

# Metro State of Safety Report

A compilation of information on roadway-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the Portland Metro region and beyond

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## **Executive Summary**

Between 2007 and 2009, there were 151 fatal crashes in the Portland Metro region, killing 159 people, and an additional 1,444 crashes resulting in incapacitating injury. Nationwide, crashes killed an average of 37,500 people per year between 2007 and 2009, and roadway safety remains one of the most challenging health issues nationwide.

It is the Portland Metro region's adopted goal to reduce the number of pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobile occupants killed or seriously injured on the region's roadways each by 50% by 2035 compared to 2005. This is an ambitious but important step toward realizing the larger vision of zero deaths.

The purpose of this report is to document roadway crash data, patterns, and trends in the Portland Metro area and beyond to inform the pursuit of this goal. Beginning with 2007, statewide crash data are provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation, (ODOT). This is a rich dataset, including numerous information fields for each geocoded crash, and is complemented by Metro's rich datasets of transportation infrastructure, transportation operations, and spatial data. The combination of these provides the opportunity of detailed analyses of the safety of the region's transportation system and land use patterns.

Further, a huge amount of US and international data is available to document national and international patterns and trends. This information is important to provide context for local data.

Metro staff spent 2010 and 2011 working with staff from cities and counties of the Metro region, ODOT, TriMet, and other local safety experts to compile and analyze these data. This report presents the findings, identifying trends and relationships of serious crashes with environmental factors including roadway and land use characteristics.

The findings include:

- Nationally and in Oregon, fatalities are decreasing year-to-year for all modes except motorcycle, which is increasing. (Section 1)
- Higher levels of vehicle miles travelled (VMT) correlate with more fatal and serious crashes due to increased exposure. (*Sections 1 and 8*)
- Arterial roadways comprise 59% of the region's serious crashes, 67% of the serious pedestrian crashes, and 52% of the serious bike crashes, while accounting for 40% of vehicle travel. Arterials have the highest serious crash rate per road mile and per VMT. (Sections 2, 5, and 6, see figures at right)



• Streets with more lanes have higher serious crash rates per road mile and per VMT. This follows trends documented in AASHTO's Highway Safety Manual. (Section 3)

- Streets with more lanes have an especially high serious crash rate for pedestrians, producing higher crash rates per mile and per VMT as compared to other modes. (Section 5, see figure at right)
- The most common serious crash types were Rear End and Turning. For fatal crashes, the most common types were Pedestrian and Fixed Object. (Section 3)
- Alcohol or drugs were a factor in 57% of fatal crashes. (Section 2)
- Speed is a contributing factor in 26% of • serious crashes, while aggressive driving is a factor in 40% of serious crashes. (Section 2)
- Aggressive driving was a factor in 86% of serious Rear End crashes. (Section 7)



Nighttime serious pedestrian and bicycle crashes occur disproportionately where street lighting is not present. 79% of serious pedestrian crashes and occurring at night and 85% of serious bicycle crashes occurring at night happen where lighting is not present, as compared to 18% of all serious crashes occurring at night.

(Sections 5 and 6)

- Higher levels of congestion on surface streets appear to result in lower serious crash rates across modes, likely due to lower speeds. (Section 3, see figure at right)
- Higher levels of congestion on freeways appear to result in higher serious crash rates, except for severe congestion, which results in lower serious crash rates, likely due to lower speeds. (Section 4)



Travel by transit is relatively safe, with no passenger deaths in the study period, and 0.23 deaths involving a transit vehicle per 100-million-transit-passenger-miles. For comparison, the rate for all traffic was 0.42 deaths per 100-million-motor-vehicle-passenger -miles. (Section 9)





The Regional Transportation Plan calls for a 50% reduction in fatalities plus serious injuries for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicle occupants by 2035 as compared to 2005. Based upon the findings of this study, strategies for implementation should include:

Strategies	Rationale
A regional arterial safety program to focus on	Arterials have the highest serious crash rate for
corridors with large numbers of serious crashes,	all modes, and should be the primary focus of
pedestrian crashes, and bicycle crashes.	regional safety efforts.
Safety strategies that match solutions to the	Many of the region's high-crash corridors meet or
crash pattern and street and neighborhood	largely meet adopted design standards. More
context, rather than an approach of simply	creative solutions are needed to make substantive
bringing roadways up to adopted standards	safety improvement.
Highway Safety Manual strategies to address	The Highway Safety Manual includes proven
arterials, such as medians, speed management,	design strategies to substantively improve safety.
access management, roundabouts, and road diets	
Policies that reduce the need to drive, and	Reducing the miles people need to drive reduces
therefore reduce vehicle-miles travelled	their exposure and likelihood of being in a crash in
	the first place.
Strategies to reduce the prevalence of speeding	Speeding and aggressive driving are common
and aggressive driving on surface streets	contributing causes to crashes, and high speeds
	increase crash severity.
Strategies to reduce the mixing of alcohol or	More than half of the region's fatal crashes
drugs with driving	involve drugs or alcohol.
Revisions to state, regional, and local mobility	Policies which prioritize capacity over safety
standards to consider safety as equally	encourage wider, faster streets which have been
important, at a minimum, as vehicular capacity	demonstrated to be less safe in an urban
	environment.
A focus on crosswalk and intersection lighting	Pedestrians are disproportionately hit by vehicles
where pedestrian activity is expected	at night. Night crashes are disproportionately
	where street lighting is lacking.
Policies to improve the quality and frequency of	Arterials and multi-lane roads are particularly
pedestrian crossings on arterials and multi-lane	difficult for pedestrians to cross, but crossings are
roadways	needed to access transit and other daily needs.
A focus on safe cycling facilities and routes,	Strategies are needed to safely accommodate
particularly in areas where serious crashes are	cyclists in order to reduce serious crashes while
occurring	mode share increases.
More detailed analysis of the causes of serious	This report identifies high-level trends in regional
crashes, pedestrian crashes, and bicycle crashes	crashes, but more detailed work is needed to
in the region	identify specifically where and why they are
	occurring in disproportionate amounts.
More detailed research on the relationship	The analysis performed for this report identified
between land use patterns and safety	some trends, but many relationships remain
	unclear. More research is needed to recommend
	reliable land use strategies.

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## Introduction

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In this report, crashes are broken down by a number of factors contained in the dataset provided by ODOT.

- Injury Type: Each crash is identified by the worst injury incurred in the crash: Fatal, Injury A (incapacitating), Injury B (moderate), Injury C (minor) or Property Damage Only (PDO). This report largely focuses on Fatal/Incapacitating crashes (the sum of Fatal and Injury A), referred to as 'Serious Crashes' throughout this report. These are the types of crashes that the region is primarily focused on eliminating.
- Location
- Date and Time
- Weather and Pavement Conditions
- Roadway Location: the location on the roadway system allows data from Metro's mapping databases to be attributed to the crash.
- Contributing Factors: These include speeding, alcohol, drugs, school zone, work zone, and hit and run.

Metro's mapping database includes:

- Roadway data, such as speed, geometry, traffic volumes, traffic congestion, transit routes, bicycle routes, and sidewalk inventory
- Spatial data, such as land use, population, density, socioeconomic factors, and walkability

Note that many figures in this document are in color, and while colors are generally selected to be legible when printed in black and white, they are most readable in full color.

## Definitions

Terms that are used throughout this report are defined as follows:

- "**Portland Metro region**" is the scope of this study, and is defined as area within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) as of December 31, 2011.
- "Injury A" and "Incapacitating injury" are used interchangeably. Incapacitating injuries typically are injuries that the victim is not able to walk away from. They are synonymous with the term "Severe injury"
- "Injury B" and "Moderate injury" are used interchangeably.
- "Injury C" and "Minor injury" are used interchangeably.
- "Serious Crashes" in this report refers to the total number of Fatal and Injury A crashes.
- **Per capita** is used to describe crash rate per population. Except where otherwise noted, crash rates are per million residents.
- **Per VMT** is used to describe crash rate per vehicle miles. Except where otherwise noted, crash rates are per 100-million vehicle miles travelled.
- **Arterial** is a functional classification for surface streets. AASHTO defines arterials from the motor vehicle perspective as providing a high degree of mobility for the longer trip lengths and high volumes of traffic, ideally providing a high operating speed and level of service and avoiding penetrating identifiable neighborhoods.
- **Collector** is a functional classification for surface streets. AASHTO defines collectors as providing both land access and traffic circulation within neighborhoods and commercial and industrial areas. The role of the collector system, from the motor vehicle perspective, is to distribute traffic to and from the arterial system.
- Local is a functional classification for surface streets that includes all public surface streets not defined as arterial or collector. Local streets are typically low-speed streets with low traffic volumes in residential areas, but also include similar streets in commercial and industrial areas.

## Section 1 - State, National, and International Trends

Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) were compiled and analyzed along with population data from the US Census to identify trends in national, state, and city crashes. NHTSA summarizes traffic fatality data by state and by major city, including number of fatalities, fatalities per capita and per vehicle-miles travelled (VMT), and by travel mode. Five years of data between 2005 and 2009 were considered for this analysis.

### Travel and Fatality Patterns: US and Oregon

Travel patterns in the US have changed in the last decade due to a variety of external factors. While the population has continued to increase, VMT per capita and absolute VMT have declined. Roadway fatality rates have begun to decline after decades of increases or stagnation. In Oregon, these trends are consistent with national patterns. Figures 1-1 and 1-2 show the national and state trends of population, VMT, and crash-related fatalities.





It is common practice to normalize roadway fatality rates by both population and traffic volumes.

Normalization by population is useful in measuring the overall safety of the roadway system.

Normalization by traffic volumes is useful in measuring the safety per distance travelled. Figures 1-3 and 1-4 show national and state trends for fatalities and fatality rates.



Total fatalities, fatalities per capita, and fatalities per VMT are all decreasing over time.

#### Fatality Patterns by Mode: US and Oregon

The NHTSA data are broken out by mode: automobile occupants, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Figures 1-5 and 1-6 show the recent national and state trends for each mode.



Fatalities are decreasing over time for all modes except motorcycle, which is increasing.

### Annual Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT)

One of the clearest trends in crash data is the correlation between fatality rates and annual per capita VMT. Figure 1-7 shows the relationship by US state for all fatalities, and Figure 1-8 shows the relationship for pedestrian or bicyclist fatalities.

States with higher VMT typically also have higher per capita fatality rates, as the typical exposure to risk is increased. A polynomial equation with a good R-squared value can be fitted to estimate the change in roadway fatalities that would occur by changing per capita VMT, and is shown in Figure 1-7.

#### All Fatalities

It is apparent from the data that states with more auto travel typically exhibit higher fatality rates. The District of Columbia has the lowest per capita VMT at 6,170, and exhibits one of the lowest annual fatality rates of 65 per million residents – 50% of the national average. Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island have the next lowest VMT per capita, and exhibit some of the lowest fatality rates in the US. Wyoming,



with the highest per capita VMT of 17,900, also has the highest annual fatality rate at 310 per million residents – 235% of the national average.

A polynomial equation with a good R-squared value can be generated for the VMT-fatality relationship by setting the intercept to zero. While the equation is likely to vary slightly year-to-year, the general relationship is likely permanent. The relationship for 2005 – 2009 data is shown in Figure 1-7.

The national average is 9,920 VMT per capita and 132 fatalities per million residents.

Oregon statistics are 9,280 VMT per capita (94% of the national average) and 119 fatalities per million residents (90% of the national average).

#### Ped/Bike Fatalities

The relationship between statewide VMT per capita and ped/bike fatalities is unclear. As can be seen in Figure 1-8, the data are scattered, and unlike the overall fatality data, no clear trend exists. This may be due to the complex relationships at play – higher VMTs make ped/bike travel more dangerous, but discourage travel by these modes thereby reducing ped/bike exposure. Florida is the worst state in the nation for both pedestrians killed at 28.7 per million residents and cyclists killed at 6.7 per million residents.

The national average is 15.1 pedestrians killed in crashes per million residents and 2.4 cyclists killed in crashes per million residents.

Oregon crash statistics are 12.3 pedestrians killed per million residents (81% of the national average) and 3.1 cyclists killed per million residents (130% of the national average).

Figure 1-8



### **Population Density**

Given that VMT plays such an important role in crash rates, population density is a logical factor to consider. Density would be affected by the proportion of the population living in large cities, and higher densities would be expected to reduce the need for auto travel.

Figure 1-9 shows the relationships between population density and both VMT and fatality rates. While both generally decline with





increasing density, the relationship is more random than the relationship between VMT and fatality rates.

The relationship between population density and crash rates appears to be indirect, in that density reduces crashes largely by reducing the need for automobile travel.

### State-by-State Fatality Trends

Figures 1-10 through 1-13 show the variation of fatality rates, VMT, and population density among the states. The consistency among states with high fatality rates and high VMT per capita is clearly evident. Interestingly, many states with high VMT per capita also exhibit high fatality rates per VMT – particularly

the southeastern and Mountain West states. The result is very high fatality rates on a per capita basis. This is why a polynomial equation fits the relationship between fatalities and VMT (Figure 1-7) better than a linear one.









Figure 1-14 shows the per capita fatality rate by state. Oregon is slightly better than the US average.



Figure 1-14

#### European Data

Data from the EU Road Federation's publication "European Road Statistics 2010" were compiled in order to provide a comparison to US data. European practices are often considered as a best practice as their transportation systems are generally safer and more efficient than US systems.

Figures 1-15 and 1-16 present European roadway fatality rates per capita and per VMT.

Of the 27 EU countries, 21 of them exhibit lower rates of roadway fatality per capita than the US average. On a per-VMT basis, 16 of the 27 exhibit lower fatality rates than the US average.



Figure 1-15

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European countries appear to be limiting roadway fatalities both by managing safer roadways and developing transportation systems and development patterns which require less driving.

### US City Data

NHTSA data include counts of all fatalities and pedestrian fatalities in US cities. This information is of special concern for this report given the Portland Metro region's existing level of urbanization, and that the adopted growth concepts call for accomodating growth by increasing urbanization.

The figures below summarize overall fatality rates and pedestrian fatality rates for the best and worst 15 cities with population above 300,000. The figures are five-year averages (2005 – 2009).

#### **Overall fatality rates**

The worst cities in the nation for overall fatality rates are Jacksonville, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City (Missouri), Tampa, and Miami. These include all three Florida cities and both Missouri cities over 300,000 population. The city of Orlando does not meet the population threshold, but exhibits a fatality rate even higher than any of the cities listed, continuing the trend of danger in Florida's cities. In

general, the worst cities are in states which have invested primarily in roads, such as Florida, Texas, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Arizona.

The safest cities in the nation in terms of roadway fatalities per capita are New York, Boston, San Jose, San Francisco, and Seattle. In general, the safest cities are those that exhibit dense urban environments and may have higher usage of non-auto travel modes.

The city of Portland ranks well in this list,

at 8<sup>th</sup> best out of the 62 cities of population 300,000 or more.



#### Pedestrian fatality rates

The worst cities in the nation for pedestrian crash fatality rates are Miami, Tampa, Detroit, Jacksonville, and St. Louis. If Orlando were included, it would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst. Again, Florida cities perform very poorly from a safety perspective. Many of the most dangerous cities for pedestrians are in states which have invested primarily in roads, although several cities with lots of multimodal investment and activity – such as Washington DC and San Francisco – rank poorly as well.



Figure 1-17



The safest cities in the nation for pedestrians per capita in terms of crash fatalities are Omaha, Colorado Springs, Minneapolis, Virginia Beach, and Indianapolis. None of these are widely known to exhibit particularly high rates of pedestrian activity, so the low fatality rates may be a combination of less pedestrian exposure and a relatively safe walking environment.

The city of Portland ranks well in this list, at 10<sup>th</sup> best out of the 62 cities of population 300,000 or more.

#### **Overall fatality trends in cities**

Figure 1-19

Crash fatality rates are generally declining in large US cities. This figure shows trends between 1994 and 2009 for the five safest cities of population 300,000 or greater and for Portland.

The city of Portland has exhibited fewer roadway fatalities in the past five years than prior periods, consistent with statewide trends, and is one of the leading US cities in percentage reduction of fatalities in the time period 1994 to 2009.



#### Discussion

In general, overall fatality rates per capita in cities are less than the national average for all areas. For example, the city of Portland's average annual fatality rate of 56 fatalities per million residents is much less than the national average of 132 and the Oregon statewide average of 119. Eight of the 62 cities exhibited crash fatality rates above the overall national average, with 54 exhibiting crash fatality rates below the national average.

This is likely due to a number of factors including fewer miles driven per capita due to the proximity of services, and the lower speeds of urban streets compared to rural highways, resulting in lower crash severity.

In general, cities which are more urban and which have invested in a variety of modes of transportation show substantially lower overall crash fatality rates. Those which have invested disproportionately in auto infrastructure exhibit higher crash fatality rates.

Florida cities offer a clear example of what not to do. Florida cities are characterized by wide, highspeed multi-lane arterials (often 6 or more lanes) with poor access management, disconnected street systems, and low intensity land uses. Historically, planning based on transportation concurrency contributed to the development of these roadways as well as the sprawling nature of Florida's cities, resulting in a focus on motor vehicle mobility with little regard for safety or multi-modal access. More recently, Florida has made progress in revising concurrency policies to arrest these trends, adopting concurrency exception areas in many cities, and developing multi-modal level of service policies. Policies that consider land use and transportation in a broad context, and avoid prioritizing vehicle capacity over other considerations, are an important element of building a safe transportation system. Regarding pedestrian fatality rates, the relationships are complex, as cities with better pedestrian infrastructure encourage use by people walking, thereby increasing exposure. So while it may be safer to walk a given distance, the increased walking that results may increase pedestrian exposure and thus pedestrian crashes. San Francisco is a good example of this, with the 14<sup>th</sup> worst pedestrian crash fatality rate but the 4<sup>th</sup> best overall crash fatality rate. Increasing walking may lead to more pedestrian fatalities because of the increased exposure but fewer overall fatalities because of the reduced VMT.

## Section 2 – All Crashes

This section summarizes all crashes occurring in the Portland Metro region. The term "serious crashes" refers to all fatal or incapacitating injury (injury A) crashes.

### Crashes By Year

		Fatal				All Injury	
	Total	Crashes	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Crashes	Fatal/
Year	Crashes	(Fatalities)	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	(Injuries)	Incapac.
2007	19,058	60 (63)	495	2,050	4,706	7,251	555
2008	18,028	45 (49)	661	1,864	4,939	7,464	706
2009	17,702	46 (47)	288	1,806	5,878	7,972	334
						22,687	
Total	54,788	151 (159)	1,444	5,720	15,523	(31,179)	1,595



#### Figures 2-1 and 2-2

Total crashes declined over the 3-year period, while injury crashes increased over the 3-year period (Figure 2-1). Fatal and serious crashes fluctuated over the 3-year period (Figure 2-2).

