044	5,005	5,213
Percent Involving Speed on State Hwys	13.6%	14.7%	15.0%	14.5%	11.2%	13.8%
Number of Speed Involved Convictions	132,483	130,305	133,950	129,214	143,478	129,101
Number of Speed eCitations Issued	93,080	117,826	136,700	79,829	154,836	116,454
Total Number of eCitations Issued	223,189	272,993	326,970	322,871	248,944	278,993
Number of eCrash Reports Completed	8,063	9,296	12,220	12,188	13,057	10,965

Sources: Driver and Motor Vehicle Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation

Note: Speed- involved offenses and convictions count the following statutes: ORS 811.100, 811.111, and 811.125.

# Speeding Citations During Grant Funded Activities, 2013-2017

	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	2013-2017
						Average
Speeding citations issued	12,376	21,732	4,143**	5,123	12,750	12,118

Sources: TSD Grant files, 2013 - 2017

#### Goals

- Decrease fatalities in speed related crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 113 to 90 by December 31, 2020. (NHTSA)
- Decrease the number of people injured in speed related crashes from the 2012-2016 moving average of 5,213 to 4,615 by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Decrease fatalities in speed related crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 122 to 111 by December 31, 2019. (NHTSA)
- Decrease the number of people injured in speed related crashes from the 2014-2016 moving average of 5,388 to 5,098 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of eCitations issued statewide from the 2014-2016 moving average of 307,611 to 336,135 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of eCrash reports issued statewide from the 2014-2016 moving average of 11,235 to 12,276 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of speed related eCitations issued from the 2014-2016 moving average of 111,452 to 121,786 by December 31, 2019.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Previous years counted all TSD grant program overtime activities (not just speed grant overtime). Starting with 2015, the number reported counts only speed enforcement grant overtime citation activity.

- Provide annual public information and education on the issue of speed via media contractor,
   ODOT public information officers and other media outlets.
- Ensure that speed enforcement overtime dollars are used on the types of roadways in which the largest percentages of death and injuries are occurring. Priority order is: Rural State Highways, County Roads, City Streets and Interstate System.
- Provide comprehensive statewide analysis of speed involved crashes by region annually.
   Work with Region Traffic Safety Coordinators (RTSCs) to address specific problems in their areas. Provide funding as available.
- Work toward elevating the seriousness of the potential consequences of speeding behavior in the public eye as Oregon's number two contributing factor to traffic death and injury severity.
- Monitor the number of eCitations and eCrash data to that which TSD has access (see performance measures 'outcome' above).
- Award speed enforcement overtime funding based on and prioritized by speed related serious injury and fatal crash data.

# Traffic Records (TR)

### **Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:**

 Action #6.16.5 - Develop and implement a new Traffic Records Strategic Plan based on the 2016, and subsequent future assessments of the traffic records system.

- The use of automation, especially for field data collection, is lagging in Oregon. Collection of crash, citation, roadway, and EMS data has been reviewed for the benefits that electronic collection would provide. To date, only minimal use of automation for data collection has been implemented for citations, crash reports, and EMS incidences. There is also no webbased tool available for reporting of crashes by involved drivers.
- Access is very limited to online crash data, as well as to user-friendly analytic tools that support GIS mapping and non-spatial analysis (e.g., cross-tabulated data aggregation) through a single point of access.
- There is not a fully deployed standardized, unique identifier system that follows patients across multiple incidents; such a system would allow for later linkage with crash and other data.
- There is a need for crash report training to be delivered at law enforcement conferences, as well as targeted training for engineers, prosecutors, judges, and EMS providers to promote improved crash data collection.
- Roadway information is not available for all public roads in the state, whether under state or local jurisdiction. ODOT does not have a clear, consistent linear referencing system for highways in Oregon; the same road may have multiple numbers and duplicate milepost numbers, causing confusion for emergency responders.

Traffic Records in Oregon, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Total Crashes	49,797	49,495	51,244	55,156	44,102	49,959
Fatal Crashes	306	292	321	410	448	355
Injury Crashes	24,455	22,975	24,207	28,721	30,162	26,104
Property Damage Crashes	25,036	26,228	26,716	26,026	13,492	23,500
Fatal Crashes Police Reported	97%	98%	98%	97%	99%	98%
Serious Injury Crashes Police Reported	84%	81%	79%	78%	85%	81%
Moderate Injury Crashes Police Reported	72%	73%	73%	73%	77%	74%
Minor Injury Crashes Police Reported	49%	50%	51%	47%	54%	50%
Fatalities	337	313	356	445	498	390
Fatalities per 100 Million VMT	1.02	0.93	1.03	1.24	1.35	1.11
Injuries	36,083	33,149	35,054	41,754	44,496	38,107
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Source: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation eCitation/eCrash data warehouse.

#### Goals

- Continue to increase the level of improvement made annually on one or more of the State's traffic records systems that address one or more of these elements: timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and/or accessibility of transportation safety data by December 31, 2020.
- Increase the linkages between state traffic records data systems from zero to at least one within the State of Oregon by December 31, 2020.

#### **Performance Measures**

- Increase the number of e-crash reports produced and submitted by law enforcement agencies from the 2014-2016 moving average of 11,235 to 12,600 by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the percentage of fatal and injury crash reports submitted by law enforcement officers in Oregon from the 2014-2016 moving average of 58 percent to 64 percent by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the percentage of Pre-Hospital Admission reporting agencies and sub agencies in the pre-hospital admission reporting system from 66 percent in 2016 to 88 percent by December 31, 2019.
- Increase the number of traffic records performance measures improved upon, as identified in the Traffic Records Strategic Plan, by one or more by December 31, 2019.

- Implement the current Traffic Records Strategic Plan as developed and adopted by the TRCC and the OTSC to address and improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility of the safety data needed to identify priorities for state and local highway and traffic safety programs.
- Key recommendations from NHTSA's 2016 Assessment of Oregon's Traffic Records program to be worked on in 2019 include:
  - Develop a new traffic records strategic plan that responds to one or more of the recommendations and issues identified in the newly completed Traffic Records Assessment
  - Develop a TRCC process for prioritizing traffic records improvement projects in the TRCC strategic plan.
  - Develop an enterprise roadway information system containing roadway and traffic data elements for all public roads.
  - o Consider development of a statewide authority to assign unique citation numbers.
  - Assess how the State can track citations from point of issuance to posting onto the driver file.
  - Develop a system to track citations that are adjudicated by the local (municipal and justice) courts.
  - o Ensure that the injury surveillance system includes EMS data.
  - Develop completeness performance measures tailored to the needs of EMS system managers and data users.

