

Part One: Goals

The following definition is used for the RTP goals:

Broad statement of philosophy that describes the hopes of the people of the community for the future of the community. A goal may never be completely attainable but it is used as a point towards which to strive.

Goal #1: Integrated Transportation and Land Use System

Integrate transportation and land use to support transportation choices, promote all modes of transportation, and enhance community livability.

Definition/Intent: This goal recognizes the need to integrate transportation and land use planning to enhance livability, economic opportunity, and quality of life. Integration supports transportation-efficient development patterns and choices in transportation modes that reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Goal #2: Sustainability and Transportation

Support regional sustainability by providing a transportation system that considers economic vitality, environmental health, and social equity.

Definition/Intent: The purpose of this goal is to reflect the region's commitment to considering the three tenets of sustainability in planning a regional transportation system: economic, environmental, and social costs and benefits.

Part Two: Objectives

The following definition is used for the RTP objectives:

An objective is an attainable target that the community attempts to reach in striving to meet a goal. An objective may also be considered as an intermediate point that will help fulfill the overall goal.

Objective #1: Connectivity

Support an interconnected multi-modal transportation system that provides residents with access to a range of transportation choices.

Definition/Intent: This objective stresses the importance of an interconnected transportation system that provides for ease of transfer between modes of travel, such as auto to bus or bicycle to rail, and a system that provides users with a range of transportation choices.

Objective #2: Accessibility and Mobility

Provide adequate levels of accessibility and mobility for the efficient movement of people, goods, and services within the region.

Definition/Intent: Accessibility refers to physical proximity and ease of reaching destinations throughout the urban metropolitan area. This objective supports the need for multimodal accessibility to employment, shopping, other commerce, medical care, housing, and leisure, including adequate public transit access for people who are transportation disadvantaged. This objective also supports the need for improved access for tourists to destinations. Mobility is the ease with which a person is able to travel from place to place. It can be measured in terms of travel time.

Objective #3: Safety

Improve safety for users of all transportation modes through design, operations, maintenance, improvements, public information, and law enforcement.

Definition/Intent: Safety is a key characteristic of our desired transportation system. This objective supports the need for taking a comprehensive approach to building, operating, and regulating the transportation system so that people feel confident, safe and secure around all modes of travel.

Objective #4: Environment

Provide a transportation system that reflects our commitment to environmental quality.

Definition/Intent: This objective places a priority on fulfilling the need to protect the region's natural environment and conserving energy in all aspects of transportation planning processes. The primary intent of this objective can be met through compliance with all federal and state regulations relevant to environmental impact and consideration of applicable environmental impact analyses and practicable mitigation measures in transportation decision-making processes. Significant benefits can be achieved from coordinating the environmental process with the transportation planning process, such as early identification of issues and resources, development of alternatives that avoid or minimize impacts early in the project development process, and more rapid project delivery.

The region's desire to reduce transportation-related energy consumption can be met through increased use of transit, telecommuting, zero-emissions vehicles, ridesharing, biking and walking, and through increased efficiency of the transportation network to diminish delay and corresponding fuel consumption.

Objective #5: Economic Vitality

Support transportation strategies that improve the economic vitality of the region and enhance economic opportunity.

Definition/Intent: The region's economy is highly dependent upon its transportation system for the circulation of goods, services, and passengers. An efficient transportation system promotes new business and encourages existing business; contributes to improved employee recruitment and retention; and supports freight movement and intermodal transfer points within the region. Investments in transportation infrastructure can support and promote regional economic objectives.

Objective #6: Equity

Conduct planning, analysis, and public involvement to ensure that the benefits and impacts of transportation decisions are distributed fairly to all people.

Definition/Intent: This objective communicates our desire to ensure that the benefits and the impacts of our transportation system are socially equitable and respect basic civil rights. An equitable transportation system allows people to gain access to good jobs, education, and needed services as affordably as possible.

Objective #7: Public Health

Expand transportation decision-making to meet related public health objectives, including reduced crashes, cleaner air, and increased physical activity.

Definition/Intent: This objective recognizes the relationship of our transportation system to a number of public health issues, including access to clean air and water and support for active lifestyles that include walking and biking.

Objective #8: GHG Emissions Reduction

Consider strategies to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with current legislation and as aligned with the region's other transportation system goals and objectives.

Definition/Intent: This objective is to communicate our region's participation in the reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions within the transportation sector as described in recent Oregon legislation. This includes relevant sections of HB 2001, the Jobs and Transportation Act and HB 1059, legislation that established the Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative.

Objective #9: Transit

Provide an effective and efficient transit system with stable capital and operating resources.

Definition/Intent: This objective recognizes our strong commitment to a sustainable public transit system, including standard bus services, bus-rapid transit, and the provision of accessible transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.

Objective #10: Rapid Passenger Rail

Promote Oregon's development of reliable and efficient rapid passenger rail as part of the Cascadia rail corridor from Eugene to Vancouver, BC.

Definition/Intent: This objective is included as part of our region's commitment to the development of a statewide plan for improved passenger rail service, and participation in improving service and infrastructure along the internationally significant Cascadia rail corridor that connects Eugene/Springfield to Portland, OR, Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC.

Objective #11: Public Involvement

Provide citizens with information to increase their awareness of transportation issues, encourage their involvement in resolving the issues, and assist them in making informed transportation choices.

Definition/Intent: This objective supports the need for early and continuing public participation in transportation planning, programming, and implementation. It also supports a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, and full public access to key decisions. To understand and support the RTP policies, residents need reliable information and opportunities to participate in the further development and implementation of the plan.

Objective #12: Coordination/Efficiency

Coordinate among agencies to facilitate efficient planning, design, operation, and maintenance of transportation facilities and programs.

Definition/Intent: The primary intent of this objective is to ensure that public agencies involved with the region's transportation coordinate to meet the need for efficiency. A second aspect of this objective is to support opportunities for coordination between the public and private sectors, which results in transportation efficiencies. Although the infrastructure for the transportation system of the 21st century is largely in place, the system must be managed more efficiently as it is used more intensively. This objective supports the research, evaluation, and implementation of innovative management practices, land use patterns, and new technologies.

Objective #13: Implementation

Implement a range of actions as determined by local governments, including land use, demand management, and system improvement strategies, to carry out transportation policies.

Definition/Intent: This objective supports the integration of land use, system improvements, and demand management strategies to meet the region's transportation needs. The region will continue to implement these three types of strategies and reliance on any one type of strategy will be avoided. The range of RTP implementation actions provides local governments with the flexibility needed to implement the regional policies. Due to limited resources, not all RTP policies and implementation actions will be implemented simultaneously.