Metro crash rates compared to other places	

					Serious	Crashes
			All injury		Fatal/Inca	pacitating
	Population		per million	per 100M	per million	per 100M
Year	(2010)	Annual VMT	residents	VMT	residents	VMT
2007-09	1,481,118	9,308,676,259	5,106	81.2	359	5.7

2007 - 2009	Avg. Annual Fatalities	Population	Annual VMT	Fatality rate per million residents	Fatality rate per 100M VMT
Metro	53.0	1,481,118	9,308,676,259	36	0.59
City of Portland	27.7	583,627	4,376,272,685	47	0.66
Oregon	416	3,779,734	34,100,000,000	110	1.22
Median, cities >300,000 pop.	-	-	n/a	81	n/a
US	37,376	304,041,341	2,984,500,000,000	123	1.25
UK (2008)	2,645	60,776,238	630,000,000,000*	43	0.42
EU – 27 (2008)	38,875	490,426,060	4,520,000,000,000*	78	0.86

\*estimated

The City of Portland, the Portland Metro region, and the State of Oregon all have fatality rates below the national average. The United Kingdom and European Union data are included for reference as international best practice.

#### By Sub-Region

						All	
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/
Sub-Region	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Clackamas	2,627	6	146	221	715	1,082	152
Portland	9,286	27	200	998	2,596	3,794	227
East Multnomah	1,410	5	41	175	445	661	45
Washington	4,901	13	92	509	1,412	2,013	105
METRO	18,263	50	481	1,907	5,174	7,562	532

#### Figures 2-3 and 2-4





					Serious Crashes		
			All ir	njury	(Fatal/Incapacitating)		
			per 1M	per 100M	per 1M	per 100M	
Sub-Region	Population	Annual VMT	residents	VMT	residents	VMT	
Clackamas	256,986	1,615,525,690	4,210	67.0	593	9.4	
Portland	583,627	4,376,272,685	6,500	86.7	388	5.2	
East Multnomah	136,130	654,385,044	4,856	101.0	333	6.9	
Washington 499,259		2,669,124,479	4,030	75.4	210	3.9	
METRO	1,481,118	9,308,676,259	5,106	81	359	5.7	

With the highest population and VMT, Portland has the largest share of the region's serious crashes (Figure 2-3). Clackamas County has the highest rate of serious crashes per capita and per VMT. Washington County has the lowest rate of serious crashes per capita and per VMT.

	Annual	Fatal	Inju
City	Crashes	Crashes	Cras
Beaverton	1,622	2.0	2
Cornelius	79	0.7	
Damascus	102	0.3	6
Durham	10	0.0	(
Fairview	76	0.0	
Forest Grove	108	0.0	3

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	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
City	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Beaverton	1,622	2.0	28	145	460	633	29.7
Cornelius	79	0.7	2	6	27	35	2.7
Damascus	102	0.3	6	13	26	45	6.0
Durham	10	0.0	0	1	4	4	0.0
Fairview	76	0.0	2	12	22	35	1.7
Forest Grove	108	0.0	3	16	29	48	3.0
Gladstone	88	0.0	6	5	24	35	5.7
Gresham	1,105	3.0	34	133	351	518	37.0
Happy Valley	129	0.7	8	12	33	54	9.0
Hillsboro	1,032	3.3	20	129	321	470	23.0
Johnson City	0.3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
King City	4.3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Lake Oswego	261	0.0	9	15	71	95	9.0
Maywood Park	15	0.0	0	1	4	5	0.0
Milwaukie	174	0.7	9	16	43	68	9.7
Oregon City	461	1.0	29	38	125	193	30.0
Portland	9,286	26.7	200	998	2,596	3,794	226.7
Rivergrove	1.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Sherwood	111	0.3	1	14	30	45	1.3
Tigard	742	1.7	12	68	209	288	13.3
Troutdale	127	0.3	3	16	37	56	3.0
Tualatin	349	1.0	10	37	102	149	11.0
West Linn	178	0.0	8	16	53	76	7.7
Wilsonville	165	0.3	5	15	47	67	5.3
Wood Village	64	0.0	1	9	24	34	1.0
Unincorp Clack	1,095	3.3	67	92	303	462	70.0
Unincorp Mult	73	1.7	4	11	16	31	5.7
Unincorp Wash	804	3.3	17	88	217	322	20.0
METRO	18,263	50.3	481	1,907	5,174	7,562	532

These two tables and the accompanying Figure 2-5 summarize crash data within the region by City and for the unincorporated sections of each of the three counties. Crash rates were determined per capita but not per VMT, as the VMT estimates for the smaller cities are not considered reliable enough for such an analysis.

			Fatal/
		All injury	Incapac.
County	Population	per capita	per capita
Beaverton	90,203	7,018	329
Cornelius	11,869	2,949	225
Damascus	10,211	4,407	588
Durham	1,306	3,318	0
Fairview	8,926	3,958	187
Forest Grove	21,094	2,276	142
Gladstone	11,529	3,007	492
Gresham	105,588	4,906	350
Happy Valley	13,906	3,859	647
Hillsboro	91,507	5,140	251
Johnson City	436	765	0
King City	3,090	108	108
Lake Oswego	36,586	2,597	246
Maywood Park	752	7,092	0
Milwaukie	20,560	3,324	470
Oregon City	32,476	5,933	924
Portland	583,627	6,500	388
Rivergrove	289	0	0
Sherwood	18,207	2,453	73
Tigard	48,058	6,000	277
Troutdale	15,800	3,565	190
Tualatin	26,102	5,708	421
West Linn	25,112	3,026	305
Wilsonville	19,509	3,417	273
Wood Village	3,878	8,681	258
Unincorp Clack	87,502	5,276	800
Unincorp Mult	6,018	5,151	942
Unincorp Wash	186,977	1,722	107
METRO	1,481,118	5,106	359





By ODOT District	(within	Metro	Urban	Growth	Boundary)
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	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
District	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
2A	6,906	16	146	722	1,952	2,820	163
2B	9,584	29	287	1,022	2,793	4,102	316
2C	898	5	36	110	259	405	40
METRO	17,388	50	469	1,854	5,005	7,327	519



Figures 2-6 and 2-7

					Serious Crashes		
	Population		All ir	njury	(Fatal/Inca	pacitating)	
District	(2010)	Annual VMT	per capita	per VMT	per capita	per VMT	
2A	679,704	4,236,063,970	4,149	67	239	3.8	
2B	677,614	4,674,325,537	6,054	88	466	6.8	
2C	123,800	398,286,752	3,269	102	326	10.1	
METRO	1,481,118	9,308,676,259	4,947	79	350	5.6	

District 2B has the largest share of the region's serious crashes (Figure 2-6). With comparable population and VMT compared to District 2B, District 2A has a lower rate of serious crashes. District 2C has the lowest number but highest rates of serious crashes per capita and per VMT.

#### By Roadway Classification

						All		Percent
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/	Fatal/
	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.
Freeway	2,800	6.3	55	262	854	1,171	61	2.2%
Arterial	9,845	30.7	285	1,038	3,003	4,326	315	3.2%
Collector	3,398	10.0	94	426	870	1,391	104	3.1%
Local	1,346	3.3	35	128	277	440	38	2.8%
Unknown	874	0.0	13	53	170	235	13	1.4%
METRO	18,263	50.3	481	1,907	5,174	7,562	532	2.9%

			Fatal/
		All injury	Incapac.
District	Annual VMT	per VMT	per VMT
Freeway	3,733,753,312	31.4	1.6
Arterial	3,716,028,247	116.4	8.5
Collector	1,453,638,411	95.7	7.2
Local	Not Available		





A review of the distribution of the region's serious crashes by roadway classification reveals one of the most conclusive relationships in this study. Arterial roadways are the location of the majority of the serious crashes in the region (Figure 2-8). A similar relationship is evident for pedestrians and cyclists, as detailed in Sections 5 and 6. Freeways and their ramps are relatively safe, per mile travelled, compared to arterial and collector roadways (Figure 2-9).

Figure 2-10 presents the functional classification of the region's roadways.

Figure 2-10



#### By Mode

	Pedestrians		Bicy	clists	Autos Only		
	All injury crashes	Fatal/	All injury crashes	Fatal/	All injury crashes	Fatal/	
	crushes	incapac.	crustics	incapac.	crustics	incupue:	
2007	266	79	288	43	6,697	433	
2008	291	55	370	43	6,804	608	
2009	309	54	390	36	7,273	244	
Total	866	188	1,048	122	20,774	1,285	

Figures 2-11 and 2-12



Figure	2-13



Figure 2-11 presents the annual number of serious crashes involving only motor vehicles (no pedestrians or cyclists). Figure 2-12 presents the annual number of serious crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists. Figure 2-13 presents the annual number of serious crashes involving motorcycles and large trucks.

#### By Month

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Month	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
January	1,544	606	56.3
February	1,298	510	36.3
March	1,413	574	40.3
April	1,529	641	42.0
May	1,593	674	52.0
June	1,486	607	41.7
July	1,494	644	51.0
August	1,530	670	41.7
September	1,441	621	36.3
October	1,648	697	43.3
November	1,614	679	51.7
December	1,673	638	39.0

Figure 2-14



Figure 2-14 presents the annual average number of serious crashes by month. No clear trend is evident.

### By Time of Day

	Serious Crashes by Day of Week and Hour										
			Annual	Fatal/Inc	capacitati	ng Crash	ies, 2007	- 2009			
										Avg	Avg
Hour	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Hour	Wkday	Wkend
12 AM	2.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.3	1.7	4.0		12 AM	1.1	3.2
1 AM	2.0	1.0	1.3	0.3	2.0	0.7	4.0		1 AM	1.1	3.0
2 AM	1.7	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.0	2.3	5.7		2 AM	1.3	3.7
3 AM	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.0		3 AM	0.3	1.3
4 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7		4 AM	0.0	1.3
5 AM	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.3	0.7	1.3	0.0		5 AM	1.1	0.7
6 AM	0.7	3.7	3.3	3.0	5.3	2.0	0.7		6 AM	3.5	0.7
7 AM	1.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	5.0	3.7	1.3		7 AM	3.8	1.5
8 AM	1.0	4.7	3.3	3.7	5.3	5.0	1.3		8 AM	4.4	1.2
9 AM	0.7	2.3	4.7	1.3	1.3	3.7	2.7		9 AM	2.7	1.7
10 AM	2.3	3.3	4.3	4.3	2.0	3.7	2.0		10 AM	3.5	2.2
11 AM	2.3	4.0	3.7	4.0	2.7	4.7	4.3		11 AM	3.8	3.3
12 PM	3.3	5.3	4.7	5.3	2.7	2.7	4.0		12 PM	4.1	3.7
1 PM	3.7	2.3	3.7	3.7	4.7	4.0	7.0		1 PM	3.7	5.3
2 PM	6.3	5.0	5.0	4.3	2.3	6.0	3.7		2 PM	4.5	5.0
3 PM	3.7	7.0	5.3	7.0	5.3	3.7	4.7		3 PM	5.7	4.2
4 PM	2.0	6.3	5.7	8.0	6.3	5.0	3.7		4 PM	6.3	2.8
5 PM	5.0	11.0	9.3	7.7	7.7	9.0	7.7		5 PM	8.9	6.3
6 PM	4.0	8.7	5.0	3.7	4.0	6.0	3.7		6 PM	5.5	3.8
7 PM	3.3	4.0	2.3	2.7	5.3	4.7	5.3		7 PM	3.8	4.3
8 PM	1.0	1.3	2.0	1.7	5.0	3.0	1.7		8 PM	2.6	1.3
9 PM	2.3	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3		9 PM	2.9	2.3
10 PM	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.3	4.0	4.3		10 PM	2.2	3.0
11 PM	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.3	3.7	2.0		11 PM	2.3	1.8
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										Avg	Avg
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			Wkday	Wkend
All Day	55.7	83.7	75.7	72.0	78.7	84.7	79.7		All Day	78.9	67.7

Figure 2-15

Figure 2-15 presents the rate of serious crashes by day of the week and hour of the day using a "heat map" format. Red cells indicate the highest relative crash time periods; green indicate the lowest relative crash time periods. The average weekday and weekend day are summarized on the right side of the figure, while each day is summarized and compared at the bottom of the figure.

The weekday evening peak hours produce the highest number of serious crashes, with the 5:00 - 5:59 pm hour as the worst. Late Friday night/early Saturday morning shows an unexpectedly high rate of serious crashes.

#### By Weather

Weather	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Cloudy/Clear	14,042	6,030	425
Rain/Fog	3,258	1,343	96
Sleet/Snow	416	120	7
Unknown	547	69	4
Total	18,263	7,562	532

The majority (80%) of serious crashes occurred in clear or cloudy conditions (Figure 2-16).

### By Road Surface Condition

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Road	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Dry	13,027	5,609	387
Ice/Snow	609	177	12
Wet	4,093	1,714	130
Unknown	534	63	3
Total	18,263	7,562	532

The majority (73%) of serious crashes occurred in dry conditions (Figure 2-17).

### By Lighting

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Lighting	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Daylight	13,357	5,478	339
Dawn/Dusk	1,044	454	35
Night - Dark	668	255	29
Night - Lit	3,148	1,370	128
Unknown	45	7	1
Total	18,263	7,562	532

The majority (64%) of serious crashes occurred in daylight (Figure 2-18).







Figure 2-17



Figure 2-18

	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
Collision Type	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Angle	2,139	5.7	71	335	591	998	77
Backing	377	0.0	2	8	44	54	2
Fixed Object	1,181	15.7	48	194	218	460	64
Head-on	135	4.7	15	28	29	72	19
Single Vehicle	86	2.0	7	31	21	59	9
Other	61	0.0	2	9	9	21	2
Parking	89	0.0	1	2	11	14	1
Pedestrian	295	14.3	45	125	107	277	60
Rear End	7,813	1.7	153	507	2,847	3,507	155
Sideswipe	1,819	1.3	26	106	299	431	28
Turning	4,268	5.0	110	561	998	1,670	115
METRO	18,263	50.3	481	1,907	5,174	7,562	532

#### By Crash Type

#### Figures 2-19 and 2-20



Figures 2-19 and 2-20 present serious crash types and fatal crash types. Fatal crashes are specifically broken out here because the distribution is substantially different. For the purpose of establishing crash type, bicycles are considered vehicles, and so there is no separate bicycle crash type.

The most common serious crash types were Rear End and Turning.

The most common fatal crash types were Fixed Object and Pedestrian.

#### By Contributing Factor

	امیرمم	Fatal		loiun/ D		All	Fatal/
Collision Type	Crashos	Crashos	Crashos	Crashos	Crashos	Crashes	Falal/
consion type	Clasties	Clastics	Clastics	Clastics	Clastics	Clasties	пісарас.
Excessive Speed	2,773	23	117	286	786	1,188	140
Following Too Close	6,202	0	89	353	2,278	2,720	89
Fail to Yield ROW	5,359	13	166	806	1,379	2,351	179
Improper Maneuver	4,011	12	82	301	763	1,146	94
Inattention	837	1	23	109	283	415	24
Reckless or Careless	539	4	38	126	159	323	41
Aggressive	8,151	23	188	588	2,775	3,551	211
Fail to Stop	6,918	1	130	426	2,503	3,060	131
Parking Related	123	0	2	4	17	23	2
Vehicle Problem	78	0	4	9	17	29	4
Alcohol or Drugs	600	29	45	120	149	315	74
Hit and Run	851	4	16	74	302	393	21
METRO	18,263	50	481	1,907	5,174	7,562	532

#### Figures 2-21 and 2-22



Figure 2-21 presents the percentage of crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Figure 2-22 presents the the percentage of fatal crashes with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.

Alcohol and Drugs, Excessive Speed, and Aggressive Driving are particularly common factors. Crashes involving Alcohol and Drugs have a much higher likelihood of being fatal than other crashes.

A detailed definition of each contributing factor is provided in Section 7.

### By Driver's Age and Gender

The age and gender of drivers involved in crashes, regardless of fault, are presented in the following table and Figures 2-23 and 2-24.

	Number of Male Drivers			Number of Female Drivers		
Males	All Crashes	Fatal/ Incapac.	Percent Fatal/ Incapac.	All Crashes	Fatal/ Incapac.	Percent Fatal/ Incapac.
14-17	1,742	35	2.0%	1,710	48	2.8%
18-21	5,518	182	3.3%	4,809	125	2.6%
22-24	3,924	125	3.2%	3,499	90	2.6%
25-29	6,556	191	2.9%	5,498	157	2.9%
30-34	5,742	147	2.6%	4,664	121	2.6%
35-39	5,517	175	3.2%	4,517	108	2.4%
40-44	5,199	145	2.8%	3,911	85	2.2%
45-49	5,376	153	2.8%	4,143	102	2.5%
50-54	4,889	132	2.7%	3,795	107	2.8%
55-59	4,339	127	2.9%	3,362	89	2.6%
60-64	3,090	78	2.5%	2,568	62	2.4%
65-69	1,763	27	1.5%	1,333	31	2.3%
70-74	1,120	34	3.0%	927	21	2.3%
75-79	807	21	2.6%	676	20	3.0%
80-84	641	22	3.4%	531	7	1.3%
85+	392	15	3.8%	316	8	2.5%
Unknown	7,650	26	0.3%	4,744	15	0.3%
Total	64,265	1,635	2.5%	51,003	1,196	2.3%

Figures 2-23 and 2-24



#### Seat Belt Use

The reported use of seat belts is shown in the following tables, for all crashes, for serious crashes only, and for non-serious crashes.

Seat Belt Use (all crashes)								
	Seat Belt		% Seat	% No Seat				
	Use	Belt	Unknown	Belt Use	Belt			
Males	43,678	483	25,472	98.9%	1.1%			
Females	41,229	269	17,150	99.4%	0.6%			
Unknown	80	8	3,394	90.9%	9.1%			
Total	84,987	760	46,016	99.1%	0.9%			

Seat Belt Use (Serious crashes)								
	Seat Belt Use	No Seat Belt	Unknown	% Seat Belt Use	% No Seat Belt			
Males	1,561	52	314	96.8%	3.2%			
Females	1,456	28	197	98.1%	1.9%			
Unknown	3	0	43	100%	0.0%			
Total	3,020	80	554	97.4%	2.6%			

Seat Belt Use (Injury B, C, and PDO crashes)								
Seat BeltNo Seat% SeatUseBeltUnknownUseBelt								
Males	42,117	431	25,158	99.0%	1.0%			
Females	39,773	241	16,953	99.4%	0.6%			
Unknown	77	8	3,351	90.6%	9.4%			
Total	81,967	680	45,462	99.2%	0.8%			

Seat belt use in the region is nearly 100%.

Males were 69% more likely than females to be reported without a seat belt.

Occupants without seat belts were 3 times as likely to be seriously injured or killed as occupants wearing seat belts.