# Work Zone Safety (WZ)

# Link to the Transportation Safety Action Plan:

Action # 6.17.7 - Provide education and other countermeasures to ensure safe work zones around roadway construction and improvement projects for workers and the traveling public.

### **The Problem**

- Work zones are not engineered to the same standards as permanent facilities, as a result there's a higher risk for crashes in work zones.
- Work zones make up a very small percentage of the entire roadway system during a very limited time of the year; thus comparing work zone fatalities, injuries, and crashes to all roadway crash data or other traffic safety issues would not be effective or accurate. This comparison would only be feasible if all roadways had an active work zone all year long.
- Inattentiveness continues to be the number one cause of work zone crashes. Driving too fast for conditions/speed is a compounding factor.
- Drivers and their passengers are injured and killed more often than construction workers in work zone crashes.
- Most work zone crashes involve male drivers.
- Most work zone crashes occur within a driver's local area (e.g., within 25 miles of their residence).
- According to national studies, work zone crashes tend to be more severe than other types of crashes.

# Work Zones in Oregon, 2012-2016

						2012-2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Work Zone Fatal/Serious Injury Crashes	22	14	14	19	27	19
Work Zone Injury Crashes	244	212	271	324	349	280
All Work Zone Crashes	429	427	512	544	n/a	n/a
Work Zone Fatalities	6	6	4	3	7	5
Work Zone Fatal/Serious Injuries	26	18	16	19	33	22
Work Zone Injuries	375	327	439	498	548	437

Sources: Crash Analysis and Reporting, Oregon Department of Transportation

, U.S. Department of Transportation

#### Goals

- Reduce work zone fatalities from 5, the average for 2012-2016, to 4 or below by December 31, 2020.
- Reduce work zone fatal crashes from 4, the average for 2012-2016, to 3 or below by December 31, 2020.
- Reduce work zone serious injuries from 17, the average for 2012-2016, to 15 or below by December 31, 2020.
- Reduce work zone serious injury crashes from 15, the average for 2012-2016, to 13 or below by December 31, 2020.
- Reduce work zone injury crashes from 280, the average for 2012-2016, to 248 or below by December 31, 2020.

#### Performance Measure

- Reduce work zone fatalities from 5, the average for 2014-2016, to 4 or below by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce work zone fatal crashes from 4, the average for 2014-2016, to 3 or below by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce work zone serious injuries from 18, the average for 2014-2016, to 16 or below by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce work zone serious injury crashes from 16, the average for 2014-2016, to 14 or below by December 31, 2019.
- Reduce work zone injury crashes from 315, the average for 2014-2016, to 287 or below by December 31, 2019.

- Participate in the statewide identification, development and promotion of new and existing work zone safety related countermeasures.
- Advance the adoption of the "4 E" approach to work zone traffic safety (e.g., education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services).
- Provide work zone traffic enforcement overtime funding to various state and local police agencies.
- Identify best practices for work zone enforcement and implement through ODOT partners as possible.
- Serve as staff to the statewide Work Zone Safety Executive Steering Committee; coordinate/ initiatives.
- Finalize implementation/reporting of the Statewide Work Zone Photo Radar legislative initiative.

# 2019 Anticipated Revenues Summary

Fund Courses	Avec		Anticipated
Fund Sources	Area		FY 2019
USDOT Block Grants			
FHWA Section 164 AL	Impaired Driving		\$ 1,364,369
FHWA Work Zone	Work Zone		\$ 1,884,000
FHWA HSIP	Roadway Safety		\$ 668,000
FHWA – Flex Safe Routes	Safe Routes to School		\$ 690,962
NHTSA 1906	Racial Profiling		\$ 375,000
NHTSA Section 402	Discretionary Highway Safety		\$ 3,141,000
NHTSA 405(b)	Occupant Protection		\$ 432,897
NHTSA 405(c)	Traffic Records		\$ 1,210,000
NHTSA 405(d)	Impaired Driving		\$ 1,914,640
NHTSA 405(e)	Safe and Courteous		\$ 65,000
NHSTA 405(f)	Motorcycle Safety		\$ 53,608
NHTSA 405(h)	Non-Motorized (Bike/Pedestrian)		\$ 307,013
<b>、</b>	,	Subtotal	\$ 12,106,489
Other Revenues			
ODOT	Youth Programs - TOF		\$ 95,000
ODOT	School Bus Safety Education		\$ 46,330
\$28 per MC Endorsement	Motorcycle Safety		\$ 1,500,000
\$6 per License	Driver Education (SDTF)		\$ 3,736,000
ODOT DMV - Flat	State Match (Program Management)		\$ 675,000
Highway Fund	Regional Match (Program Management)		\$ 500,000
,	, ,	Subtotal	\$ 6,552,330
			FY 2019
	Federal Revenues		\$ 12,106,489
	State/Other Revenues		\$ 6,552,330
	Total		\$ 18,658,819

# 2019 Anticipated Revenues by Program Area

Program Area	Fund FY 2	2019 Anticipated Rev	/enues
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	402	\$	307,013
	405(h)	\$	5,000
Community Traffic Safety	402	\$	284,000
Driver Education	402	\$	15,000
	State Funds	\$	46,330
	SDTF	\$	
	TOF	\$	95,000
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	402	\$	40,000
Equipment Safety, Vehicle	402	\$	15,000
Impaired Driving-Alcohol	164AL	\$	1,339,369
	405(d)	\$	468,543
Impaired Driving-Drugs	405(d)	\$	1,311,097
Judicial Education	402	\$	30,000
Motorcycle Safety	405(f)	\$	53,608
	Motorcycle Funds \$28		•
Occupant Protection	402	\$	380,000
-	405(b)	\$	432,897
Older Drivers	402	\$	20,000
Police Traffic Safety	402	\$	207,000
Regions	402	\$	125,000
Roadway Safety	402	\$	20,000
	FHWA	\$	668,000
Safe and Courteous	405(e)	\$	65,000
Safe Routes to School	FHWA	\$	605,962
Speed	402	\$	670,000
Statewide	164AL	\$	25,000
	402	\$	
	405(d)	\$	135,000
	FHWA	\$	85,000
	SDTF	\$	275,000
	Motorcycle Funds	\$ \$ \$ \$	75,000
	Highway Funds		
	State Funds	\$	675,000
Traffic Records	1906	\$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	405(c)	\$	1,210,000
Work Zone	FHWA	\$	1,884,000
		Total \$	18,658,819

# 2019 Project Funding Narratives by Program Area

#### **Statewide**

Planning & Administration	Awarded	
Section 164	\$25,000	

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for administrative personnel.

