



Oregon

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Dear Elected Official:

The purpose of this survey is to determine the effectiveness of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding:

- Conferring with affected local officials in accordance with established processes;
- Considering the views of local officials before taking action;
- And periodically informing local officials about actions taken, as per the federal statewide planning regulations in 23 CFR 450.

This survey is being sent to you as an elected official of one of Oregon's cities and counties. Your participation is requested to help us determine our effectiveness in implementing federal statewide planning regulations per 23 CFR 450. This regulation is intended to ensure communication between state and local officials relating to statewide transportation planning and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The regulation provides a role for local elected officials and recognizes that there may be a real or perceived gap in equity between the way MPOs work with ODOT and the ways in which local officials work with the state transportation agency in planning and programming processes.

The questions in this survey ask about your experiences with statewide transportation planning and STIP development. Statewide transportation planning refers to your participation in activities such as updates or amendments to the *Oregon Transportation Plan* or any of its component plans, such as the *Oregon Highway Plan* or the *Oregon Public Transportation Plan*. It also includes your experiences working with the agency in the development of facility plans; for example, a local transportation system plan or a refinement plan for a specific area. STIP development refers to the process of developing and prioritizing projects for inclusion in the STIP.

Your feedback is important. Your responses to this survey will help ODOT understand if the agency's current communication processes are working effectively to engage local officials in transportation planning and STIP development throughout its statewide service area. Your responses will also help highlight areas of ODOT's existing consultation processes that may need improvement and point to what is currently working the best. ODOT will compile the responses and report the collective results to the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration. Individual responses will not be identified with the jurisdiction or individual sending them. There is a space at the end of the survey to provide your name and phone number for any follow-up discussions. Providing this information is optional.

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We appreciate your time to complete and return this survey. If you have any questions, you may call Lucia Ramirez in ODOT's Planning Section at 503-986-4168. Please return the survey by March 31, 2005.

You are also welcome to make any other comments about the effectiveness of ODOT's consultation policies. These are listed in a table enclosed for your information. The table also lists web locations where you can review the policies. We will accept comments to include in this review until April 15, 2005. You can include these with the returned survey or forward them to lucia.l.ramirez@odot.state.or.us.

ODOT Local Consultation Survey

1. Please circle your level of involvement in transportation planning.

- a. Highly involved b. Involved c. Somewhat Involved d. Not Involved

Additional comments:

2. How would you rate the effectiveness of information/materials you are provided with to make informed decisions impacting transportation planning?

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

3. How effective is each method in incorporating city/county input into the statewide transportation planning process? (1. Very Effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat effective 4. Not Effective)

a. City/County staff meetings with ODOT staff.	1	2	3	4
b. City/County officials meetings with ODOT staff.	1	2	3	4
c. ODOT staff at City/County Board Meetings.	1	2	3	4
d. City/County participation through the ACT?	1	2	3	4
e. City/County participation through other intergovernmental groups?	1	2	3	4
f. Other _____	1	2	3	4

4. Please circle your level of involvement in STIP development.

- a. Highly involved b. Involved c. Somewhat Involved d. Not Involved

Additional comments:

5. How would you rate the effectiveness of information/materials you are provided to make informed decisions affecting STIP development?

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

ODOT Local Consultation Survey

6. How effective is each method in incorporating city/county input into the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? (1. Very Effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat effective 4. Not Effective)

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| a. City/County staff meetings with ODOT staff. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. City/County officials meetings with ODOT staff. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. ODOT staff at City/County Board Meetings. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. City/County participation through the ACT? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. City/County participation through other intergovernmental groups? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. Other _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

7. Overall, how would you rate ODOT's current consultation process for transportation issues? (i.e., how well ODOT confers with your jurisdiction, considers input provided, and informs your jurisdiction about decisions or actions.)

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

What do you think would strengthen the consultation process?

8. How would you describe the communication and coordination between you and your neighboring Area Commissions on Transportation and/or Metropolitan Planning Organizations?

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

How would you improve the communication and coordination?

9. How would you describe the effectiveness of your involvement with decisions regarding statewide transportation planning?

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

10. How would you describe the effectiveness of your involvement with decisions regarding projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program?

1. Very effective 2. Effective 3. Somewhat Effective 4. Not Effective

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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11. Are you aware of other transportation consultation issues that have not been discussed in this survey? Please list them and rank their priority from high (1) to low (5).

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Information to help place your responses in context:

12. If you represent a city, which best describes the population of your city?

- a. less than 5,000 b. between 5,000 and 10,000 c. between 10,000 and 25,000
- d. between 25,000 and 50,000 e. between 50,000 and 200,000 f. greater than 200,000

13. If you represent a county, which best describes the population of your county?

- a. less than 25,000 b. between 25,000 and 50,000 c. between 50,000 and 100,000
- d. between 100,000 and 250,000 e. greater than 250,000

14. Is your jurisdiction part of an MPO?

- a. Yes b. No C. Part of jurisdiction is in an MPO

15. Is your jurisdiction part of an ACT?

- a. Yes b. No C. Part of jurisdiction is in an ACT

16. Do you consider your city/county urban or rural?

- a. Urban b. Rural

Optional:

Name: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Can we call you to follow up? a. Yes b. No Phone (if yes) _____