## Section 3 – Roadway Characteristics of Non-Freeway Crashes

#### By Roadway Classification

				All injury	Serious Crashes
	Total Length	Annual VMT	Annual crashes	crashes	(Fatal/Incapac.)
Arterial	626.7	3,716,028,247	9,848	4,328	315
Collector	900.0	1,453,638,411	3,400	1,392	104
Local	10,394.2		2,215	672	51
Total	11,920.9	5,169,666,658*	15,463	6,392	471

\* VMT for Arterials and Collectors only



Figures 3-1 and 3-2

	% crashes resulting in		Per	Per mile		Per VMT	
	Fatal/		Injury	Fatal/	Injury	Fatal/	
	Injury	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	
Arterial	44%	3.2%	6.91	0.503	116.5	8.5	
Collector	41%	3.1%	1.55	0.116	95.8	7.2	
Local	30%	2.3%	0.06	0.005			
METRO	41%	3.0%					

A review of the distribution of non-freeway serious crashes by roadway classification reveals one of the most conclusive relationships in this report. Arterial roadways are the location of the majority of the serious crashes in the region. Despite making up only 5% of the region's non-freeway road miles, they constitute 67% of the serious crashes (Figures 3-1 and 3-2). A similar relationship is evident for pedestrians and cyclists, as detailed in Sections 5 and 6. This is likely due to high traffic volumes, high travel speeds, and the general lack of accommodation of people crossing on arterials throughout the region.

Arterials also have the highest crash rate per traffic volume (Figure 3-3). Figure 3-4 presents the functional classification of the region's roadways.



Figures 3-3 and 3-4

### By Number of Lanes

The following tables and Figures 3-5 and 3-6 summarize crashes by number of lanes for arterial and collector roadways.

	Total Length	Annual VMT	Annual crashes	All injury crashes	Fatal/Incapac
1 – 3 Lanes	1.224	2.663.319.790	5.951	2,495	194
4 – 5 Lanes	293	2,376,367,869	6,683	2,966	205
6+ Lanes	10	130,075,443	609	256	21

Figures 3-5 and 3-6



	% crashes resulting in Fatal/		Per	mile	Per VMT	
			Injury	Fatal/	Injury	Fatal/
	Injury	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.
1 – 3 Lanes	42%	7.8%	2.04	0.16	93.7	7.3
4 – 5 Lanes	44%	6.9%	10.12	0.70	124.8	8.6
6+ Lanes	42%	8.1%	25.44	2.05	196.8	15.9

Figure 3-7 presents the crash rate per traffic volume, and Figure 3-8 presents the number of lanes for arterials and collectors in the region.

The influence of street width is consistent with the influence of roadway classification. Wider roadways are the location of a disproportionate number of serious crashes in relation to both their share of the overall system (Figures 3-4 and 3-5) and the vehicle-miles travelled they serve (Figure 3-6). The crash rate increases dramatically for roadways with 6 or more lanes.





Similar patterns are documented in AASHTO's Highway Safety Manual (2010), Chapter 12.


	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
Collision Type	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Angle	2,029	5.7	66	316	553	935	72
Backing	370	0.0	2	7	43	52	2
Fixed Object	936	12.0	40	146	170	355	52
Head-on	127	4.3	13	26	28	67	18
Single Vehicle	63	1.0	5	24	17	46	6
Other	43	0.0	2	8	7	16	2
Parking	88	0.0	1	2	11	14	1
Pedestrian	290	14.0	44	124	104	273	58
Rear End	6,075	0.7	127	374	2,223	2,724	128
Sideswipe	1,409	1.3	18	80	217	316	20
Turning	4,033	5.0	109	538	946	1,593	114
Total	15,463	44.0	427	1,645	4,320	6,392	471

## By Crash Type

Figure 3-9 and 3-10



Figures 3-9 and 3-10 present non-freeway serious crash types and non-freeway fatal crash types. Fatal crashes are specifically broken out here because the distribution is substantially different. For the purpose of establishing crash type, bicycles are considered vehicles, and so there is no separate bicycle crash type.

The most common serious crash types were Rear End and Turning.

The most common fatal crash types were Pedestrian and Fixed Object.

### By Contributing Factor

						All	
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/
Factor	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Excessive Speed	2,080	18	98	206	569	873	116
Following Too Close	4,781	0	71	257	1,764	2,092	71
Fail to Yield ROW	5,107	12	161	771	1,311	2,244	174
Improper Maneuver	3,396	10	71	249	631	951	80
Inattention	691	0	19	94	235	348	19
Reckless or Careless	460	3	32	107	138	277	35
Aggressive	6,349	18	157	435	2,161	2,753	175
Fail to Stop	5,589	0	111	332	2,031	2,474	112
Parking Related	119	0	2	3	16	22	2
Vehicle Problem	53	0	3	7	12	22	3
Alcohol or Drugs	538	26	39	106	133	278	65
Hit and Run	709	4	15	59	250	324	19
METRO	15,463	44	427	1,645	4,320	6,392	471

Figures 3-11 and 3-12



Figure 3-11 and 3-12 present the proportion of non-freeway crashes by contributing factor for serious and fatal crashes, respectively. Aggressive Driving, Speed, and Alcohol or Drugs are the most common factors.

## By Volume-to-Capacity Ratio

The combination of traffic data available from the region's travel demand model and crash data allowed for a comparison of traffic congestion with safety.

An analysis of serious crash rates compared to congestion levels for non-freeway roadways was performed. The analysis included all roadways in the regional travel demand model, including all arterials and collectors, as well as certain local streets serving a collector function. The intent was to establish the relationship between congestion and safety.

PM peak 3-hour Volume-to-Capacity ratios as determined by the travel demand model were compared to the same 3-hours of weekday crash data. The results are shown in the table and Figures 3-13. Figure 3-14 presents the Volume-to-Capacity ratios for the region's non-freeway roadways.

		PM Peak			Per Mile		Per VMT	
	Total		All		All		All	
PM Peak	Length		injury	Fatal/	injury	Fatal/	injury	Fatal/
V/C Range	(miles)	VMT	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.
< 0.8	1,345.4	1,084,012,637	1,272	86.7	0.95	0.06	117.4	8.0
0.8 - 0.9	91.0	151,691,335	221	9.3	2.42	0.10	145.5	6.2
0.9 - 1.0	45.1	87,440,817	88	4.7	1.94	0.10	100.3	5.3
≥ 1.0	45.1	105,359,218	90	5.7	2.00	0.13	85.4	5.4





The serious crash rate per vehicle-mile travelled is highest for uncongested non-freeway roadways. Non-freeway roadways with higher levels of congestion exhibit lower crash rates.

# Section 4 - Roadway Characteristics of Freeway Crashes

## By Crash Type

	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
Collision Type	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Angle	110	0.0	5	19	38	62	5
Backing	8	0.0	0	1	1	2	0
Fixed Object	245	3.7	9	49	48	105	12
Head-on	8	0.3	1	2	1	5	2
Single Vehicle	23	1.0	2	7	3	13	3
Other	17	0.0	0	2	2	4	0
Parking	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Pedestrian	5	0.3	1	1	3	4	1
Rear End	1,738	1.0	26	133	624	783	27
Sideswipe	410	0.0	8	26	81	115	8
Turning	236	0.0	2	23	52	76	2
TOTAL	2,800	6.3	55	262	854	1,171	61
Total – Freeway							
Mainline	2,008	4.0	40	185	624	848	44
Total – Freeway							
Ramps	792	2.3	15	77	230	322	17

Figure 4-1 and 4-2



Figures 4-1 and 4-2 present freeway serious crash types and freeway fatal crash types. Fatal crashes are specifically broken out here because the distribution is substantially different.

The most common serious crash types were Rear End crashes, constituting 45% of serious crashes.

The most common fatal crash types were Fixed Object crashes, constituting 58% of fatal crashes.

## By Number of Lanes

Number of lanes (in one direction)	Total Length	Annual VMT	Annual crashes	All injury crashes	Fatal/Incapac.
Freeway ramp	92.9	336,224,295	792	322	17
1 Lanes	8.3	61,535,839	26	11	1
2 Lanes	49.6	661,971,141	342	148	9
3 Lanes	100.6	2,051,230,361	1,184	496	24
4+ Lanes	25.1	622,791,676	454	192	10
ALL FREEWAYS	276.5	3,733,753,312	2,800	1,171	61

Figures 4-3 and 4-4 present the distribution of freeway crashes by number of lanes. They also present the proportion of freeway crashes that occur on ramps.



Figure 4-3 and 4-4

Number of	% crashes	resulting in	Per	mile	Per	Per VMT		
lanes (in one		Fatal/	Injury	Fatal/	Injury	Fatal/		
direction)	Injury	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.		
Freeway ramp	41%	2.2%	3.5	0.19	95.9	5.16		
1 Lanes	43%	3.8%	1.4	0.12	18.4	1.63		
2 Lanes	43%	2.6%	3.0	0.18	22.4	1.36		
3 Lanes	42%	2.0%	4.9	0.24	24.2	1.15		
4+ Lanes	42%	2.2%	7.7	0.40	30.9	1.61		
ALL FREEWAYS	42%	2.2%	4.2	0.22	31.4	1.63		

The influence of freeway width is not as pronounced as for non-freeway roadways. Freeways with three directional lanes (including auxiliary lanes) exhibit the lowest crash rates, while the rate increases for freeways with more or fewer lanes (Figure 4-5). Figure 4-6 presents the number of lanes for the region's freeways. Ramps exhibit a higher rate per mile travelled, while still representing a relatively small proportion (28%) of all serious freeway crashes (Figure 4-3).







### By Contributing Factor

						All	
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/
Factor	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Excessive Speed	693	5	19	80	217	315	24
Following Too Close	1,421	0	18	96	514	628	18
Fail to Yield ROW	252	1	5	35	68	108	6
Improper Maneuver	615	2	11	52	132	195	13
Inattention	147	0	5	15	48	68	5
Reckless or Careless	78	1	5	19	22	46	6
Aggressive	1,803	5	31	152	614	798	36
Fail to Stop	1,329	0	19	95	473	586	19
Parking Related	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
Vehicle Problem	25	0	1	2	5	8	1
Alcohol or Drugs	62	3	6	14	16	37	9
Hit and Run	141	0	2	15	52	69	2
METRO	2,800	6	55	262	854	1,171	61

#### Figures 4-7 and 4-8



Figure 4-7 and 4-8 present the proportion of freeway crashes by contributing factor for serious and fatal crashes, respectively. Aggressive Driving and Speed are the most common factors.

# By Volume-to-Capacity Ratio

The combination of traffic data available from the region's travel demand model and crash data allowed for a comparison of traffic congestion with safety.

An analysis of serious crash rates compared to congestion levels for freeways was performed. The intent was to establish the relationship between congestion and safety.

PM peak 3-hour Volume-to-Capacity ratios as determined by the travel demand model were compared to the same 3-hours of weekday crash data. The results are shown in the table and Figures 4-9. Figure 4-10 presents the Volume-to-Capacity ratios for the region's freeways, including ramps.

		PI	Per	Mile	Per VMT			
	Total		All		All		All	
PM Peak	Length		injury	Fatal/	injury	Fatal/	injury	Fatal/
V/C Range	(miles)	VMT	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.	crashes	Incapac.
< 0.8	83.9	273,835,882	104	2.0	1.24	0.024	38.1	0.73
0.8 - 0.9	36.7	180,137,602	47	2.0	1.28	0.055	26.1	1.11
0.9 - 1.0	36.6	192,960,834	94	3.3	2.57	0.091	48.9	1.73
≥ 1.0	26.4	146,182,584	57	1.3	2.17	0.051	39.2	0.91

Figures 4-9 and 4-10



The serious crash rate per vehicle-mile travelled on freeways increases with congestion up to a point, then drops with severe congestion. The increase with increasing congestion may result from traffic at free-flow speed encountering traffic stopped or slowed for congestion. The drop at high congestion levels may be due to the low speeds and accompanying low risk associated with severe congestion.

# Section 5 – Pedestrians (Non-Freeway Crashes)

# By Year

	Fatal					
	Crashes	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
Year	(Fatalities)	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
2007	20 (20)	57	115	88	260	77
2008	11 (11)	43	119	125	287	54
2009	11 (11)	39	147	114	300	50
METRO	42 (42)	139	381	327	847	181

#### Figure 5-1



As presented in Figure 5-1, serious and fatal pedestrian crashes declined over the 3-year period.

### By Sub-Region

County	Fatal crashes	Injury A crashes	Injury B crashes	Injury C crashes	All Injury crashes	Fatal/ Incapac.
Clackamas	1.7	5.3	9.0	16.7	31.0	7.0
Portland	7.3	26.3	80.7	61.3	168.3	33.7
East Multnomah	1.0	5.3	11.0	12.0	28.3	6.3
Washington	3.7	9.7	26.7	18.7	55.0	13.3
METRO	14.0	46.3	127.0	109.0	282.3	60.3

			All injury		Serious Crashes (Fatal/Incapacitating)	
County	Population	Total VMT	per capita	per VMT	per capita	per VMT
Clackamas	256,986	1,102,387,348	120.6	2.81	27.2	0.63
Portland	583,627	2,456,278,457	288.4	6.85	57.7	1.37
East Multnomah	136,130	491,944,454	208.1	5.76	46.5	1.29
Washington	499,259	1,811,815,622	110.2	3.04	26.7	0.74
METRO	1,481,118	5,854,310,275	190.6	4.82	40.7	1.03

#### Figure 5-2



With the highest population, transit usage, VMT, and likely the largest number of pedestrians, Portland has 56% of the region's serious pedestrian crashes (Figure 5-2). Portland also has the highest rate of serious pedestrian crashes per capita and per VMT. East Multnomah County also has high rates of serious pedestrian crashes per capita and per VMT. Clackamas County and Washington County have relatively low rates of serious pedestrian crashes, which is likely largely due to fewer people walking.

	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
City	crashes	crashes	crashes	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Beaverton	0.0	0.3	3.3	5.3	9.0	0.3
Cornelius	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.7
Durham	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3
Damascus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0
Fairview	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.0
Forest Grove	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.7	0.7
Gladstone	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.3
Gresham	1.0	5.0	9.7	10.0	24.7	6.0
Happy Valley	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	1.7	0.0
Hillsboro	0.7	3.3	10.0	4.7	18.0	4.0
Johnson City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
King City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lake Oswego	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.3	5.0	0.0
Maywood Park	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Milwaukie	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.7	3.0	0.7
Oregon City	0.0	0.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	0.3
Portland	7.3	26.3	80.7	61.3	168.3	33.7
Rivergrove	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sherwood	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.3
Tigard	1.0	1.7	2.3	3.7	7.7	2.7
Troutdale	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.3	2.7	0.3
Tualatin	0.0	1.3	1.7	0.7	3.7	1.3
West Linn	0.0	0.7	0.3	1.0	2.0	0.7
Wilsonville	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.0	2.7	0.0
Wood Village	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uninc. Clackamas	1.3	3.3	2.7	5.3	11.3	4.7
Uninc. Multnomah	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Uninc. Washington	1.3	1.7	6.3	2.3	10.3	3.0
METRO	14.0	46.3	127.0	109.0	282.3	60.3

# By City

While Portland has the largest number and rate of serious pedestrian crashes, it is apparent from Figure 5-3 that there are a number of other cities and areas with a high rate of serious pedestrian crashes per capita. Gresham, Cornelius, Tigard, unincorporated Multnomah County, unincorporated Clackamas County, Tualatin, and Hillsboro all experience relatively high rates of serious pedestrian crashes.

	Population		Fatal/Incapacitating
City	(2010)	All injury per capita	per capita
Beaverton	90,203	99.8	3.7
Cornelius	11,869	168.5	56.2
Durham	10,211	65.3	32.6
Damascus	1,306	255.2	0.0
Fairview	8,926	112.0	0.0
Forest Grove	21,094	126.4	31.6
Gladstone	11,529	115.7	28.9
Gresham	105,588	233.6	56.8
Happy Valley	13,906	119.9	0.0
Hillsboro	91,507	196.7	43.7
Johnson City	436	0.0	0.0
King City	3,090	0.0	0.0
Lake Oswego	36 <i>,</i> 586	136.7	0.0
Maywood Park	752	0.0	0.0
Milwaukie	20,560	145.9	32.4
Oregon City	32,476	92.4	10.3
Portland	583,627	288.4	57.7
Rivergrove	289	0.0	0.0
Sherwood	18,207	54.9	18.3
Tigard	48,058	159.5	55.5
Troutdale	15,800	168.8	21.1
Tualatin	26,102	140.5	51.1
West Linn	25,112	79.6	26.5
Wilsonville	19,509	136.7	0.0
Wood Village	3,878	0.0	0.0
Uninc. Clackamas	87,502	129.5	53.3
Uninc. Multnomah	6,018	55.4	55.4
Uninc. Washington	186,977	55.3	16.0
METRO	1,481,118	190.6	40.7





### By Month

	All injury	Fatal/
Month	crashes	Incapac.
January	30.0	6.3
February	24.7	5.3
March	23.0	7.0
April	18.7	3.7
May	24.3	4.3
June	17.0	5.7
July	18.3	3.7
August	13.3	2.0
September	18.3	2.3
October	29.0	8.0
November	31.7	5.7
December	34.0	6.3

Figure 5-4



Figure 5-4 presents the annual average number of serious crashes by month. Fall and winter months generally have more serious pedestrian crashes.

## By Time of Day

	Serious Pedestrian Crashes by Day of Week and Hour										
				.,			,		-	Average	Average
Hour	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Hour	Wkday	Wkend
12 AM	03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7		12 AM	0.0	0.5
1 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0		1 AM	0.1	0.5
2 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3		2 AM	0.0	0.2
3 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		3 AM	0.0	0.0
4 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		4 AM	0.0	0.0
5 AM	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0		5 AM	0.4	0.0
6 AM	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.0		6 AM	0.7	0.0
7 AM	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.0		7 AM	0.8	0.0
8 AM	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0		8 AM	0.4	0.0
9 AM	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	•	9 AM	0.1	0.0
10 AM	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3		10 AM	0.1	0.5
11 AM	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3		11 AM	0.3	0.3
12 PM	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7		12 PM	0.3	0.5
1 PM	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3		1 PM	0.1	0.5
2 PM	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3		2 PM	0.2	0.2
3 PM	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0		3 PM	0.6	0.5
4 PM	0.7	0.0	2.3	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.3		4 PM	0.8	0.5
5 PM	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.7		5 PM	0.9	0.7
6 PM	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.7		6 PM	0.5	0.7
7 PM	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0		7 PM	0.5	0.7
8 PM	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7		8 PM	0.6	0.3
9 PM	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.3	1.0		9 PM	0.7	0.5
10 PM	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0		10 PM	0.5	0.5
11 PM	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3		11 PM	0.3	0.5
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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			Average Wkday	Average Wkend
All Day	5.3	6.7	9.3	9.0	8.7	10.3	10.7		All Day	8.8	8.0

Figure 5-5

Figure 5-5 presents the rate of serious pedestrian crashes by day of the week and hour of the day using a "heat map" format. Red cells indicate the highest relative crash time periods; green indicate the lowest relative crash time periods. The average weekday and weekend day are summarized on the right side of the figure, while each day is summarized and compared at the bottom of the figure.

