Transportation Equity

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What should a transportation system do?





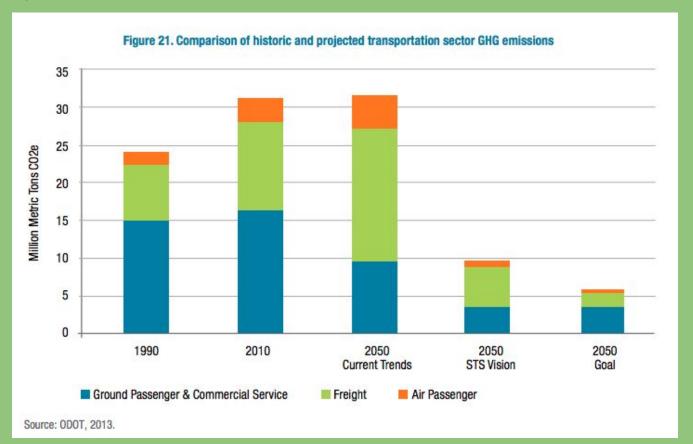
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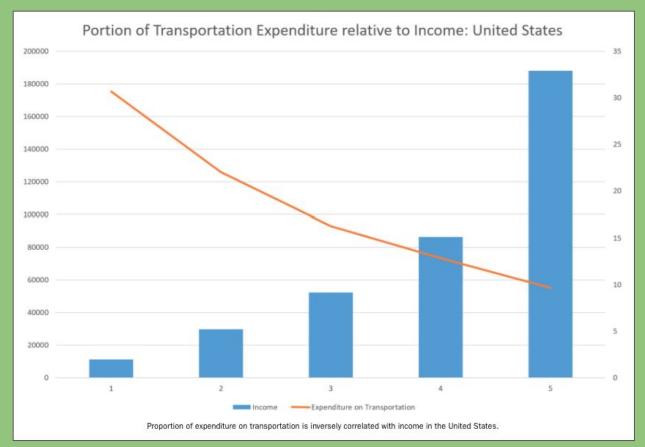
 <u>Direct burdens</u> of the transportation system are unequally distributed.



Challenges: The indirect burden of climate change is unequally distributed.



Challenges: Funding is focused on generating revenue for system expansion rather than providing more transportation options.



Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, 2019



The transportation system should:

- Be fair for Oregonians of all ages and abilities
- Accelerate reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Be efficient and provide best-value

Our transportation system should be fair for Oregonians of all ages and abilities.

- Improved opportunities for people to access jobs of all kinds, education, health care and other essential needs
- Better air quality and safety for communities
- Transportation funding is not regressive and does not further burden low-income community members

Our transportation system should accelerate reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

- Vehicle electrification and VMT reduction work in tandem to achieve Oregon's GHG reduction targets
- Reduced VMT results in improved mobility due to fewer vehicles on roadways
- Significantly increased transit levels of service, within and between cities, removes vehicles from roadway

Our transportation system should be efficient and deliver best value.

- Fix-it-first investments in road maintenance reduce future expenses
- Investment in state of good repair for transit to maintain buses and operations
- Economic development from transportation infrastructure projects



How do we work together to get there?

- Design funding tools, policies, programs and projects to support these values and outcomes:
 - Fair
 - Reduces GHG
 - Efficient and best-value



What kinds of policies do we need and how do we work together to get there?



How other places are doing this work

- Surface the impact of the transportation sector on climate (<u>Colorado</u>)
- Define success and measure it (<u>California</u>)
- Collect the information needed to make good decisions (<u>Hawaii</u>)
- Be clear about values (Mexico)

