

Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan

2026 Update



The Oregon Department of Transportation is updating the [Transportation Safety Action Plan](#) to create a safer transportation system for everyone. This plan will guide decisions and investments to reduce crashes and eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Oregon roads.

Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes in Oregon



Oregon Safety Trends

Total crashes have declined since 2014, but crash severity has increased.

- Fatal and serious injury crashes rose 44% from 2014–2018 to 2019–2023, with notable increases involving speeding, impairment, distraction, unrestrained occupants, aging drivers, trucks, and intersections.
- Lane or roadway departures (39%) and intersections (38%) are the most common contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes.
- Speeding is a factor in 25% of fatal and serious injury crashes, and about one-third of those also involve impairment.
- Fatal and serious injury crashes are evenly split between state (49%) and local (51%) roads.
- Most fatal and serious injury crashes (62%) occur on arterial roads statewide.
- More crashes occur in urban areas (58%) than rural areas (42%), with roadway departure, impairment, and aging drivers common in both.

What We Heard

Input from safety partners and recent outreach informed the 2026 update to the plan, complementing the crash trend analysis. Several key safety issues emerged consistently:

Safety Vision: Zero fatalities and serious injuries is the shared and only acceptable goal for Oregon's transportation system.

Targeted Investment: Limited resources must be strategically invested in proven countermeasures that have high impact on crash reduction and are supported by effective implementation and ongoing monitoring.

Enforcement Capacity: Limited staffing constrains traffic enforcement, heightening the need for solutions that address risky behaviors.

System Maintenance: Aging infrastructure and decreased funding amplify long-term safety risks.

Land Use and Safety: Coordinated land use and transportation planning improves safety by reducing speeds and trip lengths, supporting walking, biking, and transit, and separating travel modes to reduce exposure to high-risk behaviors.

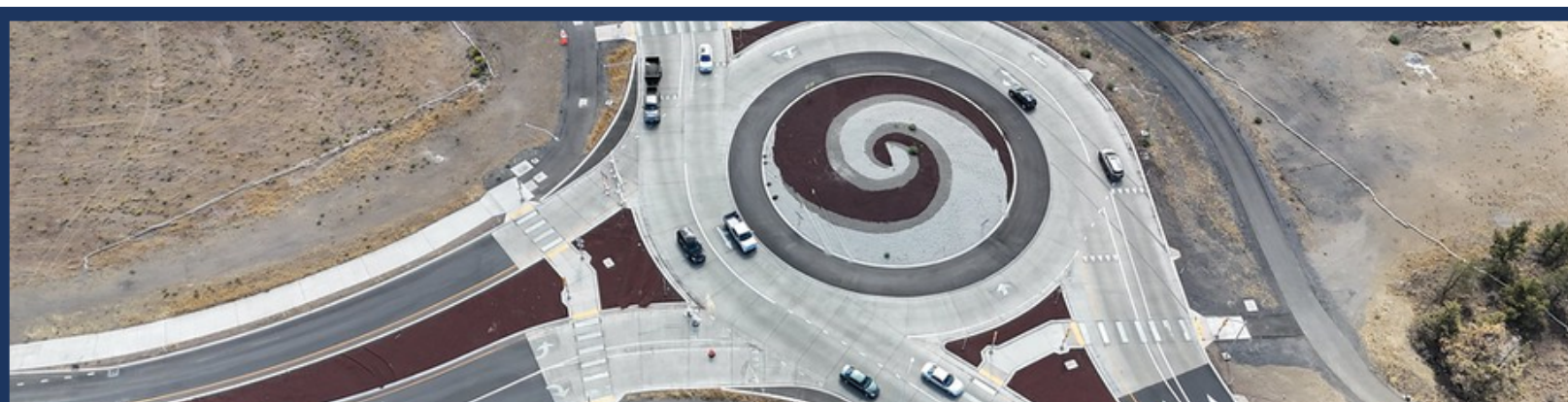
Project Timeline

Winter
2025:
Project
kick off

Spring
2025-2026:
Prepare plan,
data analysis,
action
selection

Summer
2026:
Partner
draft
reviews

Fall
2026:
Adoption



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