The weekday evening peak hours produce the highest number of serious pedestrian crashes, mirroring the pattern for all crashes, with the 5:00 – 5:59 pm hour as the worst. A larger proportion of evening crashes are evident as compared to all crashes. Late Friday night/early Saturday morning and late Saturday night show somewhat high rates of serious pedestrian crashes. Saturday and Friday have the highest rates of serious pedestrian crashes.

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Weather	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Cloudy/Clear	226.0	214.7	47.0
Rain/Fog	64.7	60.0	12.0
Sleet/Snow	3.7	3.7	0.7
Unknown	5.0	4.0	0.7
METRO	299.3	282.3	60.3

### By Weather

The majority (78%) of serious pedestrian crashes occurred in clear or cloudy conditions (Figure 5-6), as compared to 80% for all crashes (Figure 2-16).

### By Road Surface Condition

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Road	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Dry	206.7	196.0	43.0
Ice/Snow	4.0	4.0	0.7
Wet	84.3	79.0	16.0
Unknown	4.3	3.3	0.7
METRO	299.3	282.3	60.3

The majority (71%) of serious pedestrian crashes occurred in dry conditions (Figure 5-7), as compared to 73% for all crashes (Figure 2-17).

### By Lighting

	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
Lighting	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Daylight	168.0	162.7	28.0
Dawn/Dusk	24.0	23.3	5.3
Night - Dark	84.0	76.0	19.0
Night - Lit	22.7	20.0	8.0
Unknown	0.7	0.3	0.0
METRO	299.3	282.3	60.3

Only 46% of serious pedestrian crashes occurred in daylight (Figure 5-8), as compared to 64% for all crashes (Figure 2-18). Serious pedestrian crashes are more likely after dark than other modes, especially where street lighting is not present.







## By Roadway Classification

		All injury	Fatal/	% Fatal/	Fatal/Incapac.
	Total Length	crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.	Per mile
Arterial	626.7	183.3	40.3	20.5%	0.0644
Collector	900.0	75.3	15.0	19.1%	0.0167
Local	10,394.2	23.7	5.0	20.3%	0.0005
METRO	11,920.9	282.3	60.3	20.2%	0.0051

#### Figures 5-9 and 5-10



As with overall crashes, the region's serious pedestrian crashes occur primarily on the arterials, accounting for 67% of them. Figure 5-9 presents the distribution of serious pedestrian crashes by roadway classification. As can be seen in Figure 5-10, which presents the rate of serious pedestrian

crashes per mile of roadway, arterial roadways are nearly 4 times as likely as collectors per mile to be the location of a serious pedestrian crash, and more than 125 times as likely as local streets per mile to be the location of a serious pedestrian crash.

As can be seen in Figure 5-11, when normalized by motor vehicle traffic volume, the serious pedestrian crash rate on arterials is still higher than on collectors. Vehicle miles travelled was not available for local streets.

Many transit routes follow arterial roadways, increasing the need for people to cross these roadways safely.



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	Number of		All injury	Fatal/	% Fatal/	Fatal/Incapac.
	Lanes	Total Length	crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.	Per mile
	2 – 3 Lanes	1,180.5	107.7	22.3	19.82%	0.019
	4 – 5 Lanes	292.9	138.0	30.0	20.22%	0.102
	6+ Lanes	10.1	12.7	2.7	20.00%	0.265
	Unknown		24.0	5.3	21.33%	
Ī	METRO	1,483.5	282.3	60.3	20.16%	

### By Number of Lanes

#### Figures 5-12 and 5-13



The influence of street width is consistent with the influence of roadway classification (Figure 5-12). Wider roadways are the location of a disproportionate number of serious pedestrian crashes in relation to both their share of the overall system (Figure 5-13) and the vehicle-miles travelled they serve (Figure 5-14). The serious pedestrian crash rate increases dramatically for roadways with 4 or more lanes, and again for roadways with 6 or more lanes. This effect is in spite of the fact that such arterials often discourage pedestrian travel in the first place, thereby reducing potential pedestrian exposure.

As can be seen in Figure 5-14, even when normalized by motor vehicle traffic volume, the serious pedestrian crash rate on wider roadways is still substantially higher than on narrower roads. Wider roadways are particularly hazardous to pedestrians.

Many transit routes follow wider roadways, increasing the need for people to cross these roadways safely.





### By Contributing Factor

						All	
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/
Factor	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Excessive Speed	8	3	2	1	1	5	5
Following Too Close	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fail to Yield ROW	155	3	14	70	66	150	17
Improper Maneuver	14	1	4	4	4	12	6
Inattention	5	0	1	2	2	5	1
Reckless or Careless	8	1	1	4	1	7	2
Aggressive	8	3	2	1	1	5	5
Fail to Stop	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Parking Related	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Problem	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Alcohol or Drugs	32	6	7	10	9	26	13
Hit and Run	11	2	1	4	3	8	4
METRO	290	14	44	124	104	273	58

#### Figures 5-15 and 5-16



Figure 5-15 and 5-16 present the proportion of pedestrian crashes by contributing factor for serious and fatal crashes, respectively. Alcohol or Drugs, Failure to Yield, and Speed are the most common factors. The data do not specify whether the driver, the pedestrian, or both were under the influence of alcohol. Other factors, such as Failure to Yield and Speed, are for the driver.

## By Pedestrian's Age and Gender

The age and gender of pedestrians involved in crashes are presented in the following table and Figures 5-17 and 5-18.

	Numbe	r of Male Pede	estrians	Number of Female Pedestrians		
		Fatal/	Percent Fatal/		Fatal/	Percent Fatal/
Males	All Crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.	All Crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.
≤13	48	11	22.9%	37	9	24.3%
14-17	56	17	30.4%	32	4	12.5%
18-21	47	7	14.9%	41	4	9.8%
22-24	34	3	8.8%	22	6	27.3%
25-29	50	7	14.0%	42	7	16.7%
30-34	37	5	13.5%	17	0	0.0%
35-39	40	11	27.5%	29	4	13.8%
40-44	39	9	23.1%	38	6	15.8%
45-49	51	12	23.5%	23	7	30.4%
50-54	37	12	32.4%	39	5	12.8%
55-59	32	8	25.0%	24	4	16.7%
60-64	20	6	30.0%	19	2	10.5%
65-69	17	6	35.3%	14	3	21.4%
70-74	20	6	30.0%	6	2	33.3%
75-79	8	3	37.5%	4	0	0.0%
80-84	6	4	66.7%	7	2	28.6%
85+	3	0	0.0%	4	3	75.0%
Unknown	29	5	17.2%	21	1	4.8%
Total	574	132	23.0%	419	69	16.5%

Figures 5-17 and 5-18



# **Section 6 – Bicyclists (Non-Freeway Crashes)**

# By Year

	Fatal					
	Crashes	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
Year	(Fatalities)	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
2007	6 (6)	37	158	85	280	43
2008	3 (3)	39	210	115	364	42
2009	4 (4)	32	222	128	382	36
METRO	13 (13)	108	590	328	1,026	121

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As presented in Figure 6-1, serious bicycle crashes declined over the 3-year period, while fatal bicycle crashes fluctuated.

### By Sub-Region

County	Fatal crashes	Injury A crashes	Injury B crashes	Injury C crashes	All Injury crashes	Fatal/ Incapac.
Clackamas	0.3	2.7	7.7	17.0	27.3	3.0
Portland	2.7	24.7	135.7	67.3	227.7	27.3
East Multnomah	0.3	3.7	14.0	8.3	26.0	4.0
Washington	1.0	5.0	39.7	17.3	62.0	6.0
METRO	4.3	36.0	196.7	109.3	342.0	40.3

			All injury		Serious Crashes (Fatal/Incapacitating)	
County	Population	Total VMT	per capita	per VMT	per capita	per VMT
Clackamas	256,986	1,102,387,348	106.4	2.5	11.7	0.27
Portland	583,627	2,456,278,457	390.1	9.3	46.8	1.11
East Multnomah	136,130	491,944,454	191.0	5.3	29.4	0.81
Washington	499,259	1,811,815,622	124.2	3.4	12.0	0.33
METRO	1,481,118	5,854,310,275	230.9	5.8	27.2	0.69





With the highest population, transit usage, VMT, and number of bicyclists, Portland has 68% of the region's serious bicycle crashes (Figure 6-2). Portland also has the highest rate of serious bicycle crashes per capita and per VMT. East Multhomah County has moderate rates of serious bicycle crashes per capita and per VMT. Clackamas County and Washington County have relatively low rates of serious bicycle crashes, which is likely largely due to fewer people cycling.

	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	All Injury	Fatal/
City	crashes	crashes	crashes	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Beaverton	0.3	1.3	9.7	4.0	15.0	1.7
Cornelius	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0
Durham	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Damascus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fairview	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
Forest Grove	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.3	2.0	0.0
Gladstone	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.3
Gresham	0.3	3.3	11.7	8.0	23.0	3.7
Happy Valley	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0
Hillsboro	0.7	1.0	9.0	5.7	15.7	1.7
Johnson City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
King City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lake Oswego	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.7	3.3	0.0
Maywood Park	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Milwaukie	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	0.0
Oregon City	0.0	1.0	0.7	2.0	3.7	1.0
Portland	2.7	24.7	135.7	67.3	227.7	27.3
Rivergrove	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sherwood	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.3	1.7	0.0
Tigard	0.0	1.7	5.3	1.7	8.7	1.7
Troutdale	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0	1.7	0.3
Tualatin	0.0	0.3	4.7	1.0	6.0	0.3
West Linn	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.3	2.7	0.0
Wilsonville	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.3
Wood Village	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.0
Uninc. Clackamas	0.3	1.0	4.3	5.3	10.7	1.3
Uninc. Multnomah	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uninc. Washington	0.0	0.7	8.0	2.7	11.3	0.7
METRO	4.3	36.0	196.7	109.3	342.0	40.3

# By City

While Portland has the largest number and rate of serious bicycle crashes, it is apparent from Figure 6-3 that there are a number of other cities with a high rate of serious bicycle crashes per capita. Gresham, Tigard, Oregon City, and Gladstone all experience relatively high rates of serious bicycle crashes.

	Population		Fatal/Incapacitating
County	(2010)	All injury per capita	per capita
Beaverton	90,203	166.3	18.5
Cornelius	11,869	112.3	0.0
Durham	10,211	0.0	0.0
Damascus	1,306	0.0	0.0
Fairview	8,926	37.3	0.0
Forest Grove	21,094	94.8	0.0
Gladstone	11,529	86.7	28.9
Gresham	105,588	217.8	34.7
Happy Valley	13,906	95.9	0.0
Hillsboro	91,507	171.2	18.2
Johnson City	436	0.0	0.0
King City	3,090	0.0	0.0
Lake Oswego	36,586	91.1	0.0
Maywood Park	752	0.0	0.0
Milwaukie	20,560	145.9	0.0
Oregon City	32,476	112.9	30.8
Portland	583,627	390.1	46.8
Rivergrove	289	0.0	0.0
Sherwood	18,207	91.5	0.0
Tigard	48,058	180.3	34.7
Troutdale	15,800	105.5	21.1
Tualatin	26,102	229.9	12.8
West Linn	25,112	106.2	0.0
Wilsonville	19,509	51.3	17.1
Wood Village	3,878	257.9	0.0
Uninc. Clackamas	87,502	121.9	15.2
Uninc. Multnomah	6,018	0.0	0.0
Uninc. Washington	186,977	60.6	3.6
METRO	1,481,118	230.9	27.2

Figure 6-3



## By Month

	All injury	Fatal/
Month	crashes	Incapac.
January	14.0	2.0
February	16.0	2.3
March	14.3	2.7
April	28.7	3.7
May	32.7	4.7
June	35.3	3.3
July	41.0	4.0
August	43.3	4.0
September	47.0	3.7
October	30.7	4.7
November	22.7	4.7
December	16.3	0.7

Figure 6-4



Figure 6-4 presents the annual average number of serious bicycle crashes by month. April through November generally have more serious bicycle crashes, likely related to the higher number of people cycling in the warm and dry months.

## By Time of Day

	Serious Bicycle Crashes by Day of Week and Hour										
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Hour	Sun	IVION	Tue	wed	Inu	Fri	Sat		Hour	уукаау	wkend
12 AM	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3		12 AM	0.1	0.3
1 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3		1 AM	0.1	0.2
2 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3		2 AM	0.1	0.2
3 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		3 AM	0.0	0.0
4 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		4 AM	0.0	0.0
5 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		5 AM	0.0	0.0
6 AM	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0		6 AM	0.3	0.2
7 AM	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0		7 AM	0.3	0.2
8 AM	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3		8 AM	0.3	0.2
9 AM	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		9 AM	0.3	0.2
10 AM	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3		10 AM	0.1	0.3
11 AM	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3		11 AM	0.3	0.3
12 PM	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0		12 PM	0.3	0.0
1 PM	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0		1 PM	0.2	0.2
2 PM	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.7		2 PM	0.3	0.3
3 PM	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.7		3 PM	0.3	0.7
4 PM	0.0	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.3		4 PM	0.8	0.2
5 PM	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.7	0.7	0.0		5 PM	1.1	0.2
6 PM	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.3		6 PM	0.5	0.3
7 PM	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0		7 PM	0.2	0.3
8 PM	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0		8 PM	0.2	0.0
9 PM	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0		9 PM	0.1	0.2
10 PM	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0		10 PM	0.1	0.0
11 PM	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0		11 PM	0.3	0.2
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										Average	Average
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			Wkday	Wkend
All Day	4.7	4.7	5.0	6.7	8.7	6.3	4.3		All Day	6.3	4.5

Figure 6-5

Figure 6-5 presents the rate of serious bicycle crashes by day of the week and hour of the day using a "heat map" format. Red cells indicate the highest relative crash time periods; green indicate the lowest relative crash time periods. The average weekday and weekend day are summarized on the right side of the figure, while each day is summarized and compared at the bottom of the figure.

The weekday evening peak hours produce the highest number of serious bicycle crashes, mirroring the pattern for all crashes, with the 5:00 - 5:59 pm hour as the worst. No other clear trends are evident.

### By Weather

Weather	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Cloudy/Clear	326.7	307.0	34.7
Rain/Fog	33.3	32.0	5.3
Sleet/Snow	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	5.0	3.0	0.3
Total	365.0	342.0	40.3

The majority (86%) of serious bicycle crashes occurred in clear or cloudy conditions (Figure 6-6), as compared to 80% for all crashes (Figure 2-16).



Figure 6-6

Road	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
	crashes crashes		Incapac.
Dry	309.0	291.0	32.0
Ice/Snow	0.7	0.3	0.3
Wet	49.7	47.0	7.7
Unknown	5.7	3.7	0.3

365.0

# By Road Surface Condition

The majority (79%) of serious pedestrian crashes occurred in dry conditions (Figure 6-7), as compared to 73% for all crashes (Figure 2-17).

342.0

40.3

# By Lighting

Total

Lighting	Annual	All injury	Fatal/
0 0	crashes	crashes	Incapac.
Daylight	286.0	268.7	28.7
Dawn/Dusk	18.7	17.7	2.0
Night - Dark	50.7	46.3	9.7
Night - Lit	9.0	8.7	0.0
Unknown	0.7	0.7	0.0
Total	365.0	342.0	40.3

The majority (71%) of serious bicycle crashes occurred in daylight (Figure 6-8), as compared to 73% for all crashes (Figure 2-18).



Figure 6-7





		All injury	Fatal/	% Fatal/	Fatal/Incapac.
	Total Length	crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.	Per mile
Arterial	626.7	183.0	21.0	10.7%	0.0335
Collector	900.0	112.7	14.3	12.0%	0.0159
Local	10,394.2	46.3	5.0	10.2%	0.0005
METRO	11,920.9	342.0	40.3	11.1%	0.0034

### By Roadway Classification

#### Figures 6-9 and 6-10



As with all crashes, the region's serious bicycle crashes occur primarily on the arterials, accounting for 52% of them. Figure 6-9 presents the distribution of serious bicycle crashes by roadway classification. As can be seen in Figure 6-10, which presents the rate of serious bicycle crashes per mile of roadway, arterial roadways are more than twice as likely than collectors per mile to be the location of a serious bicycle crash, and more than 60 times as likely than local streets per mile to be the location of a serious bicycle crash.

As can be seen in Figure 6-11, when normalized by motor vehicle traffic volume, the serious bike crash rate on collectors is higher than on arterials. While the reason for this is not clear from the data, it may be related to a higher use of collector roads by cyclists relative to traffic volume as compared to arterials. Vehicle miles travelled was not available for local streets.





By	Numl	ber of	Lanes
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Number of		All injury	Fatal/	% Fatal/	Fatal/Incapac.
Lanes	Total Length	crashes	Incapac.	Incapac.	Per mile
2 – 3 Lanes	1,180.5	159.7	20.3	11.98%	0.017
4 – 5 Lanes	292.9	128.3	15.0	10.82%	0.051
6+ Lanes	10.1	9.7	0.7	6.90%	0.066
Unknown		44.3	4.3	9.22%	
Total		342.0	40.3	11.05%	

#### Figure 6-12 and 6-13



The influence of street width is consistent with the influence of roadway classification (Figure 6-12). Wider roadways are the location of a disproportionate number of serious bicycle crashes in relation to their share of the overall system (Figure 6-13), although the effect is not as pronounced as it is for serious pedestrian crashes. The serious bicycle crash rate per road mile increases dramatically for roadways with 4 or more lanes. This is a concern, given that in many parts of the region, designated bicycling routes often follow arterial roadways with 4 or more lanes.

As can be seen in Figure 6-14, when normalized by motor vehicle traffic volume, the serious bike crash rate on narrower roads is higher than on wider roads. While the reason for this is not clear from the data, it may be related to a higher use of narrower roads by cyclists relative to traffic volume as compared to multi-lane roadways.



Figure 6-14

## **By Contributing Factor**

						All	
	Annual	Fatal	Injury A	Injury B	Injury C	Injury	Fatal/
Factor	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Incapac.
Excessive Speed	4	1	2	1	0	3	3
Following Too Close	3	0	0	1	2	3	0
Fail to Yield ROW	193	1	18	105	59	183	19
Improper Maneuver	25	0	3	14	7	25	4
Inattention	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Reckless or Careless	7	0	1	4	1	7	1
Aggressive	6	1	2	1	2	5	3
Fail to Stop	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Parking Related	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Vehicle Problem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol or Drugs	15	2	2	6	4	12	4
Hit and Run	8	1	0	2	3	5	1
METRO	365	4	36	197	109	342	40

#### Figures 6-15 and 6-16



Figure 5-15 and 5-16 present the proportion of pedestrian crashes by contributing factor for serious and fatal crashes, respectively. Alcohol or Drugs, Failure to Yield, and Speed are the most common factors. The data do not specify whether the driver, the bicyclist, or both were under the influence of alcohol. Other factors, such as Failure to Yield and Speed, are for the driver.