Planning & Administration	Awarded
Section 402	\$280,000
State Funds	[\$275,000]

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for administrative personnel.

Program Management	Awarded
Section 402	\$950,000
State Funds	[\$400,000]

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for program coordination.

Statewide Services - Data/Observation Study/Telephone Research	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project funds TSD opinion surveys conducted in relation to transportation safety programs.

Statewide Services -Media Report (TSD)	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project provides funding for Public Information and Education Media Services annual report on the level of use received by the Transportation Safety Division's PSAs and their retail value.

Trauma Nurses Talk Tough – Train the Trainer	Awarded
Section 402	\$15,000

This project provides funding to continue statewide training of trauma care providers to teach the TNTT program. TNTT's effective presentations address bicycle safety and other wheeled sport safety (skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters), high-risk drivers, safety belt use, impaired driving, cell phone use while driving (including texting/talking on cell phones, and speed) and dealing with distractions while driving.

Transportation Safety Conference	Awarded
Section 402	\$35,000

Provide for a statewide conference, and/or a series of regional conferences. The conference will provide a forum for sharing information and data of statewide significance in reducing transportation related deaths and debilitating injuries, and allow participants to connect traffic safety programs and ideas. The grant will provide for speakers, facilities costs, and incidental materials.

Program Management - Impaired Driving	Awarded
405(d)	\$135,000

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for administrative personnel.

Program Management - Safe Routes to School	Awarded
FHWA	\$85,000

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for Safe Routes to School program coordination.

Program Management - Driver Education	Awarded
Student Driver Training Fund (SDTF)	[\$275,000]

Salaries, benefits, travel, services and supplies and office equipment will be funded for the Driver Education program manager and staff.

Motorcycle Safety Program Management	Awarded
State Motorcycle Funds	[\$75,000]

Salaries; benefits, travel; services and supplies; and office equipment will be funded for the Motorcycle program manager.

Region Program Management	Awarded
State Highway Fund	[\$500,000]

Salaries; benefits; travel; services and supplies; and office equipment will be funded for region program personnel.

#### Bike and Pedestrian

Pedestrian Statewide Services	Awarded
405(h)	\$82,013
Section 402	\$5,000

Participate in annual TSD Public Opinion telephone survey; update/reprint pedestrian safety resource materials; develop annual statewide media campaign with TSD media contractor; collaborate with ODOT Roadway Engineers, ODOT Active Transportation Unit, Region Traffic Safety Coordinators and local agencies to educate and inform public on infrastructure enhancements; explore feasibility and implementation of low-cost pedestrian safety enhancements (e.g., in-street pedestrian signs, speed feedback signs) to encourage driver compliance for stopping at crosswalks for pedestrians; and promote pedestrian education training to drivers and pedestrians.

Pedestrian Enforcement & Training	Awarded
405(h)	\$80,000

Statewide pedestrian safety enforcement (PSE) operations overtime mini-grant program to Oregon law enforcement agencies, to also include operations, training and evaluation, and diversion classes as applicable; to be administered by Oregon Impact.

Bicyclist Services	Awarded
405(h)	\$70,000

Develop annual statewide media campaign with TSD media contractor; update/reprint bicycle safety resource materials and collaborate with Region Traffic Safety Coordinators in distribution of safety resources; promote bicycle safety education training to drivers and bicyclists; collaborate with ODOT Roadway Engineers, ODOT Active Transportation Unit, Region Traffic Safety Coordinators and local agencies to educate and inform public on infrastructure enhancements.

Bicycle Safety Education & Training	Awarded
405(h)	\$30,000

The program provides train-the-trainer instruction and technical advice and assistance to communities implementing bike safety in schools. This is the sixth year by The Street Trust providing the JumpStart Bicycle Fleet program to a community demonstrating readiness to establish a bike safety program in local schools.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Class	Awarded
405(h)	\$45,000

The program will develop, promote and implement driver education classes on pedestrian and bicycle laws and best practices in the cities of Eugene, Bend, and Portland and to other areas within the county.

## Community Traffic Safety

Clackamas Safe Community	Awarded
Section 402	\$10,000

The project will work with local government to communicate the implementation of key objectives of the new 2019 local TSAP, the Safe Communities Coalition concept, and to refine an aggressive 4E approach to reducing death and injury. The project will adapt strategies from Montana State research on culture change regarding organizational and highway safety. As with all TSD community grants, the project will utilize NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work" and FHWA's "Proven Safety Strategies" along with the safety program principles of the Safe Community model.

Suburban - Lane Safe Community	Awarded
Section 402	\$95,000

The project will coordinate and implement portions of the new county and city level Transportation Safety Action Plans. This project will continue work to integrate the elements of the Safe Community concept within Lane County, and will specifically encourage partnerships within the county government, and with cities within the county. The project will specifically employ a coordinator to assist with and implement actions to initiate culture changes inside and outside city and county government, moving the community to a zero acceptable deaths approach to managing motor vehicle traffic. This project will provide for additional interaction with other counties and cities within the state.

Safe Community Services	Awarded
Section 402	\$100,000

The project will provide webinar and direct training, mentoring, and technical assistance to promote traffic safety volunteer efforts that mirror NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work" and other proven efforts. This project will continue to offer local traffic safety advocates access to additional technical assistance via a weekday 1-800 "warm" line, and a project directed minimum of 12 electronic newsletters featuring traffic safety ideas and recognition for successful programs. This project will make at minimum phone contact with 100% of the recognized local traffic safety communities in Oregon in the fiscal year, and work with ODOT region staff to insure that 100% of the recognized communities receive at least one in-person visit during the time. The project will be responsible to identify an effective measurement and then increase the number of citizens who volunteer to assist for traffic safety projects, and promote volunteerism by a measurable level. The project will coordinate with TSD staff to assist locals in coordinating their efforts between program topics, with an aim to develop more holistic efforts.

