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25-Year Transportation Plan Available for Public Review

The Oregon Transportation Plan, the state's long-range multimodal transportation plan, will be featured at the Metro Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee meeting, Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Metro's Room 370 A-B, 600 NE Grand Ave. in Portland. The public is invited to attend the meeting and to view the plan itself online at

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/ortransplanupdate.shtml>.

The Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), first developed in 1992, guides the development of and investment in Oregon's transportation system for the next 25 years. It addresses issues involving Oregon's airports, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, streets and roadways, pipelines, ports and waterways, public transportation and railroads.

In the next 25 years, Oregon's transportation system faces an increasingly competitive global economy, growth in congestion and population, an uncertain global oil supply, global warming, security issues and inadequate funding. After analyzing trends, transportation needs, projected revenues and possible transportation futures, the OTP Steering Committee concluded that *transportation as we've known it in Oregon will have to change*. In order to preserve Oregon's standard of living and to continue to improve the state's economy, Oregonians must change the way decisions are made about managing and funding transportation. Transportation, the OTP says, must be viewed as one unified system that connects modes and jurisdictions seamlessly and supports the state's communities, economy and environment.

A complete list of public meetings and the text of the plan are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/ortransplanupdate.shtml>. Comment period ends March 1, 2006. The Oregon Transportation Commission is expected to adopt the final plan in mid-2006.

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