# By Bicyclist's Age and Gender

The age and gender of bicyclists involved in serious crashes are presented in the following table and Figures 6-17 and 6-18.

		Males			Females	
Males	All Crashes	Fatal/	Percent Fatal/	All Crashes	Fatal/	Percent Fatal/
<13	61	6	9.8%	15	2	13.3%
14-17	83	6	7.2%	22	0	0.0%
18-21	90	8	8.9%	46	7	15.2%
22-24	65	7	10.8%	32	4	12.5%
25-29	87	6	6.9%	49	5	10.2%
30-34	75	8	10.7%	23	2	8.7%
35-39	81	9	11.1%	23	4	17.4%
40-44	64	13	20.3%	16	0	0.0%
45-49	44	10	22.7%	13	1	7.7%
50-54	51	7	13.7%	9	0	0.0%
55-59	28	5	17.9%	3	0	0.0%
60-64	27	3	11.1%	2	0	0.0%
65-69	12	4	33.3%	0	0	
70-74	7	2	28.6%	2	0	0.0%
75-79	2	0	0.0%	0	0	
80-84	3	1	33.3%	0	0	
85+	0	0		0	0	
Unknown	96	3	3.1%	15	0	0.0%
Total	876	98	11.2%	270	25	9.3%

Figures 6-17 and 6-18



# Section 7 – Crash Type Detail

In this section, the four crash types identified in Section 2 as most prevalent are reviewed relative to all crashes in more detail to identify patterns. As documented in Section 2, the most common serious crash types were Rear End and Turning, while the most common fatal crash types were Fixed Object and Pedestrian. More detail on Rear End, Turning, Fixed Object, and Pedestrian crashes are presented here.

For each crash type, detailed crash information was summarized for all crashes of that type. The information includes crash severity and contributing factors.

## Crash Severity

Every crash is assigned a crash severity based on the most critically injured victim. From worst to best, the classifications are: Fatal, Injury A, Injury B, Injury C, and PDO (property damage only).

### **Contributing Factors**

The State Department of Motor Vehicles assigns causes and errors to participants in each crash, along with identifiers for certain risk factors, including alcohol and drugs. Several causes, errors, and/or factors may apply to any single crash. Based on these causes, errors, and risk factors, crashes were evaluated for 12 contributing factors, defined for this analysis as follows:

Defined Contributing	
Factor	DMV codes included in factor
Excessive Speed	Speed too fast for conditions; Driving in excess of posted speed; Speed racing; Failed to decrease speed for slower moving vehicle
Following Too Close	Following too closely
Fail to Yield ROW (right-of-way)	Did not yield ROW; Passed stop sign or flashing red; Disregarded traffic signal; Disregarded other traffic control device; Failed to obey mandatory turn signal, sign or lane markings; Left turn in front of oncoming traffic; Did not have ROW over pedalcyclist; Did not have ROW; Failed to yield ROW to pedestrian; Passed vehicle stopped at crosswalk for pedestrian
Improper Maneuver	Drove left of center on two-way road; Improper overtaking; Made improper turn; Other improper driving; Wide turn; Cut corner on turn; Left turn where prohibited; Turned from or into wrong lane; U-turned illegally; Improper signal or failure to signal; Backing improperly (not parking); Improper start from stopped position; Disregarded warning sign, flares, or flashing amber; Passing on a curve, on wrong side, on straight road under unsafe conditions, at intersection, on crest of hill, in no passing zone, or in front of oncoming traffic; Driving on wrong side of road; Straddling or driving on wrong lanes; Improper change of lanes; Wrong way
Inattention	Driver drowsy/fatigued/sleepy; Inattention
Reckless or Careless	Reckless driving; Careless driving
Aggressive	Excessive Speed or Following too Close, as defined above
Fail to Stop	Failed to avoid stopped or parked vehicle ahead other than school bus
Parking Related	Improperly parked; Improper start leaving parked position; Improper parking; Opened door into adjacent traffic lane
Vehicle Problem	Improper or no lights; Driving unsafe vehicle (no other error apparent); Overloading or improper loading of vehicle with cargo or passengers
Alcohol or Drugs	Alcohol, Drugs
Hit and Run	Hit and Run

# All Crash Types

The following table summarizes all crashes in the region by severity and contributing factor, as defined on the previous page.

	Three years of crash data, 2007 - 2009													
	Excessive Speed	Following Too Close	Fail to Yield ROW	lmproper Maneuver	Inattention	Reckless or Careless	Aggressive	Fail to Stop	Parking Related	Vehicle Problem	Alcohol or Drugs	Hit and Run	All Crashes	
Fatal	69	0	39	35	2	11	69	2	0	0	86	13	151	
Injury A	350	267	499	246	70	113	564	391	7	12	136	49	1,444	
Injury B	858	1,058	2,419	903	327	378	1,763	1,279	11	26	360	223	5,720	
Injury C	2,357	6,834	4,136	2,289	849	478	8,325	7,510	50	50	448	906	15,523	
PDO	4,685	10,447	8 <i>,</i> 985	8,561	1,264	636	13,733	11,571	302	147	770	1,361	31,950	

Figure 7-1 presents the crash severity distribution of all crashes. Figure 7-2 presents the percentage of crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.



Figures 7-1 and 7-2

Aggressive driving, defined as either excessive speed or following too close, is the most common contributing factor, contributing to 40% of the serious crashes in the region. Failure to yield, excessive speed, and failure to stop are the next three most common contributing factors.

## **Rear End Crashes**

A Rear End crash results when a vehicle traveling in the same direction or parallel on the same path as another vehicle, collides with the rear end of a second vehicle. In this type, the direction of travel was parallel but continuous.

Rear End is the most common crash type in the region, as well as the most common serious crash type, although it is rarely fatal. Rear End crashes constitute 3% of fatal crashes, 29% of serious crashes, and 43% of all crashes in the region.

	Three years of crash data, 2007 - 2009													
	Excessive Speed	Following Too Close	Fail to Yield ROW	lmproper Maneuver	Inattention	Reckless or Careless	Aggressive	Fail to Stop	Parking Related	Vehicle Problem	Alcohol or Drugs	Hit and Run	All Rear End Crashes	
Fatal	3	0	0	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	3	1	5	
Injury A	183	263	4	24	34	24	398	379	1	4	16	22	459	
Injury B	341	1,033	17	107	169	103	1,232	1,230	3	6	68	75	1,521	
Injury C	1,620	6,655	37	478	677	248	7,481	7,304	6	24	168	497	8,542	
PDO	2,490	10,095	72	837	852	175	11,341	10,855	17	21	166	369	12,911	

Figure 7-3 presents the crash severity distribution of Rear End crashes. Figure 7-4 presents the percentage of Rear End crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.



#### Figures 7-3 and 7-4

Rear End crashes are less severe than most crashes, producing a high proportion of injury C and PDO crashes. Aggressive driving is a factor in 86% of Rear End crashes. Failure to stop, following too closely, and excessive speed are all factors in a substantial proportion of Rear End crashes of serious severity.

## **Turning Crashes**

A Turning crash results when one or more vehicles in the act of a turning maneuver is involved in a collision with another vehicle. It differs from an Angle crash in that Turning crashes involve vehicles traveling on the same street, whereas Angle crashes involve vehicles traveling on intersecting streets or driveways.

Turning is the second most common crash type in the region, as well as the second most common serious crash type. Turning crashes constitute 10% of fatal crashes, 22% of serious crashes, and 23% of all crashes in the region.

	Three years of crash data, 2007 - 2009													
	Excessive Speed	Following Too Close	Fail to Yield ROW	lmproper Maneuver	Inattention	Reckless or Careless	Aggressive	Fail to Stop	Parking Related	Vehicle Problem	Alcohol or Drugs	Hit and Run	All Turning Crashes	
Fatal	4	0	11	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	2	15	
Injury A	22	1	269	57	3	14	23	4	1	2	9	11	331	
Injury B	52	13	1,354	246	12	54	59	17	0	2	45	41	1,683	
Injury C	157	141	2,239	637	35	59	244	126	2	4	57	141	2,995	
PDO	417	261	5,259	2,442	53	67	568	277	13	8	73	338	7,781	

Figure 7-5 presents the crash severity distribution of Turning crashes. Figure 7-6 presents the percentage of Turning crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.



Figures 7-5 and 7-6

## Fixed Object Crashes

A Fixed Object crash results when one vehicle strikes a fixed or other object on or off the roadway.

Fixed Object is the most common fatal crash type in the region. Fixed Object crashes constitute 31% of fatal crashes, 12% of serious crashes, and 6% of all crashes in the region.

	Three years of crash data, 2007 - 2009													
	Excessive Speed	Following Too Close	Fail to Yield ROW	lmproper Maneuver	Inattention	Reckless or Careless	Aggressive	Fail to Stop	Parking Related	Vehicle Problem	Alcohol or Drugs	Hit and Run	All Fixed Object Crashes	
Fatal	36	0	4	14	1	3	36	0	0	0	33	0	47	
Injury A	74	0	4	42	15	33	74	0	0	0	45	3	145	
Injury B	289	4	5	187	72	93	291	7	2	8	129	21	583	
Injury C	334	6	19	197	65	85	337	7	1	5	107	30	653	
PDO	1,150	12	41	603	181	267	1,158	13	3	43	314	101	2,116	

Figure 7-7 presents the crash severity distribution of Fixed Object crashes. Figure 7-8 presents the percentage of Fixed Object crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.





Fixed Object crashes have a higher rate of severity including fatalities compared to other crash types. Speed, aggressive driving, and alcohol or drugs are often involved in Fixed Object crashes.

# Pedestrian Crashes

A Pedestrian crash results when the first harmful event is any impact between a motor vehicle in traffic and a pedestrian. It does not include any crash where a pedestrian is injured after the initial vehicle impact.

Pedestrian is the second most common fatal crash type in the region. Pedestrian crashes constitute 29% of fatal crashes, 11% of serious crashes, and 2% of all crashes in the region.

	Three years of crash data, 2007 - 2009												
	Excessive Speed	Following Too Close	Fail to Yield ROW	lmproper Maneuver	Inattention	Reckless or Careless	Aggressive	Fail to Stop	Parking Related	Vehicle Problem	Alcohol or Drugs	Hit and Run	All Pedestrian Crashes
Fatal	8	0	9	4	1	3	8	0	0	0	19	7	43
Injury A	7	1	43	13	2	4	7	0	1	0	22	4	136
Injury B	4	0	210	12	6	13	4	2	0	2	29	11	374
Injury C	5	0	202	13	6	4	5	1	0	0	28	11	321
PDO	1	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10

Figure 7-9 presents the crash severity distribution of Pedestrian crashes. Figure 7-10 presents the percentage of Pedestrian crashes of serious severity (fatal or injury A) with each contributing factor. Each crash may have several contributing factors.



#### Figures 7-9 and 7-10

Pedestrian crashes have the highest severity of any crash type. Failure for the driver to yield right of way and alcohol or drug involvement are the two most coming contributing factors, although each is well below 50%.
# Section 8 - Land Use Analysis

As part of the State of Safety report, Metro performed a spatial analysis of the crash, traffic, and land use patterns in the region. The purpose of the spatial analysis is to identify trends and patterns in serious crashes as they relate to land use patterns.

## Methodology

The purpose of the spatial analysis was to relate land use characteristics to crash rates, which previously was an unknown relationship prone to extensive speculation. For this analysis, three land use measures were used: people density – a measure of intensity of use, the Urban Living Infrastructure (ULI) density – a measure of activity, and block density – a measure of community design.

People density is defined as the population plus employment per square mile. ULI density is defined as the number of qualifying service businesses (i.e. grocery stores, restaurants, coffee shops, theaters) per square mile. Block density is defined as the number of street blocks per square mile, and can also be considered a measure of density of streets and intersections.

Figure 8-1 depicts the relationship that this analysis was intended to clarify.

Figure 8-1



## Spatial Data

For the spatial analysis, the Metro Region was divided into 39,917 spatial analysis "cells", each comprising one hundredth (0.01) of a square mile. Each cell was populated with land use and traffic data.

The land use data included:

- People Density Total population plus employment present
- ULI Density An activity measure, the quantity of service-related businesses present
- Block Density A measure of the density of streets and intersections

The traffic data included:

- Traffic volume Relative number of vehicles
- Transit ons+offs Number of TriMet passengers boarding or alighting
- Number of crashes Number of reported vehicle-involved crashes
- Severity-weighted number of crashes Weighted number of crashes, where fatal and injury A get 100 points, and injury B and C get 10 points
- Number of fatal and injury A crashes
- Number of reported vehicle-pedestrian crashes
- Number of reported vehicle-bicycle crashes

## Search Method: land use data

Because each analysis cell is fine-grained, many comprise a single land parcel or less, and many include no streets or development whatsoever. To get a better picture of the land use characteristics around each analysis cell, it was important to identify not just the land use pattern within the 0.01-square mile cell, but also the influence of the land use patterns within a vicinity of the cell. To do this, a search method was employed to measure land use data relative to the area around it. Land use patterns within one-half mile were considered as the pertinent land use data for each cell. Each cell is informed by the data in the cells around it. This process was repeated for every cell in the region, so that the land use information "overlaps" as we move from one cell to the next. Figure 8-2 depicts the land use search method.



Figure 8-2

The search method allows us to measure land use of a given area on a cell-specific basis, and avoids the erratic data that would result if we looked only within an individual cell, which in most cases would be small number of parcels, and in some cells would be entirely vacant. It measures the land use within a ½ mile radius for each cell, thereby providing a consistent measure of land use.

Figures 8-3, 8-4, and 8-5 present the people density, ULI density, and block density for the region based on this methodology.





Based on Metro's Context Tool ULI locations







## Search Method: traffic data

A similar process was undertaken for traffic-related data. The key difference is that traffic data generally exist in linear patterns – along roadways, rather than spatially like land use data. In order to relate traffic data and land use data, traffic data were converted into spatial data for use in analysis cells.

For each analysis cell, it was important to identify not just traffic patterns within the 0.01-square mile cell, but also the influence of traffic patterns within a vicinity of the cell. A search method similar to that used for land use data was employed to measure traffic data relative to the area around it. Traffic patterns within one-and-one-half (1-½) miles were considered as the pertinent traffic data for each cell. A larger search area was used based on the need to distribute arterial traffic across the neighborhoods they traverse. Since arterials carry a large portion of regional traffic and constitute the majority of crashes, a smaller search area simply identified neighborhoods along arterials as crash-prone. Since arterial spacing throughout the region is typically between ¾ mile and 1-½ miles, the use of a 1-½ mile search radius eliminated the arterial influence bias, distributing traffic and crash patterns across the neighborhoods which influence traffic patterns on the arterials and other roadways. The cell traffic data are therefore a function of the neighborhoods in the vicinity *including* the arterials which area residents and employees would likely use on a regular basis.

As with the land use data, each cell is informed by the traffic data in the cells around it. This process was repeated for every cell in the region, so that the land use information "overlaps" as we move from one cell to the next. Figure 8-6 depicts the traffic search method.



Figure 8-6

Figure 8-7 presents the conversion of linear traffic data into spatial traffic data, using traffic volume as an example.

Figure 8-7



Linear traffic volumes were converted into a spatial traffic density layer. Pedestrian activity and crashes by type were spatially distributed in the same way.

Figures 8-8 through 8-11 compare traffic volume distribution based on varying search radii. As can be seen from the figures, search radii of less than 1-½ miles leave a pronounced bias in neighborhoods proximate to arterials roadways.





### Figure 8-10: 1 mile search radius



Figure 8-9: ½ mile search radius



Figure 8-11: 1-½ mile search radius



The 1-½ mile search radius was selected for spatial traffic data based upon these maps in order to avoid the arterial roadway bias.

## Person Density

Figure 8-12 presents the relationship between crash rates and person density. Background traffic volume is indicated by the dashed line. The inset presents the same information for *raw numbers of crashes* rather than for *crash rates*.



Crash rates are per traffic volume, and are normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- **Crash rates** increase with increasing people density, peaking in the 15,000 40,000 people per square-mile range, then drop slightly and level off with increasing people density.
- Serious crashes (fatal and incapacitating crashes) are a higher proportion of overall crashes at lower people densities than they are at higher people densities.
- **Pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes** both follow the overall trend of increasing with people density to a point, then leveling off.

Figure 8-13 presents the relationship between pedestrian crash rates and person density. Background traffic volume and pedestrian volume (estimated from TriMet boarding data) are indicated by the dashed lines.



Three pedestrian crash rates are presented: per traffic volume, per pedestrian volume, and per the product of traffic and pedestrian volumes. Each rate is normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- Pedestrian crashes per motor vehicle traffic volume increases with increasing people density, peaking in the 40,000 45,000 people per square-mile range, then level off with increasing people density.
- **Pedestrian crashes per pedestrian volume** decreases rapidly with increasing people density to about 50,000 people per square-mile, then levels off.

Figure 8-13

## Activity Density

Figure 8-14 presents the relationship between crash rates and urban living infrastructure (ULI) density. Background traffic volume is indicated by the dashed line.



Crash rates are per traffic volume, and are normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- **Crash rates** increase with increasing ULI density, peaking in the 250 450 ULI businesses per square-mile range, then drop slightly and level off with increasing ULI density.
- Serious crashes (fatal and incapacitating crashes) are a higher proportion of overall crashes at lower ULI densities than they are at higher ULI densities.
- **Pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes** both follow the overall trend of increasing with ULI density to a point, then leveling off.

Figure 8-15 presents the relationship between pedestrian crash rates and ULI density. Background traffic volume and pedestrian volume (estimated from TriMet boarding data) are indicated by the dashed lines.



Three pedestrian crash rates are presented: per traffic volume, per pedestrian volume, and per the product of traffic and pedestrian volumes. Each rate is normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- Pedestrian crashes per motor vehicle traffic volume increases with increasing ULI density, peaking in the 250 ULI businesses per square-mile range, then level off with increasing ULI density.
- **Pedestrian crashes per pedestrian volume** decreases with increasing ULI density to about 450 ULI businesses per square-mile, then levels off.

Figure 8-15

## Neighborhood Form

Figure 8-16 presents the relationship between crash rates and block density. Background traffic volume is indicated by the dashed line.



Crash rates are per traffic volume, and are normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- Crash rates increase with increasing block density.
- Serious crash rates (fatal and incapacitating crashes) increase with increasing block density, but less so than total crash rates.
- Pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes increase with increasing block density.

Figure 8-17 presents the relationship between pedestrian crash rates and block density. Background traffic volume and pedestrian volume (estimated from TriMet boarding data) are indicated by the dashed lines.



Three pedestrian crash rates are presented: per traffic volume, per pedestrian volume, and per the product of traffic and pedestrian volumes. Each rate is normalized on a ten-point scale for ease of representation.

- Pedestrian crashes per motor vehicle traffic volume increases with increasing block density, peaking in the 230 270 blocks per square-mile range, then level off with increasing block density.
- Pedestrian crashes per pedestrian volume decreases with increasing block density.

