Deschutes County
Transportation Coordination Project

An Oregon Solutions Initiative
organized by the Central Oregon Partnership,
the Community Action Teams of Redmond, Sisters, Bend and La Pine,
and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council,
in cooperation with Deschutes County
and the Oregon Department of Transportation

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Deschutes County
Wide Open Spaces and a Dispersed Population

92 miles

54 miles

3055 square miles
Major Population and Employment Centers

the heart of a growing three-county region

DESCHUTES COUNTY
143,490 people
(24% growth since 2000)

Unincorporated Areas
51,490 people
(36% of county population)

Age Distributions
17 and younger - 23%
18-29 years - 14%
30-64 years - 50%
65 and older - 13%
(75 and older - 6%)

Persons in Poverty [2003]
13,761
(10% of county population)

Disabled Persons [2000]
18,454 over age 4
(16% of county population)
Mobility is the critical link to health care, education, employment, shopping and entertainment.
The Oregon Solutions Process

- **Assessment**
  Assess the goals of the project and the community readiness to find and implement solutions.

- **Leadership**
  Select a Convener who is neutral, respected, skilled in group decision-making, innovative and a problem-solver, enjoys support of the Governor, is available and understands the project vision.

- **Project Membership**
  Form a project team of key stakeholders who are critical to finding solutions or may be in a position to block them.
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• Integration
  Conduct project meetings to identify challenges and opportunities and integrate stakeholder resources to achieve the project goals.

• Commitment to Solutions
  Develop a Declaration of Cooperation consisting of specific commitments of services and/or resources to be provided by stakeholders to advance the project solutions.

• Implementation and Monitoring
  Implement the solutions as set forth in the Declaration of Cooperation, monitor progress, and develop new strategies in response to changing project conditions.
**Initial Problem Statement:**

*Rapid population growth is increasing the need for transportation services in general and better coordination of transportation options for seniors, the disabled and persons without the means of personal mobility.*
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**Initial Project Goals**

- Identify present and future needs for providing ride options, coordinating transportation services, and ensuring citizen and visitor mobility in Deschutes County. Identify present and future transportation needs in Deschutes County.

- Develop a shared vision for the ideal transportation system for Deschutes County.

- Identify steps to work toward the shared vision, including coordination of existing resources and services as well as identifying potential future projects.

- Prioritize coordination initiatives based on the needs that would be met and the potential for success.

- Implement top priority coordination projects.
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Organizing for Effective Collaboration

Technical Team - BEND MPO and COIC

Steering Committee - County Commissioner and Project Convener Mike Daly, COIC, Community Action Teams of the Central Oregon Partnership, ODOT and Oregon Solutions

Project Team - Transportation System Users, Service Providers, State Agencies, Employers, Cities, Unincorporated Areas, Faith and Community-Based Organizations, Schools and Colleges

Stakeholders - Advocacy organizations, Government agencies, neighboring counties and cities, business and neighborhood associations, elected officials and interested citizens

Community at Large
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