

PARTNERS IN ACTION

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization Moving Into the Future



The MPO is working to improve transportation in the Eugene-Springfield metro area.

The MPO planning area covers the area within the urban growth boundaries of Eugene, Springfield, and Coburg, and a small area of Lane County adjacent to these urban areas.

The region has been working towards aligning its transportation investments with livability goals in order to build more choice, convenience, and cost-effectiveness into the transportation system. Through its programs, the MPO:

- Establishes a long range transportation plan reflecting a shared regional vision for all modes of transportation.
- Sets priorities for transportation needs.
- Distributes federal transportation dollars.
- Helps local agencies implement programs and projects, including Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, LTD, point2point Solutions and ODOT.

Transportation is one of the key contributors to the region's quality of life and economic viability. Generally, the need for transportation stems from our need to access goods, services, and other people within and beyond the region. The ease by which we are able to get from home to school, to a job, to medical services, to shopping and back again is dependent upon the efficiency and effectiveness of the region's transportation system—that's where the MPO comes in.

Lane Council of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars for the Central Lane County Area. The Central Lane MPO works cooperatively with local governments and transit providers to set priorities for transportation needs. This process enables our area to receive millions of dollars annually in federal transportation funding. The Governor designated LCOG as the MPO for this area in 1974. The Central Lane MPO is one of approximately 350 MPOs across the country and one of 6 MPOs in Oregon.

MISSION The MPO works with other local governments, the state, and transit providers like Lane Transit District to plan the regional transportation system so people and goods can move efficiently within and through our region.

The MPO is working to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles by promoting a wide variety of mobility options.

Partners

The Central Lane MPO is all about partnerships—Lane County; the Cities of Coburg, Eugene, and Springfield; Lane Transit District; point2point Solutions; and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The partner agencies cooperate on regional transportation and transit projects to enhance, maintain, and operate roads, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and public transit in the Central Lane MPO area.

Accomplishments

Through its planning, policy, and funding actions, the MPO is working to:

- Maximize efficiency of the existing system.
- Provide high quality transportation choices, including transit, bicycle and walking, carpool and vanpool, and telecommuting.
- Support the transition to alternative vehicles and low carbon fuels.
- Improve the fiscal sustainability of the system.

The Central Lane MPO produces many documents, such as plans, programs, and special studies. The MPO also staffs a policy board and citizen advisory committee. Please visit the MPO's website (www.thempo.org) for information on key products, ongoing studies and programs, and committee information.



Goals for the Lane Livability Consortium

MPO goals for participation in the Lane Livability Consortium:

- Build a strong foundation for new and expanded collaborative efforts towards sustainability, including partnerships among:
 - Agencies and agency staff;
 - Decision-makers and leaders at the federal, state, regional and local levels; and
 - Community members.
- Build our individual and organizational capacity to foster successful partnerships and collaborate for regional benefit.
- Consider how best to equitably distribute infrastructure, amenities and services, ensure that public revenue sources are economically sustainable, promote equity, foster healthy ecosystems and create communities of opportunity.

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