## Interrelationships

It is important to acknowledge that the three land use variables considered are not independent from one another, nor or they independent from traffic volume or pedestrian activity.

Figures 8-18, 8-19, and 8-20 present the interrelationship of the land use variables considered.



Figure 8-21 presents the relationship between traffic volume and crashes by severity. Figure 8-22 presents the relationship between transit boardings (a measure of relative pedestrian activity) and pedestrian and bicycle crashes.



It is clear that people density, activity, and block density are all related. It is also clear that increases in traffic volume and pedestrian activity are associated with increasing densities. Finally, it is clear that increasing crashes are associated with increases in any of these related factors.

One clear relationship, both from the regional data in Figure 8-21 and from the national data in Figure 1-7, is that increases in traffic volumes (and hence vehicle miles travelled) are correlated with an increase in serious crashes.

## Data Limitations

While the spatial analysis produces useful results, some limitations of the analysis should be acknowledged.

The first limitation is the poor distribution of land use typology in the region, in that the majority of the region, by area, is at the lowest end of the density scale in each of the categories. For example:

- 98% of cells are in lowest 3 of 21 people density ranges.
- 98% of cells are in lowest 2 of 20 ULI density ranges.
- 66% of cells are in lowest 5 of 36 block density ranges.

Most of the higher ranges of people and ULI density cells are in downtown Portland and inner NW Portland, which limits consideration of those densities to one specific area.

The second limitation is the data smoothing process that the search method for land use and traffic data introduces. While this smoothing is necessary to make real-world data usable, it dampens relationships and makes concluding anything meaningful about local crash risk factors difficult.

Another limitation is the coarse classification of urban form. ULI density, for example, can take a highly urban form, like the shopping around Pioneer Square, but it can also be an arterial strip use. Since most places have more of the latter, the variable is almost certainly going to be positive with crashes.

Despite the real data limitations, trends are still apparent in the data. The large number of data points – 39,917 cells – means that even the 2% of the cells in the upper 19 people density ranges – 798 cells – is a significant enough number to produce noticeable trends. The same holds true for ULI density and block density. While smoothing may dampen trends, they are still discernible. Conclusions are more difficult to establish given these limitations.

# Section 9 – Transit and Rail

This section provides an overview of the crash data available for bus and rail transit and heavy rail in the Portland Metro region.

## Data Sources

The statewide crash data used for Sections 2 through 8 includes all crashes in which a motor vehicle was involved. It does include train-vehicle crashes, but does not include train-bicycle or train-pedestrian crashes, and it does not distinguish transit bus crashes from other bus types. Additional data were sought to provide an overview of crash patterns for bus and rail transit and heavy rail systems.

## Transit

TriMet, the transit provider for the three-county region including most of the Metro region, provided their crash database for use in this report. It summarizes incidents on TriMet fixed route buses and light rail vehicles, and identifies when a known injury was involved. It does not distinguish between injury types. TriMet also provided information on crashes with TriMet vehicles involved resulting in a fatality.

The following table summarizes the data for 2007 through 2009 and compares TriMet's safety performance to that of all vehicles in the Portland Metro region.

	TriMet Buses	TriMet Light Rail	TriMet Overall	All vehicle on public roads
Total passenger fatalities	0	0	0	104
Total other people fatalities	0	3*	3	55
100 Million Vehicle-miles	0.788	0.116	0.905	279
100 Million Passenger- miles	6.987	5.862	12.850	383
Average number of passengers	8.9	50.4	14.2	1.37
Total Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle-miles	0.00	25.79	3.32	0.57
Total Fatalities per100 Million Passenger-miles	0.00	0.51	0.23	0.42

\* Excludes one fatality determined to be a suicide.

### Rail

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) provides access to national crash records involving heavy rail trains on their website. The following table summarizes the crashes reported at non-transit rail grade crossings in the Portland Metro region between 2007 and 2009, via FRA's database. It does not include crashes occurring at locations other than grade crossings.

		Crossi	ng Type	Road vehicle type					
	Total	Public	Private	Car	Truck	Ped	Bike	Other	
Number of crashes	15	8	7	9	4	1	0	1	
Injury crashes	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Fatal crashes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The only recorded injury was a pedestrian struck on State Street in downtown Lake Oswego.

# Section 10 – Findings and Strategies

This section presents high-level findings, focusing on trends that are clearly apparent from the data.

- Nationally and in Oregon, fatalities are decreasing year-to-year for all modes except motorcycle, which is increasing.
- Higher levels of vehicle miles travelled (VMT) correlate with more fatal and serious crashes due to increased exposure.
- Arterial roadways comprise 59% of the region's serious crashes, 67% of the serious pedestrian crashes, and 52% of the serious bike crashes, while accounting for 40% of vehicle travel. Arterials have the highest serious crash rate per road mile and per VMT.
- Streets with more lanes have higher serious crash rates per road mile and per VMT. This follows trends documented in AASHTO's Highway Safety Manual.
- Streets with more lanes have an especially high serious crash rate for pedestrians, producing higher crash rates per mile and per VMT as compared to other modes.
- The most common serious crash types were Rear End and Turning. For fatal crashes, the most common types were Pedestrian and Fixed Object.
- Alcohol or drugs were a factor in 57% of fatal crashes.
- Speed is a contributing factor in 26% of serious crashes, while aggressive driving is a factor in 40% of serious crashes.
- Aggressive driving was a factor in 86% of serious Rear End crashes.
- Occupants without seat belts were three times as likely to be seriously injured in a crash as those with seat belts.
- Serious pedestrian crashes are disproportionately represented after dark. While 29% of all serious crashes happen at night, 45% of serious pedestrian crashes happen at night.
- Nighttime serious pedestrian and bicycle crashes occur disproportionately where street lighting is not present. 79% of serious pedestrian crashes and occurring at night and 85% of serious bicycle crashes occurring at night happen where lighting is not present, as compared to 18% of all serious crashes occurring at night.
- Higher levels of congestion on surface streets appear to result in lower serious crash rates across modes, likely due to lower speeds.
- Higher levels of congestion on freeways appear to result in higher serious crash rates, except for severe congestion, which results in lower serious crash rates, likely due to lower speeds.
- Travel by transit is relatively safe, with no passenger deaths in the study period, and 0.23 deaths involving a transit vehicle per 100-million-transit-passenger-miles. For comparison, the rate for all traffic was 0.42 deaths per 100-million-motor-vehicle-passenger -miles.
- Portland, with 39% of the region's population, is disproportionately represented per capita, with 43% of the region's serious crashes, 56% of the region's serious pedestrian crashes, and 68% of the region's serious bicycle crashes.
- Unincorporated Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, and cities of Clackamas County have the highest serious crash rates. These tend to be developing areas or areas with an incomplete street network.

- Portland, Gresham, Cornelius, Tigard, unincorporated Clackamas County, Tualatin, and Hillsboro and Oregon City exhibit the highest rates of serious pedestrian crashes per capita in the region.
- Portland, Gresham, Tigard, and Oregon City exhibit the highest rates of serious bicycle crashes per capita in the region.
- The range of land use densities in the region was not enough to conclusively establish relationships with safety. However, it is clear that increasing densities result in increased activity and traffic volumes, leading to generally higher crash rates. More research is needed to establish reliable relationships with land use.

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for a 50% reduction in fatalities plus serious injuries for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicle occupants by 2035 as compared to 2005. Strategies for implementation should include:

- A regional arterial safety program to focus on corridors with large numbers of serious crashes, pedestrian crashes, and bicycle crashes
- Safety strategies that match solutions to the crash pattern and street and neighborhood context, rather than an approach of simply bringing roadways up to adopted standards
- Highway Safety Manual strategies to address arterials, such as medians, speed management, access management, roundabouts, and road diets
- Policies that reduce the need to drive, and therefore limit vehicle-miles travelled
- Strategies to reduce the prevalence of speeding and aggressive driving on surface streets
- Strategies to reduce the use of alcohol and drugs when driving
- Revisions to state, regional, and local mobility standards to consider safety as equally important, at a minimum, as vehicular capacity
- A focus on crosswalk and intersection lighting where pedestrian activity is expected
- Policies to improve the quality and frequency of pedestrian crossings on arterials and multi-lane roadways
- A focus on safe cycling facilities and routes, particularly in areas where serious crashes are occurring
- More detailed analysis of the causes of serious crashes, pedestrian crashes, and bicycle crashes in the region
- More detailed research on the relationship between land use patterns and safety

# **Appendix: Maps**

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Non-freeway crashes

Non-freeway crash density

Freeway crashes

Pedestrian crashes

Pedestrian crash density

**Bicycle crashes** 

Bicycles crash density

Non-freeway auto volume density

Pedestrian density

People density

ULI density

Street block density

























### CHAPTER 3.08<sup>1</sup>

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL PLAN<sup>2</sup>

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- <sup>2</sup> Metro Code Chapter 3.08 now called The Regional Transportation Functional Plan (Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5, adopted 06/10/10, effective 09/08/10).

### 3.08.010 Purpose of Regional Transportation Functional Plan

- The Regional Transportation Plan establishes an outcomes-Α. based framework that is performance-driven and includes policies, objectives and actions that direct future planning and investment decisions to consider economic, objectives. equity and environmental The principal performance objectives of the RTP are improved public health, safety and security for all; attraction of jobs and housing to downtowns, main streets, corridors and employment areas; creating vibrant, livable communities, sustaining the region's economic competitiveness and prosperity; efficient management to maximize use of the existing transportation system; completion of the transportation system for all modes of travel to expand transportation choices; increasing use of the transit, pedestrian and bicycle systems; ensuring equity and affordable transportation choices; improving freight reliability; reducing vehicle miles traveled and resulting emissions; and promoting environmental fiscal and Metro and its regional stewardship and accountability. partners will continue to develop regional а data collection and performance monitoring system to better understand the benefits and impacts of actions required by this functional plan relative to the RTP performance objectives. Local plan updates and amendments should rely on Metro data and tools or other locally-developed data and tools, when practical. Through performance evaluation and monitoring the region can be a responsible steward of public funds and be more accountable and transparent about local and regional planning and investment choices.
- в. The Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) implements the Goals and Objectives in section 2.3 of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the policies of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its constituent freight, high-capacity transit and transportation system management and operations plans which cities and counties of the region will carry out in their comprehensive plans, transportation system plans (TSPs), other land use regulations and transportation project development. Local implementation of the RTP will result in а more comprehensive approach for implementing the 2040 Growth Concept, help communities achieve their aspirations for growth and support current and future efforts to achieve the principal objectives of the RTP and address climate change.

(Effective 09/08/10)

C. The RTFP is intended to be consistent with federal law that applies to Metro in its role as a metropolitan planning organization, the Oregon Transportation Plan, and Statewide Planning Goal 12 (Transportation) and it's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR). If a TSP is consistent with this RTFP, Metro shall deem it consistent with the RTP.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

#### TITLE 1: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DESIGN

#### 3.08.110 Street System Design

- A. To ensure that new street construction and re-construction projects are designed to improve safety, support adjacent land use and balance the needs of all users, including bicyclists, transit vehicles, motorists, freight delivery vehicles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, city and county street design regulations shall allow implementation of:
  - Complete street designs as set forth in Creating Livable Streets: Street Design Guidelines for 2040 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2002), or similar resources consistent with regional street design policies;
  - 2. Green street designs as set forth in Green Streets: Innovative Solutions for Stormwater and Street Crossings (2002) and Trees for Green Streets: An Illustrated Guide (2002) or similar resources consistent with federal regulations for stream protection; and
  - 3. Transit-supportive street designs that facilitate existing and planned transit service pursuant subsection 3.08.120B.
- B. City and county local street design regulations shall allow implementation of:
  - Pavement widths of less than 28 feet from curb-face to curb-face;
  - Sidewalk widths that include at least five feet of pedestrian through zones;

- 3. Landscaped pedestrian buffer strips, or paved furnishing zones of at least five feet, that include street trees;
- Traffic calming devices, such as speed bumps and cushions, woonerfs and chicanes, to discourage traffic infiltration and excessive speeds;
- 5. Short and direct right-of-way routes and shared-use paths to connect residences with commercial services, parks, schools, hospitals, institutions, transit corridors, regional trails and other neighborhood activity centers; and
- 6. Opportunities to extend streets in an incremental fashion, including posted notification on streets to be extended.
- C. To improve connectivity of the region's arterial system and support walking, bicycling and access to transit, each city and county shall incorporate into its TSP, to the extent practicable, a network of major arterial streets at onemile spacing and minor arterial streets or collector streets at half-mile spacing considering the following:
  - 1. Existing topography;
  - 2. Rail lines;
  - 3. Freeways;
  - 4. Pre-existing development;
  - 5. Leases, easements or covenants in place prior to May 1, 1995; and
  - 6. The requirements of Titles 3 and 13 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP).
  - 7. Arterial design concepts in Table 2.6 and Figure 2.11 of the RTP.
  - 8. Best practices and designs as set forth in Green Streets: Innovative Solutions for Stormwater, Street Crossings (2002) and Trees for Green Streets: An Illustrated Guide (2002), Creating Livable Streets: Street Design Guidelines for 2040 (2nd Edition, 2002), and state or locally-adopted plans and best practices for protecting natural resources and natural areas.
- D. To improve local access and circulation, and preserve capacity on the region's arterial system, each city and county shall incorporate into its TSP a conceptual map of new streets for all contiguous areas of vacant and redevelopable lots and parcels of five or more acres that are zoned to allow residential or mixed-use development. The map shall identify street connections to adjacent areas to promote a logical, direct and connected system of streets and should demonstrate opportunities to extend and connect new streets to existing streets, provide direct public right-of-way routes and limit closed-end street designs consistent with subsection E.
- E. If proposed residential or mixed-use development of five or more acres involves construction of a new street, the city and county regulations shall require the applicant to provide a site plan that:
  - Is consistent with the conceptual new streets map required by subsection D;
  - 2. Provides full street connections with spacing of no more than 530 feet between connections, except if prevented by barriers such as topography, rail lines, freeways, pre-existing development, leases, easements or covenants that existed prior to May 1, 1995, or by requirements of Titles 3 and 13 of the UGMFP;
  - 3. If streets must cross water features protected pursuant to Title 3 UGMFP, provides a crossing every 800 to 1,200 feet unless habitat quality or the length of the crossing prevents a full street connection;
  - 4. If full street connection is prevented, provides bicycle and pedestrian accessways on public easements or rights-of-way spaced such that accessways are not more than 330 feet apart, unless not possible for the reasons set forth in paragraph 3;
  - 5. Provides for bike and pedestrian accessways that cross water features protected pursuant to Title 3 of the UGMFP at an average of 530 feet between accessways unless habitat quality or the length of the crossing prevents a connection;
  - 6. If full street connection over water features protected pursuant to Title 3 of the UGMFP cannot be constructed in centers as defined in Title 6 of the

UGMFP or Main Streets shown on the 2040 Growth Concept Map, or if spacing of full street connections exceeds 1,200 feet, provides bike and pedestrian crossings at an average of 530 feet between accessways unless habitat quality or the length of the crossing prevents a connection;

- 7. Limits cul-de-sac designs or other closed-end street designs to circumstances in which barriers prevent full street extensions and limits the length of such streets to 200 feet and the number of dwellings along the street to no more than 25; and
- Provides street cross-sections showing dimensions of right-of-way improvements and posted or expected speed limits.
- F. For redevelopment of contiguous lots and parcels less than five acres in size that require construction of new streets, cities and counties shall establish their own standards for local street connectivity, consistent with subsection E.
- G. To protect the capacity, function and safe operation of existing and planned state highway interchanges or planned improvements to interchanges, cities and counties shall, to the extent feasible, restrict driveway and street access in the vicinity of interchange ramp terminals, consistent with Highway Plan Access Management Standards, Oregon and accommodate local circulation on the local system to improve safety and minimize congestion and conflicts in the interchange area. Public street connections, consistent with regional street design and spacing standards in this shall be encouraged and shall supercede this section, access restriction, though such access may be limited to right-in/right-out or other appropriate configuration in the vicinity of interchange ramp terminals. Multimodal street design features including pedestrian crossings and on-street parking shall be allowed where appropriate.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

## 3.08.120 Transit System Design

A. City and county TSPs or other appropriate regulations shall include investments, policies, standards and criteria to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections to all existing transit stops and major transit stops designated in Figure 2.15 of the RTP.

- B. City and county TSPs shall include a transit plan, and implementing land use regulations, with the following elements to leverage the region's investment in transit and improve access to the transit system:
  - 1. A transit system map consistent with the transit functional classifications shown in Figure 2.15 of the RTP that shows the locations of major transit stops, transit centers, high capacity transit stations, regional bicycle transit facilities, inter-city bus and rail passenger terminals designated in the RTP, transit-priority treatments such as signals, regional bicycle transit facilities, park-and-ride facilities, and bicycle and pedestrian routes, consistent with sections 3.08.130 and 3.08.140, between essential destinations and transit stops.
  - 2. The following site design standards for new retail, office, multi-family and institutional buildings located near or at major transit stops shown in Figure 2.15 in the RTP:
    - a. Provide reasonably direct pedestrian connections between transit stops and building entrances and between building entrances and streets adjoining transit stops;
    - b. Provide safe, direct and logical pedestrian crossings at all transit stops where practicable;
    - c. At major transit stops, require the following:
      - i. Locate buildings within 20 feet of the transit stop, a transit street or an intersecting street, or a pedestrian plaza at the stop or a street intersection;
      - ii. Transit passenger landing pads accessible to disabled persons to transit agency standards;
      - iii. An easement or dedication for a passenger shelter and an underground utility connection to a major transit stop if requested by the public transit provider; and

- iv. Lighting to transit agency standards at the major transit stop.
- v. Intersection and mid-block traffic management improvements as needed and practicable to enable marked crossings at major transit stops.
- C. Providers of public transit service shall consider and document the needs of youth, seniors, people with disabilities and environmental justice populations, including minorities and low-income families, when planning levels of service, transit facilities and hours of operation.

### 3.08.130 Pedestrian System Design

- A. City and county TSPs shall include a pedestrian plan, with implementing land use regulations, for an interconnected network of pedestrian routes within and through the city or county. The plan shall include:
  - 1. An inventory of existing facilities that identifies gaps and deficiencies in the pedestrian system;
  - 2. An evaluation of needs for pedestrian access to transit and essential destinations for all mobility levels, including direct, comfortable and safe pedestrian routes.
  - 3. A list of improvements to the pedestrian system that will help the city or county achieve the regional Non-SOV modal targets in Table 3.08-1 and other targets established pursuant to section 3.08.230;
  - Provision for sidewalks along arterials, collectors and most local streets, except that sidewalks are not required along controlled roadways, such as freeways; and
  - 5. Provision for safe crossings of streets and controlled pedestrian crossings on major arterials.
- B. As an alternative to implementing section 3.08.120(B)(2), a city or county may establish pedestrian districts in its comprehensive plan or land use regulations with the following elements:

- A connected street and pedestrian network for the district;
- 2. An inventory of existing facilities, gaps and deficiencies in the network of pedestrian routes;
- Interconnection of pedestrian, transit and bicycle systems;
- 4. Parking management strategies;
- 5. Access management strategies;
- 6. Sidewalk and accessway location and width;
- Landscaped or paved pedestrian buffer strip location and width;
- 8. Street tree location and spacing;
- 9. Pedestrian street crossing and intersection design;
- 10. Street lighting and furniture for pedestrians; and
- 11. A mix of types and densities of land uses that will support a high level of pedestrian activity.
- C. City and county land use regulations shall require new development to provide on-site streets and accessways that offer reasonably direct routes for pedestrian travel.

