



February 1, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4d: Draft Oregon Transportation Plan

**Action Requested:** Discuss Draft OTP. Provide Comment to ODOT Staff

## **Background**

Last February, MPC was provided with a presentation on a set of draft policies being considered for the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) Update. At this point a draft plan has been completed and is available for public review. ODOT staff will be at MPC's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide a presentation on the full plan. Comment is being accepted through March 1, 2006. The material below provides an overview of the plan's Challenges, Key Messages, and Timeline. Attachment 1 is the November 2005 newsletter on the OTP Update. Attachment 2 is an Executive Summary of the draft plan. These documents have also been posted to MPC's Meeting webpage. A link to ODOT's OTP Update webpage is provided at the end of this memo.

The Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) is the state's long-range multimodal transportation plan for Oregon's airports, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways and roadways, pipelines, ports and waterway facilities, public transportation and railroads. The OTP establishes policies, strategies and initiatives for addressing the challenges and opportunities in the next 25 years and guides transportation investment decisions.

## **Challenges**

Challenges facing Oregon's transportation system include:

- Population and economic growth that increases the demand for transportation and adds to the wear and tear on existing infrastructure.
- A competitive global economy that demands fast, efficient transportation for people, goods and services.
- Increasing congestion that undermines the state's economic competitiveness.
- Uncertain global oil supply and increasing prices that will cause unpredictable worldwide economic and transportation changes.
- Global warming and other environmental degradation impacts attributable to current transportation modes.

- Land uses and transportation facilities that don't support each other.
- International and domestic terrorism that threatens transportation security.
- Transportation-related accidents that kill or injure thousands of people.
- Institutional relationships and divided responsibilities that impede our ability to achieve shared strategic objectives.
- Transportation financing that does not maintain the existing system or fund vital air, highway, port, public transportation and rail facilities.

### **Key Messages**

- *Transportation as we've known it in Oregon will have to change.* In order to preserve our standard of living and to continue to improve our economy, we must change the way we make decisions about managing and funding transportation.
- Transportation is the engine that drives Oregon's economy - it moves people, goods and services and ensures access to workplaces.
- We have to look at transportation as one unified system that connects modes and jurisdictions seamlessly and supports our communities, economy and environment.
- Providing for the future means greater investment in the current system because current resources do not provide for our expected population and economic growth.
- Without change or additional funding, we'll have to plan for how we will protect the current system to minimize its deterioration.

### **Plan Period, Process and Timeline**

- **Plan Period:** Plan Adoption to 2030
- **Plan Process and Timeline:**
  - **February 2004:** OTP kick-off meeting
  - *March - July 2004:* Three OTP Policy Committees develop draft policies.
  - *April 2004 - September 2005:* Steering Committee develops plan vision, oversees policy revisions, guides analysis process and develops implementation and investment strategies.
  - *May - November 2005:* Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) reviews elements of Draft OTP.
  - *November 17, 2005 - March 1, 2006:* Public reviews Draft OTP. See [OTP Outreach page](#).

- *March - April 2006*: OTP committees review revised Draft OTP.
- *May 2006*: OTC reviews revised Draft OTP.
- *June - July 2006*: OTC conducts public hearing on revised Draft OTP.
- *July - August 2006*: OTC adopts revised OTP.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1:** Oregon Transportation Plan Update November 2005 Newsletter

**Attachment 2:** Draft Oregon Transportation Plan Executive Summary

**Links:**

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/ortransplanupdate.shtml#Draft\\_Oregon\\_Transportation\\_Plan\\_and\\_Public\\_Outreach\\_Information](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/ortransplanupdate.shtml#Draft_Oregon_Transportation_Plan_and_Public_Outreach_Information)

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