RuralHarney County Coordinator	Awarded
Section 402	\$20,000

This project will implement countermeasures designed to reduce death and injury using NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work". The project will provide for staff to aid in the development of a county level Transportation Safety Action Plan. The project will provide funds for a part time local safe community coordinator for the rural county. The coordinator position will complement the existing volunteer efforts, and provide further organization allowing greater output from the existing coalitions. The coordinator position will work to hand off local efforts to volunteers, allowing the project efforts to shift focus in the following grant year.

Grant County	Awarded
Section 402	\$20,000

This project will utilize a local coordinator implement countermeasures designed to reduce death and injury using NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work". The project will provide for staff to aid in the development of a county level Transportation Safety Action Plan. The project will provide funds for a part time local safe community coordinator for the county. The coordinator position will complement the existing volunteer efforts, and provide further organization allowing greater output from the existing coalitions. The coordinator position will work to hand off local efforts to volunteers, allowing the project efforts to shift focus in the following grant year.

Union/Wallowa County Coordinator	Awarded
Section 402	\$39,000

This project will use a local coordinator to implement countermeasures designed to reduce death and injury using NHTSA's "Countermeasures That Work". The project will provide for staff to aid in the development of a county level Transportation Safety Action Plan. The project will provide funds for a part time local safe community coordinator for a rural county. The coordinator position will work to hand off local efforts to volunteers, allowing the project efforts to shift focus in the following grant year.

#### **Driver Education**

Statewide Services - Supplement for Non-ODOT Providers to attend the PacNW Regional Conference	Awarded
Section 402	\$15,000

These funds provide support for both out-of-state and non-ODOT driver education instructors to attend the Pacific Northwest Regional Driver and Traffic Safety Conference held annually in March. This Portland based regional conference provides support for over 300 instructors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Carolina, and Canada, involving three days of general, keynote and breakout educational sessions.

Driver Education Program Reimbursement	Awarded
Student Driver Training Fund	\$2,280,000

These funds reimburse public and private providers for a portion of their costs in providing driver education to teen novice drivers. Reimbursement is made to each public or private provider based on the number of students completing their driver education courses, not to exceed \$210 per student, the maximum allowed by law. Additionally, a low/no cost subsidy is also allowable, not to exceed \$75 per qualified student. Curriculum standards and delivery practices must be met before reimbursement dollars are provided. Adaptive Strategies Programming allows TSD to fund innovative "project specific" activities that increase access to driver education services in underserved areas of the state.

GDL Implementation - Information and Education	Awarded
Student Driver Training Fund	\$606,000

These funds provide a grant to Western Oregon University (WOU) to train and certify new instructors completing the driver education instructor preparation courses. WOU also provides for trainer of trainers' (ToTs) development and workshops. Additionally, grant funds provide for maintaining the Instructor Certification program, as well as developing the R.A.P.I.D. compliance database for ODOT-TSD. Grant funds will also be applied to implementing aspects of the Driver Education Program's 5-year Strategic Plan. Other tasks of the WOU grant are to administer the annual Pacific Northwest Regional Driver and Traffic Safety Conference (PacNW), and to work on curriculum update projects for ODOT-TSD. Up to 15 traffic safety education courses (instructor training) will be offered throughout the state.

Statewide Services - Driver Education	Awarded
Student Driver Training Fund	\$525,000

This grant supports the Driver Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) quarterly meetings and activities promoting "best practices" in driver education. This grant also supplies funding for statewide advertisement of the driver education program, including instructor recruitment. Additionally, two mini-grants are set to be awarded to provide continuing education to DE instructors. The ODTSEA conference continues to provide instructor and provider support each October, and Chemeketa Community College provides an online option for continuing education. The Adaptive Strategies projects are funded through mini-grants in order to increase access of Oregon Youth to Approved Driver Education statewide, which currently includes Regional Initiative grants.

Driver Education DHS Foster Kids	Awarded
Student Driver Training Fund	\$50,000

This two-year ongoing grant reimburses DHS for their parent cost in providing driver education to eligible foster teens. Reimbursement is made to DHS based on the number of students completing the approved driver education course. Eligibility standards and course completion are managed by the DHS Foster Care Program.

Think First	Awarded	
Transportation Operating Fund	\$47,500	

This project addresses the high incidence of brain and spinal cord injuries suffered by Oregon's youth through Think First Injury Prevention programs. Project goals are accomplished by providing family education events, injury prevention resources for parents, teachers and youth, injury prevention curriculum for schools and community members, school presentations for grades 1 through 12, and community injury prevention activities at outreach events, including driver education classes. This program addresses the acceptance of risk in pre-driver education children and therefore seen as crucial to providing entry level education into the teen driving process.

Trauma Nurses Talk Tough	Awarded
Transportation Operating Fund	\$47,500

This funding supports the ongoing and expanding work of TNTT which conducts safety education programs for kindergarten through college, develops and participates in statewide safety promotional events, participates in research and data collection about traumatic injuries, and promotes proper use of bicycle helmets, safety belts and car seats. TNTT also works with other partners to provide safety information to high risk youth, including parents whenever possible. This program has been proven effective to address the acceptance of risk in pre-driver education children.

School Bus Safety Education	Awarded
State Funds	\$46,330

This funding enables the Oregon Department of Education to visit and deliver School Bus Safety Education to Oregon schools. Students are trained on how to travel to and from school safely. Funds are also made available for maintaining "Buster" buses, the presentation tools for student bus safety training. Students are also taught about the safety patrol program and adults are provided crossing guard instruction. Stop paddles, school flags and vests are purchased through this grant and distributed to schools.

## **Emergency Medical Services**

EMS Statewide Services	Awarded
Section 402	\$40,000

This project will assist in strengthening Oregon's EMS capabilities statewide. It will be used as support for rural emergency medical services personnel (both paid and volunteer) to attend one of three statewide training conferences to maintain certification. Funding may also support a statewide pilot to provide on-line EMS training opportunities to rural EMS personnel needing to earn Continuing Education credits for certification purposes.

# **Vehicle Equipment Safety**

Statewide Services - Equipment	Awarded
Section 402	\$15,000

This project will contribute to the annual division telephone survey that includes questions about equipment safety; update and reprint brochures, flyers and other resource materials; and contribute to the public information and education media contract to continue to educate motorists about equipment safety issues. This includes concepts related to towing safety; securing loads; vehicle maintenance; window tinting regulations; vehicle customization regulations, and general equipment laws.