### 3.08.140 Bicycle System Design

- A. City and county TSPs shall include a bicycle plan, with implementing land use regulations, for an interconnected network of bicycle routes within and through the city or county. The plan shall include:
  - 1. An inventory of existing facilities that identifies gaps and deficiencies in the bicycle system;
  - 2. An evaluation of needs for bicycle access to transit and essential destinations, including direct, comfortable and safe bicycle routes and secure bicycle parking, considering *TriMet Bicycle Parking Guidelines*.

- 3. A list of improvements to the bicycle system that will help the city or county achieve the regional Non-SOV modal targets in Table 3.08-1 and other targets established pursuant to section 3.08.230;
- 4. Provision for bikeways along arterials, collectors and local streets, and bicycle parking in centers, at major transit stops shown in Figure 2.15 in the RTP, park-and-ride lots and associated with institutional uses; and
- 5. Provision for safe crossing of streets and controlled bicycle crossings on major arterials.

## 3.08.150 Freight System Design

- A. City and county TSPs shall include a freight plan, with implementing land use regulations, for an interconnected system of freight networks within and through the city or county. The plan shall include:
  - 1. An inventory of existing facilities that identifies gaps and deficiencies in the freight system;
  - An evaluation of freight access to freight intermodal facilities, employment and industrial areas and commercial districts; and
  - 3. A list of improvements to the freight system that will help the city or county increase reliability of freight movement, reduce freight delay and achieve the targets established pursuant to section 3.08.230.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

## 3.08.160 Transportation System Management and Operations

- A. City and county TSPs shall include transportation system management and operations (TSMO) plans to improve the performance of existing transportation infrastructure within or through the city or county. A TSMO plan shall include:
  - An inventory and evaluation of existing local and regional TSMO infrastructure, strategies and programs that identifies gaps and opportunities to expand infrastructure, strategies and programs;

- 2. A list of projects and strategies, consistent with the Regional TSMO Plan, based upon consideration of the following functional areas:
  - a. Multimodal traffic management investments, such as signal timing, access management, arterial performance monitoring and active traffic management;
  - b. Traveler information investments, such as forecasted traffic conditions and carpool matching;
  - c. Traffic incident management investments, such as incident response programs; and
  - d. Transportation demand management investments, such as individualized marketing programs, rideshare programs and employer transportation programs.

## TITLE 2: DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATE OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANS

## 3.08.210 Transportation Needs

- A. Each city and county shall update its TSP to incorporate regional and state transportation needs identified in the 2035 RTP and its own transportation needs. The determination of local transportation needs shall be based upon:
  - System gaps and deficiencies identified in the inventories and analysis of transportation systems pursuant to Title 1;
  - Identification of facilities that exceed the Deficiency Thresholds and Operating Standards in Table 3.08-2 or the alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;
  - 3. Consideration and documentation of the needs of youth, seniors, people with disabilities and environmental justice populations within the city or county, including minorities and low-income families.
- B. A city or county determination of transportation needs must be consistent with the following elements of the RTP:

- 1. The population and employment forecast and planning period of the RTP, except that a city or county may use an alternative forecast for the city or county, coordinated with Metro, to account for changes to comprehensive plan or land use regulations adopted after adoption of the RTP;
- 2. System maps and functional classifications for street design, motor vehicles, transit, bicycles, pedestrians and freight in Chapter 2 of the RTP; and
- 3. Regional non-SOV modal targets in Table 3.08-1 and the Deficiency Thresholds and Operating Standards in Table 3.08-2.
- C. When determining its transportation needs under this section, a city or county shall consider the regional needs identified in the mobility corridor strategies in Chapter 4 of the RTP.

## 3.08.220 Transportation Solutions

- A. Each city and county shall consider the following strategies, in the order listed, to meet the transportation needs determined pursuant to section 3.08.210 and performance targets and standards pursuant to section 3.08.230. The city or county shall explain its choice of one or more of the strategies and why other strategies were not chosen:
  - 1. TSMO strategies, including localized TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements;
  - 2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements;
  - 3. Traffic-calming designs and devices;
  - 4. Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;
  - 5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design

classifications in Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking and access to transit; and

- 6. Motor vehicle capacity improvements, consistent with the RTP Arterial and Throughway Design and Network Concepts in Table 2.6 and section 2.5.2 of the RTP, only upon a demonstration that other strategies in this subsection are not appropriate or cannot adequately address identified transportation needs.
- B. A city or county shall coordinate its consideration of the strategies in subsection A with the owner of the transportation facility affected by the strategy. Facility design is subject to the approval of the facility owner.
- C. If analysis under subsection 3.08.210A indicates a new regional or state need that has not been identified in the RTP, the city or county may propose one of the following actions:
  - 1. Propose a project at the time of Metro review of the TSP to be incorporated into the RTP during the next RTP update; or
  - 2. Propose an amendment to the RTP for needs and projects if the amendment is necessary prior to the next RTP update.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

## 3.08.230 Performance Targets and Standards

- A. Each city and county shall demonstrate that solutions adopted pursuant to section 3.08.220 will achieve progress toward the targets and standards in Tables 3.08-1, and 3.08-2 and measures in subsection D, or toward alternative targets and standards adopted by the city or county pursuant to subsections B and, C. The city or county shall include the regional targets and standards or its alternatives in its TSP.
- B. A city or county may adopt alternative targets or standards in place of the regional targets and standards prescribed in subsection A upon a demonstration that the alternative targets or standards:
  - 1. Are no lower than the modal targets in Table 3.08-1 and no lower than the ratios in Table 3.08-2;

- 2. Will not result in a need for motor vehicle capacity improvements that go beyond the planned arterial and throughway network defined in Figure 2.12 of the RTP and that are not recommended in, or are inconsistent with, the RTP; and
- 3. Will not increase SOV travel to a degree inconsistent with the non-SOV modal targets in Table 3.08-1.
- C. If the city or county adopts mobility standards for state highways different from those in Table 3.08-2, it shall demonstrate that the standards have been approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission.
- D. Each city and county shall also include performance measures for safety, vehicle miles traveled per capita, freight reliability, congestion, and walking, bicycling and transit mode shares to evaluate and monitor performance of the TSP.
- E. To demonstrate progress toward achievement of performance targets in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 and to improve performance of state highways within its jurisdiction as much as feasible and avoid their further degradation, the city or county shall adopt the following:
  - Parking minimum and maximum ratios in Centers and Station Communities consistent with subsection 3.08.410A;
  - 2. Designs for street, transit, bicycle, freight and pedestrian systems consistent with Title 1; and
  - 3. TSMO projects and strategies consistent with section 3.08.160; and
  - 4. Land use actions pursuant to OAR 660-012-0035(2).

## TITLE 3: TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

## 3.08.310 Defining Projects in Transportation System Plans

A. Each city or county developing or amending a TSP shall specify the general locations and facility parameters, such as minimum and maximum ROW dimensions and the number and width of traffic lanes, of planned regional transportation facilities and improvements identified on the appropriate RTP map. The locations shall be within the general location depicted in the appropriate RTP map. Except as otherwise provided in the TSP, the general location is as follows:

- 1. For new facilities, a corridor within 200 feet of the location depicted on the appropriate RTP map;
- For interchanges, the general location of the crossing roadways, without specifying the general location of connecting ramps;
- For existing facilities planned for improvements, a corridor within 50 feet of the existing right-of-way; and
- 4. For realignments of existing facilities, a corridor within 200 feet of the segment to be realigned as measured from the existing right-of-way depicted on the appropriate RTP map.
- B. A city or county may refine or revise the general location of a planned regional facility as it prepares or revises its TSP. Such revisions may be appropriate to reduce the impacts of the facility or to comply with comprehensive plan or statewide planning goals. If, in developing or amending its TSP, a city or county determines that the general location of a planned regional facility or improvement is inconsistent with its comprehensive plan or a statewide planning goal requirement, it shall:
  - 1. Propose a revision to the general location of the planned facility or improvement to achieve consistency and, if the revised location lies outside the general location depicted in the appropriate RTP map, seek an amendment to the RTP; or
  - 2. Propose a revision to its comprehensive plan to authorize the planned facility or improvement at the revised location.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

### TITLE 4: REGIONAL PARKING MANAGEMENT

## 3.08.410 Parking Management

A. Cities and county parking regulations shall establish parking ratios, consistent with the following:

- No minimum ratios higher than those shown on Table 3.08-3.
- 2. No maximums ratios higher than those shown on Table 3.08-3 and illustrated in the Parking Maximum Map. Ιf 20-minute peak hour transit service has become available to an area within a one-quarter mile walking distance for bus transit or one-half mile walking distance from a high capacity transit station, that area shall be added to Zone A. If 20-minute peak hour transit service is no longer available to an area within a one-quarter mile walking distance for bus transit or one-half mile walking distance from a high capacity transit station, that area shall be removed from Zone A. Cities and counties should designate Zone A parking ratios in areas with good pedestrian access to commercial or employment areas (within one-third mile walk) from adjacent residential areas.
- B. Cities and counties may establish a process for variances from minimum and maximum parking ratios that includes criteria for a variance.
- C. Cities and counties shall require that free surface parking be consistent with the regional parking maximums for Zones A and B in Table 3.08-3. Following an adopted exemption process and criteria, cities and counties may exempt parking structures; fleet parking; vehicle parking for sale, lease, or rent; employee car pool parking; dedicated valet parking; user-paid parking; market rate parking; and other high-efficiency parking management alternatives from maximum parking standards. Reductions associated with redevelopment may be done in phases. Where mixed-use development is proposed, cities and counties shall provide for blended parking rates. Cities and counties may count adjacent on-street parking spaces, nearby public parking and shared parking toward required parking minimum standards.
- D. Cities and counties may use categories or standards other than those in Table 3.08-3 upon demonstration that the effect will be substantially the same as the application of the ratios in the table.
- E. Cities and counties shall provide for the designation of residential parking districts in local comprehensive plans or implementing ordinances.

- F. Cities and counties shall require that parking lots more than three acres in size provide street-like features, including curbs, sidewalks and street trees or planting strips. Major driveways in new residential and mixed-use areas shall meet the connectivity standards for full street connections in section 3.08.110, and should line up with surrounding streets except where prevented by topography, rail lines, freeways, pre-existing development or leases, easements or covenants that existed prior to May 1, 1995, or the requirements of Titles 3 and 13 of the UGMFP.
- G. To support local freight delivery activities, cities and counties shall require on-street freight loading and unloading areas at appropriate locations in centers.
- H. To encourage the use of bicycles and ensure adequate bicycle parking for different land uses, cities and counties shall establish short-term (stays of less than four hours) and long-term (stays of more than four hours and all-day/monthly) bicycle parking minimums for:
  - New multi-family residential developments of four units or more;
  - 2. New retail, office and institutional developments;
  - 3. Transit centers, high capacity transit stations, inter-city bus and rail passenger terminals; and
  - 4. Bicycle facilities at transit stops and park-and-ride lots.
- I. Cities and counties shall adopt parking policies, management plans and regulations for Centers and Station Communities. The policies, plans and regulations shall be consistent with subsection A through H. Plans may be adopted in TSPs or other adopted policy documents and may focus on sub-areas of Centers. Plans shall include an inventory of parking supply and usage, an evaluation of bicycle parking needs with consideration of *TriMet Bicycle Parking Guidelines*. Policies shall be adopted in the TSP. Policies, plans and regulations must consider and may include the following range of strategies:
  - 1. By-right exemptions from minimum parking requirements;
  - 2. Parking districts;
  - 3. Shared parking;

- 4. Structured parking;
- 5. Bicycle parking;
- 6. Timed parking;
- 7. Differentiation between employee parking and parking for customers, visitors and patients;
- 8. Real-time parking information;
- 9. Priced parking;
- 10. Parking enforcement.

# TITLE 5: AMENDMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

# 3.08.510 Amendments of City and County Comprehensive and Transportation System Plans

- A. When a city or county proposes to amend its comprehensive plan or its components, it shall consider the strategies in subsection 3.08.220A as part of the analysis required by OAR 660-012-0060.
- B. If a city or county adopts the actions set forth in subsection 3.08.230E and Title 6 of the UGMFP, it shall be eligible for the automatic reduction provided in Title 6below the vehicular trip generation rates reported by the Institute of Transportation Engineers when analyzing the traffic impacts, pursuant to OAR 660-012-0060, of a plan amendment in a Center, Main Street, Corridor or Station Community.
- C. If a city or county proposes a transportation project that is not included in the RTP and will result in a significant increase in SOV capacity or exceeds the planned function or capacity of a facility designated in the RTP, it shall demonstrate consistency with the following in its project analysis:
  - The strategies set forth in subsection 3.08.220A (1) through (5);
  - 2. Complete street designs adopted pursuant to subsection 3.08.110A and as set forth in *Creating Livable*

Streets: Street Design Guidelines for 2040 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2002) or similar resources consistent with regional street design policies; and

- Green street designs adopted pursuant to subsection 3. as set forth Green 3.08.110A and in Streets: Innovative Solutions for Stormwater and Street Crossings (2002) and Trees for Green Streets: An Illustrated Guide (2002) or similar resources consistent with federal regulations for stream protection.
- D. If the city or county decides not to build a project identified in the RTP, it shall identify alternative projects or strategies to address the identified transportation need and inform Metro so that Metro can amend the RTP.
- E. This section does not apply to city or county transportation projects that are financed locally and would be undertaken on local facilities.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

#### TITLE 6: COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

# 3.08.610 Metro Review of Amendments to Transportation System Plans

- A. Cities and counties shall update or amend their TSPs to comply with the RTFP, or an amendment to it, within two years after acknowledgement of the RTFP, or an amendment to it or by a later date specified in the ordinance that amends the RTFP. The COO shall notify cities and counties of the dates by which their TSPs must comply.
- B. Cities and counties that update or amend their TSPs after acknowledgment of the RTFP or an amendment to it, but before two years following its acknowledgment, shall make the amendments in compliance with the RTFP or the amendment. The COO shall notify cities and counties of the date of acknowledgment of the RTFP or an amendment to it.
- C. One year following acknowledgment of the RTFP or an amendment to it, cities and counties whose TSPs do not yet comply with the RTFP or the amendment shall make land use decisions consistent with the RTFP or the amendment. The COO, at least 120 days before the specified date, shall notify cities and counties of the date upon which RTFP

requirements become applicable to land use decisions. The notice shall specify which requirements become applicable to land use decisions in each city and county.

- D. An amendment to a city or county TSP shall be deemed to comply with the RTFP upon the expiration of the appropriate appeal period specified in ORS 197.830 or 197.650 or, if an appeal is made, upon the final decision on appeal. Once the amendment is deemed to comply with the RTFP, the RTFP shall no longer apply directly to city or county land use decisions.
- E. An amendment to a city or county TSP shall be deemed to comply with the RTFP as provided in subsection D only if the city or county provided notice to the COO as required by subsection F.
- At least 45 days prior to the first public hearing on a F. proposed amendment to a TSP, the city or county shall submit the proposed amendment to the COO. The COO may request, and if so the city or county shall submit, an analysis of compliance of the amendment with the RTFP. Within four weeks after receipt of the notice, the COO shall submit to the city or county a written analysis of compliance of the proposed amendment with the RTFP, including recommendations, if any, that would bring the amendment into compliance with the RTFP. The COO shall send a copy of its analysis to those persons who have requested a copy.
- G. If the COO concludes that the proposed amendment does not comply with RTFP, the COO shall advise the city or county that it may:
  - Revise the proposed amendment as recommended in the COO's analysis;
  - Seek an extension of time, pursuant to section 3.08.620, to bring the proposed amendment into compliance;
  - 3. Seek an exception to the requirement, pursuant to section 3.08.630; or
  - 4. Seek review of the noncompliance by the Metro Council.
- H. A city or county may postpone further consideration of the proposed amendment and seek review of the COO's analysis by the Metro Council. If a city or county seeks such review,

the Council shall schedule the review at the earliest convenient time. At the conclusion of the review, the Council shall decide whether it agrees or disagrees with the COO's analysis and provide a written explanation as soon as practicable.

I. A city or county that adopts an amendment to its TSP shall send a printed or electronic copy of the ordinance making the amendment to the COO within 14 days after its adoption.

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

## 3.08.620 Extension of Compliance Deadline

- A. A city or county may seek an extension of time for compliance with the RTFP by filing an application on a form provided by the COO. Upon receipt of an application, the Council President shall set the matter for a public hearing before the Metro Council and shall notify the city or county, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and those persons who request notification of applications for extensions.
- B. The Council shall hold a public hearing to consider the application. Any person may testify at the hearing. The Council may grant an extension if it finds that:
  - 1. The city or county is making progress toward compliance with the RTFP; or
  - 2. There is good cause for failure to meet the compliance deadline.
- C. The Council may establish terms and conditions for an extension in order to ensure that compliance is achieved in a timely and orderly fashion and that land use decisions made by the city or county during the extension do not undermine the ability of the city or county to achieve the purposes of the RTFP requirement. A term or condition must relate to the requirement of the RTFP for which the Council grants the extension. The Council shall not grant more than two extensions of time, nor grant an extension of time for more than one year.
- D. The Council shall issue an order with its conclusion and analysis and send a copy to the city or county, the DLCD and any person who participated in the proceeding. The city or county or a person who participated in the

proceeding may seek review of the Council's order as a land use decision described in ORS 197.015(10) (a) (A).

(Ordinance No. 10-1241B, § 5)

#### 3.08.630 Exception from Compliance

- A. A city or county may seek an exception from compliance with a requirement of the RTFP by filing an application on a form provided by the COO. Upon receipt of an application, the Council President shall set the matter for a public hearing before the Metro Council and shall notify the DLCD and those persons who request notification of requests for exceptions.
- B. Following the public hearing on the application, the Metro Council may grant an exception if it finds:
  - 1. It is not possible to achieve the requirement due to topographic or other physical constraints or an existing development pattern;
  - This exception and likely similar exceptions will not render the objective of the requirement unachievable region-wide;
  - 3. The exception will not reduce the ability of another city or county to comply with the requirement; and
  - 4. The city or county has adopted other measures more appropriate for the city or county to achieve the intended result of the requirement.
- C. The Council may establish terms and conditions for the exception in order to ensure that it does not undermine the ability of the region to achieve the policies of the RTP. A term or condition must relate to the requirement of the RTFP to which the Council grants the exception.
- D. The Council shall issue an order with its conclusion and analysis and send a copy to the city or county, the DLCD and those persons who have requested a copy of the order. The city or county or a person who participated in the proceeding may seek review of the Council's order as a land use decision described in ORS 197.015(10) (a) (A).

