

Gilliam County Road Priorities



County Information

Population: 2,062
Square Miles: 1,223
Federal / State Land Ownership: 4 percent

Road Data

Total Road Miles: 417.18
Unpaved Road Miles: 226
Paved Roads in Good Condition: N/A
Bridges: 15
Structurally Deficient Bridges: 2

Road Funding

State Highway Fund: \$1,049,037
Fund Exchange Program: \$195,273



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Background

Wheat, wind, waves... Eastern Oregon's Columbia Plateau meets the Columbia and John Day Rivers.

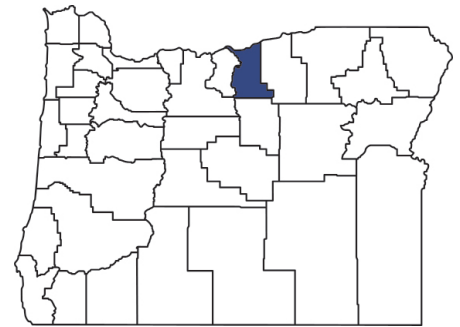
Oregon Counties are responsible for over 40 percent of Oregon's bridges and over 60 percent of Oregon's non-federal road system. With inflation, dwindling federal support, and few local revenue bases to rely on, Counties put their 30 percent of the State Highway Fund to good use.

Oregon counties are responsible for the largest share of Oregon's public road system, with over 32,000 miles and over 4,000 bridges; funding in House Bill 2017 covered less than half of the projected need to improve and maintain the county road system to a safe and adequate condition. Diverse and sustainable transportation revenue is needed to fund a seamless transportation system.

Investments

Counties support a comprehensive transportation funding package and ask to prioritize:

- (1) Operations, maintenance, and safety
- (2) Diverse, modern, and sustainable funding
- (3) 30% county share of the State Highway Fund
- (4) Increased flexibility for local revenue generation.



The priority projects below are only possible because of the 30 percent county share of the State Highway Fund. With this indispensable support, Gilliam County is prioritizing:

- **Gravel Road Preservation:** Gilliam County has a large gravel road system, amounting to 278 miles, 68 percent of the overall county road network. Gilliam County is prioritizing the resurfacing, grading, and overall preservation of their gravel road system because of the importance these routes have to their residents. County gravel roads are often the first mile traveled for products on their way to market, and are vital lifelines for the residents in Gilliam County.
- **Pavement Preservation:** Gilliam County faces challenges in maintaining its pavement condition with 118 miles of paved roads. Roads in poor condition often have potholes, cracking and other signs of deterioration which result in a less safe and less comfortable ride. To address this, Gilliam County is prioritizing the preservation of their pavement through chip seals, overlays and pavement repairs. Pavement preservation is also extremely cost-effective: without regular preservation treatments, roads would eventually need to be reconstructed at a 6 to 14 times higher cost.
- **Safety Improvements:** Gilliam County understands the importance of prioritizing investments in the safe travel of all Oregonians. On rural roads, roadway departure is a frequent cause of severe crashes, and Gilliam County is investing in reducing this common problem by installing safety features on county roads.