# **Impaired Driving-Alcohol**

Statewide Services Program - DUII	Awarded
164AL	\$430,000

A comprehensive traffic safety public information program will be implemented. Materials and supplies developed through this project provide the general population with safe driving messages relevant to alcohol and other intoxicating substances. DUII related PSAs in the form of billboards, print, water closet, television and radio will be produced and distributed. Public opinion survey questions specific to impaired driving will be conducted.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Oversight and Management Program	Awarded
164AL	\$209,369

This project will provide the initial creation and implementation of the state's IID Oversight and Management project established by the Oregon Legislature in 2017 with HB 2638. The project will create administrative rules and processes for the oversight, inspection and regulation of IID vendors and installers until July 2019, when the program transfers to the Oregon State Police for the addition of the necessary enforcement component to raise Oregon's IID installation compliance rate. This project pays for three staff - a program manager and two administrative positions, all of which either terminate July 2019 or transfer to OSP.

DUII Court 1 - City of Beaverton	Awarded
164AL	\$50,000

Funds for this project will support a program coordinator for the municipal DUII for the City of Beaverton. This position is critical to the oversight, organization and tracking of offenders while they are participating in the B-SOBR program.

DUII Overtime Enforcement Program - OSP	Awarded
164AL	\$100,000

Oregon State Police continue to participate in High Visibility Enforcement events throughout the year, designated at high-incidence windows for DUII. This grant will provide overtime funds for troopers working in coordinated statewide DUII-specific patrols.

Law Enforcement Spokesperson - DPSST	Awarded
164AL	\$100,000

This project provides funding for the management and training of all DUII-related law enforcement training in the State of Oregon. SFST and SFST Refresher training is held at various locations across the state. Additional goals are to increase the number of Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) certified trainers and provide mobile video training to state, county and municipal departments, as well as to keep officer training records available for those organizations managing HVE grants.

HVE DUII Enforcement - Oregon Impact Municipal Agencies	Awarded
164AL	\$300,000

This grant is for DUII overtime enforcement mini-grants to city police departments throughout the state. Approximately 55 cities covering over 80% of the state's population will receive overtime funds for FFY2019. Cities participating in High Visibility Enforcement events will provide DUII-specific patrols at designated high-incidence windows for impaired driving, This grant also allows for flexibility to accommodate local community events that can be designated as high impaired-driving risks.

HVE DUII Enforcement - OSSA Sheriff's Departments	Awarded
164AL	\$150,000

The Oregon State Sheriffs Association will provide mini-grants for overtime hours to county sheriff's offices for DUII saturation patrols during High Visibility Enforcement events throughout the year, designated as high-incidence windows for DUII incidents. This grant also allows for flexibility to accommodate local community events that can be designated as high impaired-driving risks.

Beaverton Police Department - No Refusal	Awarded
405(d)	\$7,000

The goal of the "No Refusal" Program is to deter people from driving under the influence and prevent impaired driving crashes. The program provides a tool for law enforcement to collect and preserve time-sensitive evidence. The BPD will work with prosecutors and judges to quickly obtain "blood draw warrants" for drivers who refuse Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) testing. Individuals suspected of impaired driving who unlawfully refuse to provide a breath test will be subject to blood testing generally conducted at the Beaverton Police Department by a contract ambulance company.

DUII Investigator - Lane County District Attorney's Office	Awarded	
405(d)	\$120,000	

This project funds a DUII Investigator with the Lane County DA's office for the exclusive purpose of investigating DUII crimes, serious crashes and fatalities, and will assist those prosecutors handling misdemeanor and felony DUII crimes. This position will be a certified crash reconstructionist with a law enforcement background. Lane County is over-represented in fatal crashes from impaired driving, and adding this capacity in the DA's office will assist in more swift prosecution and adjudication of cases that may otherwise be dismissed or delayed.

DUII Resource Prosecutor (1)	Awarded
405(d)	\$231,543

This project provides a DUII prosecutor at the Department of Justice who serves as a resource and subject matter expert to municipal, county and state prosecutors in handling complex DUII laws and unique or difficult cases. The DUII Prosecutor will travel throughout Oregon to assist with DUII cases, and will participate as a trainer for prosecutors and law enforcement relating to DUII law, procedures and case law updates.

DUII Resource Prosecutor (2)	Awarded
405(d)	\$85,000

This project provides a DUII prosecutor at the Department of Justice who serves as a resource and subject matter expert to municipal, county and state prosecutors in handling complex DUII laws and unique or difficult cases. The DUII Prosecutor will travel throughout Oregon to assist with DUII cases, and will participate as a trainer for prosecutors and law enforcement relating to DUII law, procedures and case law updates.

Region 1-5 Impaired Driving Programs - Medium	Awarded
405(d)	\$25,000

This grant is to ODOT Regions 1-5 to assist with impaired driving training and education programs as needed per problem identification within the region.

# **Impaired Driving-Drugs**

Drug Recognition Expert - Blood Testing (DRE)	Awarded
405(d)	\$90,000

This project is designed to encourage state and local law enforcement agencies to pursue the collection and analysis of blood evidence for drugs in DUII cases, for the purposes of improved prosecution, more complete data gathering, and as a tool for improving DRE evaluation accuracy.

Drug Recognition Expert Training (DRE)	Awarded
405(d)	\$180,000

Provide training and coordination of the Oregon Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) program and other related impaired driving programs in accordance with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and NHTSA guidelines and recommendations. This grant provides for a DRE school and field certifications to be conducted in FFY2019, as well as statewide ARIDE trainings, including the projected training of all OSP troopers in ARIDE by December 2019.

Drug Recognition Expert Overtime Enforcement (DRE)	Awarded	
405(d)	\$100,000	

Provides statewide overtime enforcement by DREs representing multiple law enforcement agencies.

DUII Multi-Disciplinary Task Force Training Conference	Awarded
405(d)	\$100,000

This project provides funding for an annual training conference, specifically focused on DUII issues, which includes participating disciplines such as law enforcement, prosecutors, prevention and treatment professionals and others across the DUII spectrum of involvement. The DUII Multidisciplinary Task Force Conference will reach well over 300 people within the State of Oregon, working in the DUII subject area.

