

# Preface

The 1999 Oregon Highway Plan defines policies and investment strategies for Oregon's state highway system for the next 20 years. It further refines the goals and policies of the Oregon Transportation Plan and is part of Oregon's Statewide Transportation Plan. The Highway Plan has three main elements:

- The Vision presents a vision for the future of the state highway system, describes economic and demographic trends in Oregon and future transportation technologies, summarizes the policy and legal context of the Highway Plan, and contains information on the current highway system.
- The Policy Element contains goals, policies, and actions in five policy areas: system definition, system management, access management, travel alternatives, and environmental and scenic resources.
- The System Element contains an analysis of state highway needs, revenue forecasts, descriptions of investment policies and strategies, an implementation strategy, and performance measures.

Creation of the Highway Plan's vision, policies, and investment strategies was guided by four policy advisory committees and a Steering Committee. The 66 committee members represented cities, counties, federal and state agencies, a tribal government, user groups, environmental and industry groups, and Oregon Department of Transportation regions and technical services.

Public review of the plan included two series of statewide meetings. The public review of the Policy Element in spring 1998 included 12 public meetings, 6 regional workshops for local government officials, and over 30 presentations to government bodies and business and civic organizations. The review of the System Element in September-October 1998 involved 22 public meetings throughout the state.

The Transportation Commission conducted a public hearing on the draft plan on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 and adopted the plan at their Commission meeting on March 18, 1999.

The Highway Plan gives policy and investment direction to the corridor plans and transportation system plans that are being prepared around the state, but it leaves the responsibility for identifying specific projects and modal alternatives to those plans.

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*Note: Technical terms and acronyms are explained in Appendix A1, page 179. Appendix A2, page 185, contains definitions of the verbs used in the Policy Element.*

