

Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Draft Vision and Goals

DRAFT VISION FOR THE OREGON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Drawing from the input of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) at the February meeting and during PAC member interviews, consultants and staff have developed two sample vision statements for the PAC's consideration. It is anticipated that the PAC will discuss these possible vision statements and may select one; may refine one; or may suggest that elements of the two vision statements are drawn together.

1. In Oregon, people can choose bicycling or walking because a safe, integrated and well-connected network is provided. The network meets the needs and enhances the experience of the user and their sense of safety and comfort. Investment in bicycling and walking is recognized as contributing to the health of Oregonians, the economic and social vitality of communities, and as a cost efficient use of transportation dollars.
2. People of all ages and incomes have safe and secure access to neighborhoods, schools, jobs, businesses, and more by biking and walking. Biking and walking is supported by well-connected and maintained infrastructure that takes into consideration the needs of local communities. Biking and walking occur within and between cities and towns; population centers are connected along key highways or county roads; and people in rural areas can bike or walk to bus stops, carpool areas and other destinations. Facilities are integrated with other modes, taking into account potential users and trip purposes. Oregon's economic vitality is enhanced through tourism, including bicycle tourism, and the tourism and outdoor industries.

DRAFT GOAL AREAS

Following are suggested goal areas for the Plan, and a description of the themes within each goal area. These are developed from and informed by PAC and stakeholder comments in interviews and in the PAC visioning workshop. It is anticipated that the PAC will discuss these goal areas and themes and suggest ways in which they should be refined to better express the committee's intent for achieving the outcome of a successful Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Oregon. This may include (but is not limited to) consolidating, eliminating or adding goal areas or refining goal themes. Policies and strategies will eventually be developed under each of the goals and it is anticipated that goal themes, policies and strategies will be developed and discussed throughout the course of Plan development.

Goal: Safety

Goal themes: Reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries by building and acting on a comprehensive understanding of the following: how investments in infrastructure can reduce crashes for all modes; how traffic management practices can reduce crashes for all modes; how education and enforcement can reduce crashes for all modes; and how agency decision making (e.g. prioritization) can be structured to focus on improvements in safety. Support the use of context sensitive design solutions that improve safety, improve the user experience (level of comfort, perceived sense of safety) and support other community goals.

Goal: Mobility and Efficiency

Goal themes: Improve the mobility and efficiency of the entire transportation system by providing biking and walking options for trips of short and moderate distances such as those between home, work, school, and shopping. Preserve and maintain biking and walking facilities to help assure people can continue to move efficiently by bike, foot, or mobility device.

Goal: Accessibility and Connectivity

Goal themes: Improve the accessibility and connectivity of the transportation system by ensuring safe, direct and convenient connections between biking and walking routes and between biking and walking routes and other modes, especially public transit. Promote understanding of the connection between user experience (level of comfort, perceived sense of safety) and levels of bicycling and walking. Additionally, ensure that all users, including children, the elderly and persons with disabilities can access desired destinations through connections along and across roadways.

Goal: Economic and Community Vitality

Goal themes: Support the connection between biking and walking (active transportation) and economic and social vitality. Emphasize the role of active transportation in supporting access to jobs and economic centers, in attracting business to locate in Oregon, in supporting tourism, and contributing to community health and livability.

Goal: Equity

Goal themes: Work to understand, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users of the transportation system including those in urban, suburban and rural settings and of all ages, abilities, races and incomes. Strive to address the needs of those who have mobility challenges and work to provide biking and walking options to those who do not drive.

Goal: Health

Goal themes: Encourage active and healthy lifestyles by improving transportation options such as biking and walking and enhancing mobility choices for children, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Support land-use patterns that bring services closer to neighborhoods (e.g. patterns that increase walking and biking).

Goal: Sustainability

Goal themes: Support federal, state and local sustainability and environmental goals through the provision of zero emission modes like biking and walking.

Goal: Investment

Goal themes: Convey how bicycle and pedestrian projects can provide cost effective and sustainable solutions that may reduce overall systems costs. Support creation of a decision making structure that recognizes the contribution and value of bicycle and pedestrian investments, including investment in preservation and maintenance. Improve understanding of strategic education and enforcement investments.

Goal: Coordination and Cooperation

Goal themes: Support cooperation among state, regional and local agencies in pursuit of complementary plans, consistent application of design treatments, and a coordinated effort that helps users easily and seamlessly transition between jurisdictional boundaries.

Goal areas of the Oregon Transportation Plan

- Goal 1 – Mobility and Accessibility
- Goal 2 – Management of the System
- Goal 3 – Economic Vitality
- Goal 4 – Sustainability
- Goal 5 – Safety and Security
- Goal 6 – Funding the Transportation System
- Goal 7 – Coordination, Communication and Cooperation

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