Prosecuting the Drugged Driver	Awarded
405(d)	\$50,000

Through a partnership with the Oregon District Attorney's Association, this project funds a joint training with prosecutors and local Drug Recognition Experts and other law enforcement to build partnerships and a common understanding of the complications and strategies unique to drugimpaired driving cases.

CLEAR Alliance - Prevention Education to Reduce Drug-Impaired Driving	Awarded
405(d)	\$200,000

This project focuses on youth education pertaining to drug-impaired driving through in-school trainings, media campaigns, and other community engagement opportunities. This project is now a statewide effort, and includes a statewide education conference for prevention specialists as well as those in a position to reach youth, such as school resource officers, healthcare professionals, teachers, and others.

LC/MS/MS Instrument	Awarded
405(d)	\$348,995

This project funds the purchase of a Liquid Chromatograph Tandem Mass Spectrometer for the Oregon State Police Crime Lab to enable them to reduce backlog, and accurately and quickly test DUII blood toxicology samples for impairing drugs in-house instead of sending samples across country for testing.

Forensic Scientists - Oregon State Police Crime Lab	Awarded
405(d)	\$192,825

This project provides for two forensic scientists at the Oregon State Police Crime Lab for two purposes. First, a significant toxicology backlog for DUII's has created unintended consequences for the prosecution and adjudication of DUII crimes elsewhere in the DUII continuum, leading to dismissals. These scientists are working to reduce that backlog of evidence to greatly improve turnaround time. Second, these scientists will be tasked with the operation of the LC/MS/MS toxicology instrument once that is put into place, which will allow OSP to test blood evidence for the presence of drugs; where OSP will no longer need to send blood evidence out of state for testing, and local prosecutors will not bear the cost of paying for out-of-state testimony from scientists from across the country, which has also led to delays and dismissals (financial challenge).

DUII Statewide Services	Awarded
405(d)	\$49,277

A comprehensive traffic safety public information program will be implemented. Materials and supplies developed through this project provide the general population with safe driving messages relevant to alcohol and other intoxicating substances. DUII related PSAs in the form of billboards, print, water closet, television and radio will be produced and distributed. Public opinion survey questions specific to impaired driving will be conducted.

#### **Judicial Education**

Judicial Education	Awarded
Section 402	\$30,000

ODOT TSD helps facilitate a traffic safety related education conference to Oregon municipal, justice, and circuit court judges in March each year. In addition to judges, the training is also offered to court administrators. Topics covered include, legislative updates from the current session and other relevant traffic safety topics of interest expressed by the judges.

Additionally, Oregon District Attorney's Association (ODAA) delivers TSD funded Traffic Safety Education trainings each year to prosecutors from around the state. Often times, these are joint trainings with prosecutors and law enforcement.

# **Motorcycle Safety**

Motorcyclist Safety Training Enhancement	Awarded
405(f)	\$35,000

This project may partner with non-traditional partners (law enforcement officers, private training groups, insurance companies) in outreach to riders to encourage ongoing rider education and training which specifically addresses decision making issues and skill deficiencies that are causative factors in crashes. This project may also purchase equipment to support outreach efforts designed to illustrate the results of speeding, riding impaired, and/or to highlight awareness of motorcycle riders. The project may also fund curriculum improvement and development, support of instructor recruitment and retention efforts, development and purchase of instructional materials, and the purchase of new mobile training units or support vehicles.

Motorist Awareness	Awarded
405(f)	\$18,608

This project will provide funding for the Motorcyclist Safety Program Public Information and Education campaign to address motorist awareness of motorcycles in traffic. This project will continue supporting the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety media campaign regarding messaging to motorists and riders in high crash rate areas.

Oregon State University Team Oregon Operations	Awarded
Motorcycle Funds	\$1,016,000

This project will provide funding for training site assistance and daily operation of the statewide motorcycle safety project. Daily operation includes: Mobile Program courses, instructor training, instructor update workshops, internal and external quality assurance (instructors, training, and sites); public information and education activities provided by staff and instructors (public presentations, fairs, mall shows, Sober Graduation presentations, and other motorcycle events); and other operational functions. Training site assistance includes statewide liability insurance, equipment, printing and material needs.

Oregon State University Team Oregon Infrastructure	Awarded
Motorcycle Funds	\$100,000

This project will provide funding for motorcycle safety training infrastructure through the purchase or lease of land, buildings and improvements, maintenance of training sites, and replacement mobile site support vehicles and trailers.

Statewide Services Motorcycle Safety	Awarded
Motorcycle Funds	\$159,000

This project will provide funding for implementation of elements of Oregon Revised Statute 802.320 to eliminate rider crashes, injuries and deaths. Examples of activities that will support this project include media campaigns directed at riders and drivers, rider education/outreach through ODOT TSD website and other forums, membership and collaboration with the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators, participation in the Annual SMSA Symposium, , partnership projects with Region Traffic Safety Coordinators, and participation in various motorcycle safety surveys to remain current on emerging trends and public sentiment. This project also supports projects prioritized by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS) and includes committee member travel, meeting expenses, research projects, and publication expenses.

Motorcycle/Moped Training Equipment	Awarded
Motorcycle Funds	\$150,000

This project will provide specific funding for motorcycles (two and/or three wheel) and scooter purchases including support equipment/materials. This grant will also allow the training program element identified in ORS 802.320 to continually invest in modern motorcycles that are equipped with new safety technology. This will allow students to experience the benefits of modern safety features which may influence their motorcycle purchase decisions.

## **Occupant Protection**

Statewide Services - OP	Awarded
Section 402	\$180,000

This project will fund contracted media design, brochure revisions, social media advertising, Spanish radio public service announcements and billboards; public attitude and observed restraint use survey; as well as TSD direct purchase, reproduction and distribution of educational materials.

Local PD Safety Belt Overtime Mini-Grants	Awarded
Section 402	\$200,000

This project will fund police officer overtime for traffic enforcement and educational activities that facilitate compliance with Oregon motor vehicle restraint laws, including participation in three, two-week high-visibility enforcement "waves". Expenses to undergo initial child passenger safety certification training may also be covered (certification fee and lodging/travel/meal per diem).

