



# Transportation and Oregon's Economy

Transportation is essential to Oregon's economic health. A sound multimodal transportation system supports our existing economy, facilitates desired growth, reduces the costs of congestion and inefficiency, and links us together to promote success in all regions of the state.

## Supporting our economy

- Oregon is highly trade-dependent and uniquely positioned as a gateway to the global economy.
- Maintaining transportation connections among ports, airports, intermodal centers, manufacturing and industrial centers, agricultural regions and other key locations helps keep Oregon's economy strong.

## Facilitating growth

- New business startups and existing businesses moving to Oregon are signs of a healthy economy.
- Oregon is a leading center for advanced technology in agriculture, semiconductors and electronics, transportation equipment, metals and wood products.
- Providing good transportation connections is the key to encouraging business and economic growth.
- Since 2003, transportation investments have created or sustained an estimated 14,500 jobs through fiscal year 2006.

## Reducing the costs of congestion

- Congestion and slowdowns cost money for businesses as well as for elements of the transportation system.
- Transportation investment results in economic productivity that cuts transportation costs and travel time. These benefits are passed on:
  - to consumers as lower prices;
  - to workers as higher wages; and
  - to businesses as increased income.

## Promoting success across the state

- Oregon's major industries — agriculture, wood products, fishing, technology and tourism — depend on the transportation network to move customers, employees, visitors, goods and supplies.
- A strong multimodal transportation system keeps all sectors of the economy connected to distribution points.
- Moving goods by rail, truck, air, ship or barge helps shippers take advantage of the most efficient and cost-effective system for transporting their products.
- This variety of transportation choices keeps shipping costs competitive.
- To further support Oregon's economy and quality of life, ODOT is embracing the concept of sustainability. By demonstrating sustainable business practices, ODOT is helping meet the needs of the current generation while helping ensure that future generations can meet their needs. ODOT's Sustainability Program assists staff in carefully managing activities and assets so that the agency can sustain access to essential goods and services, economic opportunities, transportation choices, livable communities and healthy natural resources for all Oregonians.

## Projected Short Run Job Impacts Statewide

