

Chapter 8

Portland Bureau of Transportation

Portland's Transportation System

Portland's transportation system served nearly 584,000 residents in 2010, and tens of thousands of individuals who live, work, or spend time in the Portland Metro area. Transportation assets include facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, all motorists, and emergency vehicles. Portland's transportation system, provided by the City and a variety of other jurisdictions and agencies, includes not only the networks of roads and highways but also right-of-way, sidewalks and paths, bikeways, bridges and other structures, transit (light rail, bus, streetcar, and tram), and thousands of supporting assets (lights, signals, signs, etc.).

The \$8.1 billion the public has invested in the City's transportation system enables individuals to get to work, school, recreation, and activities to sustain daily household needs. The transportation system is a fundamental component of regional access and mobility, serving residents, businesses, and travelers and providing connections to local, regional, interstate, national and international destinations. The City's transportation system also creates the foundation for a variety of activities essential to our lives: livable and safe neighborhoods, land uses and managing growth, commerce and job creation, environmental protection, freight mobility, and revitalization.

Transportation System Plan

The City of Portland's Transportation System Plan (TSP) serves as the transportation component of the Citywide Systems Plan.

The TSP is the long-range plan to guide transportation investments in Portland. It meets state and regional planning requirements and addresses local transportation needs for cost-effective street, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. The TSP plans for transportation options for residents, employees, visitors, and firms doing business in Portland, making it more convenient to walk, bike, take transit -- and drive less -- while meeting their daily needs. The TSP provides a balanced transportation system to support neighborhood livability and economic development.