Local PD Safety Belt Overtime Mini-Grants	Awarded
405(b)	\$52,897

This project will fund police officer overtime for traffic enforcement and educational activities that facilitate compliance with Oregon motor vehicle restraint laws, including participation in three, two-week high-visibility enforcement "waves". Expenses to undergo initial child passenger safety certification training may also be covered (certification fee and lodging/travel/meal per diem).

County Safety Belt Overtime Enforcement, OSSA	Awarded
405(b)	\$190,000

This project will fund administrative and deputy overtime for traffic enforcement and educational activities that facilitate compliance with Oregon motor vehicle restraint laws, including participation in three, two-week high-visibility enforcement "waves". Expenses to undergo initial child passenger safety certification training may also be covered (certification fee and lodging/travel/meal per diem).

Statewide Safety Belt Overtime Enforcement, OSP	Awarded
405(b)	\$70,000

This project will fund administrative and trooper overtime for traffic enforcement and educational activities that facilitate compliance with Oregon motor vehicle restraint laws, including participation in three, two-week high-visibility enforcement "waves". Expenses to undergo initial child passenger safety certification training may also be covered (certification fee and lodging/travel/meal per diem).

Statewide Instructor Development, Tech Training, & Reg. 1 Fitting Station	Awarded
405(b)	\$100,000

This project will fund administration, instructor services, and equipment & supplies necessary to train CPS technicians & instructors; may include instructor fees, facility rentals, training materials/supplies, delivery of CPS training, and scholarships for technician and instructor candidates (per diem travel costs, certification fees, and conference registration). Also provides mini-grants to ODOT Region 1 community fitting stations and/or alternative sentencing programs to cover costs of equipment and supplies.

CPS Fitting Station Support, ODOT Regions 2-5	Awarded
405(b)	\$20,000

This project will fund mini-grants to fitting stations and/or alternative sentencing programs to cover costs for purchase of equipment, supplies, child car seats, boosters, and scholarships for technician and instructor candidates (per diem travel costs, certification fees).

#### **Older Drivers**

Older Driver/Pedestrian Resource Inventory	Awarded	
Section 402	\$20,000	

In Oregon, older driver crashes are defined as crashes where drivers 65 and older are involved, but not necessarily the cause of the crash. As a subset of older driver involved crashes, older pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries are also a concern due to slower reaction times, not being able to see crosswalks or automobiles clearly, misjudging the amount of time required to cross a street safely, or just being less aware of their surroundings. In addition, when older pedestrians are struck by a vehicle, their injuries tend to be more severe.

Older Drivers/Pedestrians is a new addition to TSD's topical focus areas this year as 'The Problem' identification above identifies the need to address this growing traffic safety issue. The TSAP 2016-2020 recognized this need in the 'Vulnerable Users' emphasis area and determined strategies, or Action Items to work on the problem. ODOT's first step in 2019 will be to determine what public education, information and resources are already being provided to older drivers/pedestrians throughout Oregon; in order to determine where gaps may lie, and the best way to approach and educate this demographic. Funds may be used to develop print and other educational materials.

## **Police Traffic Safety**

DPSST Law Enforcement Training Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$77,000

This project will co-fund a full-time DPSST employee who provides various traffic safety trainings throughout the state to law enforcement officers. As part of these trainings, police officers receive RADAR/LIDAR training. The online RADAR/LIDAR course is also being updated with this project; this project is moving slowly as it cannot be completed until NHTSA completes their updates of the curriculum.

Statewide Law Enforcement Training Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$130,000

This project will fund Advanced Crash Investigation Training, Police Traffic Safety Conference, Advanced Motor Officer Training and the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Committee quarterly meetings.

## **Regions**

Region 1 Services Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project assists TSD and the RTSC in providing transportation safety education, outreach, enforcement, and/or services to a wide variety of community based traffic safety programs working on targeted crash reduction. Mini-grants may be provided to local jurisdictions and traffic safety organizations to address data-driven transportation safety problems. No more than 8% of the award will be spent on public education and information items, such as brochures, tablecloths, retro-reflective items, or other production mediums; and no more than 5% of the award will be spent on child passenger safety seat purchases or distribution (either through direct purchase or via a mini-grant sub-award).

Region 2 Services Grant	Awarded	
Section 402	\$25,000	

This project provides transportation safety education, outreach, enforcement, and services to a wide variety of community based traffic safety programs for targeted crash reduction. Mini-grants may be provided to local jurisdictions and traffic safety organizations to address identified transportation safety problems.

Region 3 Services Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project provides transportation safety education, outreach, enforcement, and services to a wide variety of community based traffic safety programs for targeted crash reduction. Mini-grants may be provided to local jurisdictions and traffic safety organizations to address identified transportation safety problems.

Region 4 Services Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project provides transportation safety education, outreach, enforcement, and services to a wide variety of community based traffic safety programs for targeted crash reduction. Mini-grants may be provided to local jurisdictions and traffic safety organizations to address identified transportation safety problems.

Region 5 Services Grant	Awarded
Section 402	\$25,000

This project provides transportation safety education, outreach, enforcement, and services to a wide variety of community based traffic safety programs for targeted crash reduction. Mini-grants may be provided to local jurisdictions and traffic safety organizations to address identified transportation safety problems.

## Roadway Safety

Safety Corridor Education and Enforcement	Awarded
Section 402	\$20,000

Provide state and local police agency overtime enforcement and education materials for priority safety corridors statewide.

Human Factors Engineering	Awarded	
FHWA	\$50,000	

Provide safety engineering human factors training(s) for traffic engineering analysts, transportation safety advocates internally and potentially externally to ODOT. Anticipated training will cover methods within the latest version of the Human Factors Guide.

Engineering Safety Short Courses and Distance Learning	Awarded
FHWA	\$250,000

Provide safety engineering training to traffic engineers, analysts, transportation safety coordinators, enforcement personnel and public works staff and officials. Anticipated training will consist of safety trainings similar to the following Traffic Engineering Fundamentals; Uniform Traffic Control Devices; Roundabout Design and Control; Materials and Retro-Reflectivity for Signs and Markings; ADA for Bike and Pedestrians, and Multimodal Intersections. Local roadway jurisdictions will receive on-site traffic control device and safety engineering reviews by several safety engineering specialists to be documented and provided within individual reports.

