

# The SMART Framework

For Oregon’s 2025 Transportation Package

*Safe. Modern. Affordable. Reliable. Transportation for a Thriving Oregon.*

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Legislators in both chambers have introduced the **SMART Framework**, which builds on the TRIP framework and incorporates critical feedback from legislators and stakeholders. State investment has not kept up with inflation, resulting in crumbling roads and unsafe intersections. As Oregon grows and faces challenges, from rising traffic deaths to climate impacts, we need a transportation package that meets the needs of every Oregonian.

Transportation Investments	Revenue Mechanism
<div><p><b>Invest in Safer, Healthier Streets</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fully fund <b>Safe Routes to School</b> (\$150 million/biennium)</li><li>Launch a <b>Great Streets</b> program (\$300 million/biennium)</li><li>Launch the <b>Jurisdictional Transfer</b> program (\$60 million/biennium)</li></ul><p><b>Preserve Existing Transportation System</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prioritize overwhelming amount of revenue raised in SMART package towards <b>maintenance</b> of Oregon’s existing roads and bridges, ongoing <b>operations needs</b>, preventing layoffs of ODOT staff</li><li>Continue to direct 50% of Highway Trust Fund revenue to ODOT, 30% to counties, 20% to cities</li></ul></div>	<div><p><b>Revenues to Maintain Roads and Bridges an</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gradually raise the lowest gas tax on the West Coast by \$0.10 per biennium through 2032, indexed to inflation</li><li>Increase vehicle registration fees by 50%</li><li>Increase title fees</li><li>Increase to weight/mile tax in line with HCAS requirements</li><li>Phased in establishment of Road User Charge (RUC) for light vehicles, mandatory RUC for medium-duty vehicles</li></ul></div>

## Transportation Investments

## Revenue

<p><b>No Cuts to Transit Agencies Statewide</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STIF investment <b>ensures transit agencies statewide retain existing levels of service</b></li> <li>• Direct all transit agencies to plan for statewide Youth Pass expansion, providing free transit for Oregonians 22 and younger</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investing in Transit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incrementally raise the employee payroll to <b>0.5% by 2032</b>, dedicated to transit through the State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)</li> </ul>
<p><b>SMART Investments for Oregon's Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrification initiatives, including zero-emission vehicle investments, medium/heavy-duty vehicles and charging infrastructure - <i>\$122 million/biennium</i></li> <li>• Expand Oregon Community Paths Program for trails and active transportation - <i>\$40 million/biennium</i></li> <li>• Passenger Rail capital and operations - <i>\$30 million/biennium</i></li> <li>• Wildlife Crossings - <i>\$15 million/biennium</i></li> <li>• E-bike subsidy program - <i>\$10 million/biennium</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Flexible SMART Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a new <b>SMART Fund</b> via a progressive 2% sales tax on new vehicles and 1% on used vehicles over \$10,000</li> <li>• Bicycle Privilege Tax of 0.8% to support the Community Paths Program</li> <li>• Vehicle Privilege Fee increases 0.3%</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accountability and Climate Responsibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a <b>Fix-it-First</b> program, ensuring long-term maintenance needs are met</li> <li>• Establish transparent <b>cost and climate accountability mechanisms</b> modeled on best practices from other states</li> <li>• Commission a governance study to strengthen oversight and accountability within ODOT</li> </ul>	

## A Future for All Oregonians

The SMART Framework represents a generational opportunity to make Oregon's transportation system safer, more equitable, and more sustainable. By investing in these priorities, we can protect transit service, reduce deadly crashes, and build a system that works for everyone.

For more information, see the explainer on how SMART compares to the status quo: [SMART Framework Explainer](#).