

Grants Pass TSP Goals

Goal 1: Provide a Comprehensive Transportation System

The *Grants Pass Transportation System Plan* is designed to provide for the safe and efficient accommodation of travel through a variety of transportation modes, including private vehicles, public transportation, bicycles, and walking. In keeping with transportation policies and directives from the federal and state levels, the TSP emphasizes a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system that provides choices for travelers; and it identifies specific methods to encourage the reduction of the use of the private automobile for travel.

Goal 2: Working Together to Meet Transportation Needs

It has become increasingly important for jurisdictions and agencies to work together to develop a unified approach to address transportation issues and provide for future transportation needs. Transportation needs transcend jurisdictional boundaries and require combined efforts to make the best use of resources. The City of Grants Pass, Josephine County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation will continue to work together to develop and implement the Grants Pass TSP. Individual decisions of each jurisdiction will be coordinated; and the agencies will work together to solve issues and projects of regional significance.

Goal 3: Protect Public Investments in Transportation

Investments in the community's transportation system represent one of the largest expenditures by the City and County. Over time, millions of dollars have been invested by the City, the County, and ODOT in the design, construction, improvement and maintenance of the area's highways, streets, trails, and other transportation facilities and services. To achieve the best return on the public's investment, it is critical that the transportation system be adequately maintained to extend its useful life, and that it be operated as efficiently as possible.

Goal 4: Support Economic Development and Vitality

Adequate transportation infrastructure is a critical component in the economic development and vitality of the Grants Pass community. Accessibility to jobs, acceptable levels of traffic congestion, and adequate facilities for goods movement are all important in attracting and maintaining a successful economic base for the Grants Pass urban area. Provision of new facilities can open up areas for commercial and residential development, and relieve congestion that may be adversely affecting economic activities in other areas. Attractive and convenient transportation is important to maintaining and increasing the attraction of the area for tourists. Adequate transportation facilities are also important for the efficient and economical movement of goods to/from and within the Grants Pass urban area.

Goal 5: Protect and Preserve the Natural and Built Environment

The lovely environment in the Grants Pass area is one of the major attractions for tourists, residents, and businesses. Preserving and enhancing the physical surroundings is important to maintaining the high quality of life in the area. Transportation facilities and transportation related activities can negatively impact the natural and the built environment through congestion, and impacts on air quality, noise, and water quality. In addition, federal and state laws and regulations have established specific targets for air quality and treatment of surface runoff and other environmentally related issues.

Goal 6: Ensure Financial Stability

Financing the recommended transportation improvements will be a major challenge. Costs continue to increase on the construction of facilities due to inflation, and increased requirements to meet safety and environmental regulations. In addition, the competition for transportation funds has increased at local, state, and federal levels; and competition have increased between transportation and other publicly provided facilities and services such as parks, police, fire, and education. Stable financing sources need to be available to carry out the transportation plan and to conduct ongoing maintenance and operation of the transportation system.

Goal 7: Implement Planned Transportation Improvements

The ultimate test of any plan is whether or not its recommendations can be implemented successfully. Since a plan is useful only to the extent that it results in improved conditions, a strong implementation element is critical to the *Grants Pass Transportation System Plan*. In addition to financial strategies, implementation requires the identification of implementation responsibilities, schedule, and other implementation activities. Some of these actions are “one time only”, others involve ongoing actions and policies to systematically improve the transportation system as opportunities arise.

Goal 8: Enhance Community Health

Provide a transportation system that enhances the health and safety of Grants Pass’ residents.

(Goal statement to be further developed as part of the TSP Update)