#### TITLE 7: DEFINITIONS

## 3.08.710 Definitions

For the purpose of this functional plan, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Accessibility" means the ease of access and the amount of time required to reach a given location or service by any mode of travel.
- B. "Accessway" means right-of-way or easement designed for public access by bicycles and pedestrians, and may include emergency vehicle passage.
- C. "At a major transit stop" means a parcel or ownership that is adjacent to or includes a major transit stop, generally including portions of such parcels or ownerships that are within 200 feet of a major transit stop.
- D. "Bikeway" means separated bike paths, striped bike lanes, or wide outside lanes that accommodate bicycles and motor vehicles.
- E. "Boulevard design" means a design concept that emphasizes pedestrian travel, bicycling and the use of public transportation, and accommodates motor vehicle travel.
- F. "Capacity expansion" means constructed or operational improvements to the regional motor vehicle system that increase the capacity of the system.
- G. "Chicane" means a movable or permanent barrier used to create extra turns in a roadway to reduce motor vehicle speeds or to prevent cars from driving across a pedestrian or bicycle accessway.
- H. "Connectivity" means the degree to which the local and regional street, pedestrian, bicycle, transit and freight systems in a given area are interconnected.
- I. "Complete Streets" means streets that are designed to serve all modes of travel, including bicycles, freight delivery vehicles, transit vehicles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.
- J. "COO" means Metro's Chief Operating Officer or the COO's designee.

- K. "DLCD" means the Oregon state agency under the direction of the Land Conservation and Development Commission.
- L. "Deficiency" means a performance, design or operational constraint that limits travel by a given mode. Examples of deficiencies may include unsafe designs, bicycle and that pedestrian connections contain obstacles (e.g., missing ADA-compliant curb ramps, distances greater than 330 feet between pedestrian crossings), transit overcrowding or inadequate frequency; and throughways with less than six through lanes of capacity; arterials with less than four through lanes that do not meet the standards in Table 3.08-2.
- Μ. "Design type" means the conceptual areas depicted on the Metro 2040 Growth Concept Map and described in the RFP including Central City, Regional Center, Town Center, Community, Station Corridor, Main Street, Inner Neighborhood, Outer Neighborhood, Regionally Significant Industrial Area, Industrial Area and Employment Area.
- N. "Essential destinations" includes such places as hospitals, medical centers, grocery stores, schools, and social service centers with more than 200 monthly LIFT pick-ups.
- O. "Full street connection" means right-of-way designed for public access by motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.
- P. "Gap" means a missing link or barrier in the "typical" urban transportation system for any mode that functionally prohibits travel where a connection might be expected to occur in accordance with the system concepts and networks in Chapter 2 of the RTP. There is a gap when a connection does not exist. But a gap also exists if a physical barrier, such as a throughway, natural feature, weight limits on a bridge or existing development, interrupts a system connection.
- Q. "Growth Concept Map" means the conceptual map depicting the 2040 Growth Concept design types described in the RFP.
- R. "High capacity transit" means the ability to bypass traffic and avoid delay by operating in exclusive or semi-exclusive rights of way, faster overall travel speeds due to wide station spacing, frequent service, transit priority street and signal treatments, and premium station and passenger amenities. Speed and schedule reliability are preserved using transit signal priority at at-grade crossings and/or intersections. High levels of passenger infrastructure are

provided at transit stations and station communities, including real-time schedule information, ticket machines, special lighting, benches, shelters, bicycle parking, and commercial services. The transit modes most commonly associated with high capacity transit include:

- Light rail transit, light rail trains operating in exclusive or semi-exclusive right-of-way<sup>1</sup>
- Bus rapid transit, regular or advanced bus vehicles operating primarily in exclusive or semi-exclusive right-of-way
- Rapid streetcar, streetcar trains operating primarily in exclusive or semi-exclusive right-of-way
- Commuter rail, heavy rail passenger trains operating on exclusive, semi-exclusive or nonexclusive (with freight) railroad tracks
- S. "Improved pedestrian crossing" means a marked pedestrian crossing and may include signage, signalization, curb extensions and a pedestrian refuge such as a landscaped median.
- T. "Institutional uses" means colleges and universities, hospitals and major government offices.
- U. "Landscape strip" means the portion of public right-of-way located between the sidewalk and curb.
- V. "Land use decision" shall have the meaning of that term set forth in ORS 197.015(10).
- W. "Land use regulation" means any local government zoning ordinance, land division ordinance adopted under ORS 92.044 or 92.046 or similar general ordinance establishing standards for implementing a comprehensive plan, as defined in ORS 197.015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exclusive right-of-way, as defined by Transportation Research Board TCRP report 17, includes fully grade-separated right-of-way. Semi-exclusive right-of-way includes separate and shared rights of way as well light rail and pedestrian malls adjacent to a parallel roadway. Nonexclusive right-of-way includes operations in mixed traffic, transit mall and a light rail/pedestrian mall.

- X. "Level-of-service (LOS)" means the ratio of the volume of motor vehicle demand to the capacity of the motor vehicle system during a specific increment of time.
- Y. "Local trips" means trips that are five miles or shorter in length.
- Z. "Low-income families" means a household who earned between 0 and 1.99 times the federal Poverty level as defined in the most recently available U.S. Census.
- AA. "Low-income populations" means any readily identifiable group of low-income persons who live in geographic proximity and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed or transient persons (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who would be similarly affected by a TSP.
- "Major Bus Stops" include most Frequent Service bus stops, BB. most transfer locations between bus lines (especially when at least one of the bus lines is a frequent service line), major stops at ridership generators (e.g., schools, hospitals, concentrations of shopping, or high density employment or employment), and other high ridership bus stops. These stops may include shelters, lighting, seating, bicycle parking, or other passenger amenities and are intended to be highly accessible to adjacent buildings while providing for quick and efficient bus service. Major bus stop locations are designated in Figure 2.15 of the RTP.
- CC. "Major driveway" means a driveway that:
  - Intersects with a public street that is controlled, or is to be controlled in the planning period, by a traffic signal;
  - 2. Intersects with an existing or planned arterial or collector street; or
  - 3. Would be an extension of an existing or planned local street, or of another major driveway.
- DD. "Major transit stop" means transit centers, high capacity transit stations, major bus stops, inter-city bus passenger terminals, inter-city rail passenger terminals and biketransit facility as defined in Figure 2.15 of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- EE. "Median" means the center portion of public right-of-way, located between opposing directions of motor vehicle travel lanes. A median is usually raised and may be landscaped,

and usually incorporates left turn lanes for motor vehicles at intersections and major access points.

- FF. "Metro" means the regional government of the metropolitan area, the elected Metro Council as the policy-setting body of the government.
- GG. "Metro boundary" means the jurisdictional boundary of Metro, the elected regional government of the metropolitan area.
- HH. "Minority" means a person who is:
  - Black (having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa);
  - Hispanic (of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race);
  - 3. Asian American (having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands);
  - 4. American Indian and Alaska Native (having origins in any of the original peoples of North American and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition); or
  - 5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacifica Islander (having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands).
- II. "Minority population" means any readily identifiable group of minority persons who live in geographic proximity and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed or transient persons (such as migrant workers or Native Americans) who would be similarly affected by a TSP.
- JJ. "Mixed-use development" includes areas of a mix of at least two of the following land uses and includes multiple tenants or ownerships: residential, retail and office. This definition excludes large, single-use land uses such as colleges, hospitals, and business campuses. Minor incidental land uses that are accessory to the primary land use should not result in a development being designated as "mixed-use development." The size and definition of minor incidental, accessory land uses allowed within large, single-use developments should be determined by cities and

counties through their comprehensive plans and implementing ordinances.

- KK. "Mobility" means the speed at which a given mode of travel operates in a specific location.
- LL. "Mode-split target" means the individual percentage of public transportation, pedestrian, bicycle and shared-ride trips expressed as a share of total person-trips.
- MM. "Motor vehicle" means automobiles, vans, public and private buses, trucks and semi-trucks, motorcycles and mopeds.
- NN. "Motor vehicle level-of-service" means a measurement of congestion as a share of designed motor vehicle capacity of a road.
- 00. "Multi-modal" means transportation facilities or programs designed to serve many or all methods of travel, including all forms of motor vehicles, public transportation, bicycles and walking.
- PP. "Narrow street design" means streets with less than 46 feet of total right-of-way and no more than 28 feet of pavement width between curbs.
- QQ. "Near a major transit stop" means a parcel or ownership that is within 300 feet of a major transit stop.
- RR. "Non-SOV modal target" means a target for the percentage of total trips made in a defined area by means other than a private passenger vehicles carrying one occupant.
- SS. "Performance measure" means a measurement derived from technical analysis aimed at determining whether a planning policy is achieving the expected outcome or intent associated with the policy.
- TT. "Person-trips" means the total number of discrete trips by individuals using any mode of travel.
- UU. "Principal arterial" means limited-access roads that serve longer-distance motor vehicle and freight trips and provide interstate, intrastate and cross-regional travel. See definition of Throughway.
- VV. "Refinement plan" means an amendment to a transportation system plan which determines at a systems level the function, mode or general location of a transportation

facility, service or improvement, deferred during system planning because detailed information needed to make the determination could not be reasonably obtained at that time.

- WW. "Regional vehicle trips" are trips that are greater than five miles in length.
- XX. "Residential Parking District" is a designation intended to protect residential areas from spillover parking generated by adjacent commercial, employment or mixed use areas, or other uses that generate a high demand for parking.
- YY. "RFP" means Metro's Regional Framework Plan adopted pursuant to ORS chapter 268.
- ZZ. "Routine repair and maintenance" means activities directed at preserving an existing allowed use or facility, without expanding the development footprint or site use.
- AAA. "RTFP" means this Regional Transportation Functional Plan.
- BBB. "Shared-ride" means private passenger vehicles carrying more than one occupant.
- CCC. "Significant increase in Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) capacity" means a transportation project that increases the motor vehicle capacity of a roadway and warrants a new air conformity determination. This quality includes new facilities (e.g., a new arterial or throughway, a new interchange or interchange ramps, a new access road or a new bridge) or the addition of new, general-purpose or auxiliary lanes to an existing facility totaling onequarter-lane mile or more in length. General-purpose lanes are defined as through travel lanes, two-way left turn lanes or dual turn lanes. Not included in this definition is any project that adds less than one-quarter lane-mile of general-purpose lane or auxiliary lane capacity. Also not included in this definition are realignments that replace rather than supplement existing roadways for through traffic, channelized turn lanes, climbing lanes, widening without adding new travel lanes, and facilities that are primarily for use by modes other than SOVs (such as bus lanes, HOV lanes, truck lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities). Significant increases in SOV capacity should be assessed for individual facilities rather than for the planning area.

- DDD. "SOV" means a private motorized passenger vehicle carrying one occupant (single-occupancy vehicle).
- EEE. "Substantial compliance" means city and county comprehensive plans and implementing ordinances, on the whole, conform with the purposes of the performance standards in the functional plan and any failure to meet individual performance standard requirements is technical or minor in nature.
- FFF. "Throughway" means limited-access roads that serve longerdistance motor vehicle and freight trips and provide interstate, intrastate and cross-regional travel. See definition for principal arterial.
- GGG. "TPR" means the administrative rule entitles Transportation Planning Rule adopted by the Land Conservation and Development to implement statewide planning Goal 12, Transportation.
- HHH. "Traffic calming" means street design or operational features intended to maintain low motor vehicle travel speed to enhance safety for pedestrians, other non-motorized modes and adjacent land uses.
- III. "Transportation system management and operations" (TSMO) means programs and strategies that will allow the region to more effectively and efficiently manage existing and new transportation facilities multi-modal and services to preserve capacity and improve safety, security and TSMO has two components: (1) transportation reliability. system management, which focuses on making facilities better serve users by improving efficiency, safety and capacity; and (2) transportation demand management, which seeks to modify travel behavior in order to make more efficient use of facilities and services and enable users to take advantage of everything the transportation system offers.
- JJJ. "TriMet" means the regional service district that provides public mass transit to the region.
- KKK. "TSP" means a transportation system plan adopted by a city or county.
- LLL. "UGB" means an urban growth boundary adopted pursuant to ORS 268.390(3).
- MMM. "Update" means TSP amendments that change the planning horizon and apply broadly to a city or county and typically

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entails changes that need to be considered in the context of the entire TSP, or a substantial geographic area.

NNN. "Woonerf" means a street or group of streets on which pedestrians and bicyclists have legal priority over motor vehicles.

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# Table 3.08-1 Regional Non-SOV Modal Targets (Share of average daily weekday trips for the year 2035)

2040 Design Type	Non-Drive Alone Modal Target
Portland central city	60-70%
Regional centers	
Town centers	
Main streets	45-55%
Station communities	
Corridors	
Passenger intermodal facilities	
Industrial areas	
Freight intermodal facilities	
Employment areas	40-45%
Inner neighborhoods	
Outer neighborhoods	

# Table 3.08-2

# Interim Regional Mobility Policy Deficiency Thresholds and Operating Standards

Location	Standard	Standa	ard
	Mid-Day	PM 2- Peal	Hour k <sup>A</sup>
	Peak <sup>A</sup>	lst Hou r	2nd Hour
Central City Regional Centers Town Centers Main Streets Station Communities	.99	1.1	.99
Corridors Industrial Areas Intermodal Facilities Employment Areas Inner Neighborhoods Outer Neighborhoods	.90	.99	.99
I-84 (from I-5 to I-205)	.99	1.1	.99
I-5 North (from Marquam Bridge to Interstate Bridge)	.99	1.1	.99
OR 99E (from Lincoln Street to OR 224 interchange)	.99	1.1	.99
US 26 (from I-405 to Sylvan interchange)	.99	1.1	.99
I-405 <sup>B</sup> (I-5 South to I-5 North)	.99	1.1	.99
Other Principal Arterial Routes I-205 <sup>B</sup> I-84 (east of I-205) I-5 (Marquam Bridge to Wilsonville) <sup>B</sup> OR 217 US 26 (west of Sylvan) US 30 OR 8 (Murray Boulevard to Brookwood Avenue) <sup>B</sup> OR 212 OR 212 OR 224 OR 47 OR 213	.90	.99	.99

- A. The demand-to-capacity ratios in the table are for the highest two consecutive hours of weekday traffic volumes. The mid-day peak hour as the highest 60-minute period between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The 2<sup>nd</sup> hour is defined as the single 60-minute period either before or after the peak 60-minute period, whichever is highest.
- B. A corridor refinement plan is required in Chapter 6 of the RTP, and will include a recommended mobility policy for each corridor.

Table 3.08-3 - Regional Parking Ratios							
(Parking ratios are based on spaces per 1,000 sq. ft of							
gross leasable area unless otherwise stated)							
Land Use	Minimum Parking Requirements (See Central City Transportation Management Plan for downtown Portland stds)	Maximum Permitted Parking - Zone A:	Maximum Permitted Parking Ratios - Zone B:				
	Requirements May Not Exceed	Transit and Pedestrian Accessible Areas <sup>1</sup>	Rest of Region				
General Office (includes Office Park, "Flex-Space", Government Office & misc. Services) (gsf)	2.7	3.4	4.1				
Light Industrial Industrial Park Manufacturing (gsf)	1.6	None	None				
Warehouse (gross square feet; parking ratios apply to warehouses 150,000 gsf or greater)	0.3	0.4	0.5				
Schools: College/ University & High School (spaces/# of students and staff)	0.2	0.3	0.3				
Tennis Racquetball Court	1.0	1.3	1.5				
Sports Club/Recreation Facilities	4.3	5.4	6.5				
Retail/Commercial, including shopping centers	4.1	5.1	6.2				
Bank with Drive-In	4.3	5.4	6.5				
Movie Theater (spaces/number of seats)	0.3	0.4	0.5				
Fast Food with Drive Thru	9.9	12.4	14.9				
Other Restaurants	15.3	19.1	23				
Place of Worship (spaces/seats)	0.5	0.6	0.8				
Medical/Dental Clinic	3.9	4.9	5.9				
Residential Uses							
Hotel/Motel	1	none	none				
Single Family Detached	1	none	none				
Residential unit, less than 500 square feet per unit, one bedroom	1	none	none				
Multi-family, townhouse, one bedroom	1.25	none	none				
Multi-family, townhouse, two bedroom	1.5	none	none				
Multi-family, townhouse, three bedroom	1.75	none	none				

<sup>1</sup> Ratios for uses not included in this table would be determined by cities and counties. In the event that a local government proposes a different measure, for example, spaces per seating area for a restaurant instead of gross leasable area, Metro may grant approval upon a demonstration by the local government that the parking space requirement is substantially similar to the regional standard.

Jurisdiction	Adoption year of last TSP update	RTFP COMPLIANCE DEADLINE A		
		2011	2012	2013
Beaverton <sup>B</sup>	2003	•		
Clackamas County	2001		•	
Cornelius	2005			•
Damascus	n/a	•		
Durham <sup>c</sup>	2004			•
Fairview	2000		•	
Forest Grove <sup>B</sup>	1999			•
Gladstone	1995			•
Gresham	2002			•
Happy Valley	2009		•	
Hillsboro	2004			•
Johnson City <sup>c</sup>	unknown			•
King City	unknown	Metro supports an exemption from TSP requirements		
Lake Oswego <sup>D</sup>	1997		•	
Maywood Park	n/a	Metro supports an exemption from TSP requirements		
Milwaukie	2007		•	
Multnomah County	2006	•		
Oregon City D	2001		•	
Portland	2007			•
Rivergrove <sup>c</sup>	unknown			•
Sherwood	2005		•	
Tigard <sup>B</sup>	2002	•		
Troutdale	2005	•		
Tualatin	2001		•	
West Linn	2008		•	
Wilsonville <sup>D</sup>	2003		•	
Washington County	2002		•	
Wood Village	1999	•		

Table 3.08-4 Work Plan for Updates to Local Transportation System Plans

Table Notes:

- A The compliance deadline is December 31 for the year indicated. The deadline has been developed in consultation with individual jurisdictions and phased to take advantage of funding opportunities and the availability of local and Metro staff resources. A city or county need not update its TSP according to this schedule if it finds, pursuant to OAR 660-012-0016(2)(a), that its current TSP is consistent with the 2035 RTP.
- B Local adoption of an updated TSP is expected in summer 2010. The compliance deadline is for updates to local implementing regulations, as necessary, to comply with the RTFP.
- $\tt C$  Compliance is established with adoption of implementing regulations that comply with the  $\tt RTFP.$
- D The deadline assumes the jurisdiction is awarded state Transportation-Growth Management (TGM) funding for the 2010-11 biennium. If the jurisdiction is not awarded funding, the compliance deadline is December 31, 2013.
- E The next update to the Regional Transportation Plan is scheduled to occur from June 2012 to June 2014.