Safety Features for Local Roads and Streets	Awarded
FHWA	\$150,000

Provide traffic safety engineering and related police enforcement training to local officials, public works staff and local traffic safety committees by holding free workshops at various locations around the state. Develop and enhance local agency guidance documents and provide additional local agency services to enhance safety knowledge and application in their jurisdiction.

Roadway Departure Enforcement	Awarded
FHWA	\$218,000

This project provides roadway departure traffic enforcement on targeted roadway segments either identified within the updated Oregon Roadway Departure Initiative Plan (September 2017) or by each Region. The purpose of the enforcement is to reduce lane departure related fatal and serious injury crashes.

#### Safe and Courteous

Safe & Courteous Statewide Services	Awarded
405(e)	\$65,000

This project will fund PI&E (public information and education/media) and HVE (high visibility enforcement) of Oregon's distracted driving law and best practices. TSD will partner with OSP (Oregon State Police) and local law enforcement agencies to conduct sustained enforcement throughout the year, and particularly in April during National Distracted Driving Awareness month. Overtime funding will be awarded to agencies based on data-driven problem identification. This project will also fund PI&E and outreach events specific to drowsy driving safety issues in Oregon. From 2012-2016 there were 3,427 drowsy driving fatal and injury crashes that resulted in 48 fatalities and 4,646 injuries in Oregon, indicating a rising problem in this behavioral area.

#### Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure Grant Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$315,962

Funding for reimbursement to communities based on a competitive award process for the creation of Oregon SRTS Action Plans and implementation of the Action Plans addressing education and encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation; SRTS program administration.

Statewide Walk +Roll Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$50,000

Provide statewide support for October Walk + Bike to School Day and May Walk + Bike Challenge Month, by providing registration and technical support for over 200 Oregon schools.

Safe Routes to School Statewide Services Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$80,000

Statewide support of Safe Routes to School programs and the creation of Action Plans; assist schools in gathering student and parent data on walking and biking to/from schools; create public information, education and outreach support materials; support Oregon Safe Routes Leadership Network in their efforts to grow as a Safe Routes to School resource for coordinators and communities and establishment of a SRTS Recognition Program.

Technical Service Provider Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$100,000

This project provides statewide technical support through Oregon Safe Routes clearinghouse website; training; SRTS Team facilitation; and development of non-traditional partnerships through support, education, and encouragement to communities interested in building comprehensive SRTS programming.

School Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$60,000

This project funds reimbursement for curriculum development, training, education kits, bike fleets and with maintenance and helmets to communities and school districts for pedestrian safety and bicycle safety education in schools.

## **Speed**

Speed Enforcement, Public Information & Equipment	Awarded
Section 402	\$400,000

This project will be used to fund the speed overtime enforcement efforts of the 2019 TSEP program and some equipment in areas with a high incidence of speed-related problems; funds may also be used for a community survey related to speed. Additional funds will be used for public information and educational outreach related to speed through various media outlets.

Regions Speed Enforcement	Awarded
Section 402	\$100,000

This project will be used to fund speed overtime enforcement or speed equipment for city or county law enforcement agencies in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The funding may also be used to fund speed related outreach and education to residents.

Speed Enforcement OSP - Rural State Highways	Awarded
Section 402	\$100,000

This project will be used to fund overtime speed enforcement for the Oregon State Police to be used on rural state highways in areas that through statistical crash analysis, coupled with local OSP office expertise and knowledge of problem areas within each Command, show a high incidence of speed-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

Speed Public Education	Awarded
Section 402	\$ 70,000

This project will fund community outreach and public education through various paid (and earned) media outlets related to speed education to the general driving public.

#### **Traffic Records**

Oregon Health Authority - Data Linkage	Awarded
405(c)	\$70,000

This project was not addressed in 2018 due to personnel changes, but is ready to be pursued again in 2019. This project will allow the Oregon Health Division to provide for technical efforts needed to effect data system linkage between pre- and post-hospital admission data within the Oregon Health Division's data system, resulting in likely improvements in data integration of the medical data file. Improvement in local accessibility to the database is expected, as well as opportunities to enter into deeper analysis of the data. This project allows for improvements identified by OHA staff to assure system success at the production level.

Racial Profiling Citation Database	Awarded
1906	\$375,000

The Oregon Department of Justice-Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is pursuing a vendor to create a secure, internet-accessible data collection portal to process and securely store data on several hundred-thousand traffic stops annually.

The primary goal of project is to institute a statewide data collection system that will:

- Provide the public and policy makers with current data about who is being stopped, searched, and arrested;
- Require law enforcement statewide to collect certain information about every discretionary traffic and pedestrian stop;
- Contain all CJC findings, and aggregate data submitted by law enforcement, and be available to the public.

The project is a result of the 2015 Oregon State Police (OSP) and Attorney Generals Racial Profiling Prohibition Task Force and their recommendations, as encompassed in the current Legislative Session in HB 2355.

ODOT - Traffic Count Management Improvement Project	Awarded
405(c)	\$765,000

This is year 3 of this project for ODOT's Transportation System Monitoring (TSM) Unit to improve the Traffic Count Management (TCM) program by purchasing and deploying software to gather and retain data needed to inform safety related decisions about programs, major projects and planning efforts for state and local government. Major project expenses include software, an Information Systems Project Manager and Project Analyst. The positions provide project leadership in developing project scope and requirements, documentation, budget management, project reporting, and communication facilitation. This project extends the completion deadline for the project.

#### Work Zone

Work Zone Education & Equipment Program	Awarded
FHWA	\$200,000

Provide design, printing and distribution of promotional materials. Contractual services for development and distribution of work zone safety messages, posting of billboards, transit, radio, television, and internet ads. Contractual services for portions of the annual TSD Telephone Survey and law enforcement training services. Equipment purchases consisting of work zone related patrol equipment needed by state and local agencies providing work zone enforcement, work zone data tracking information system software enhancement and maintenance agreement(s).

Work Zone Enforcement OSP	Awarded
FHWA	\$1,000,000

Provide year-round work zone enforcement patrols that meet federal design criteria for construction projects managed by ODOT. Enforcement will be provided by OSP. Photo radar enforcement in work zones as an ODOT project may also be included.

Work Zone Enforcement to Local Police Agencies	Awarded
FHWA	\$684,000

Provide year-round work zone enforcement patrols that meet federal design criteria for construction projects managed by ODOT. Enforcement will be provided by various local police agencies statewide. Photo radar enforcement in work zones as an ODOT project may also be included.