

AOC ASSOCIATION OF
OREGON COUNTIES



County Transportation Programs and Communications

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Oregon County Roads



- **County Road History, System Overview, and Revenue 101**
- **AOC Program Overview**
 - Transportation Steering Committee
 - Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES)
 - County Road Program (CRP)
- **Statewide Programs and Committees**

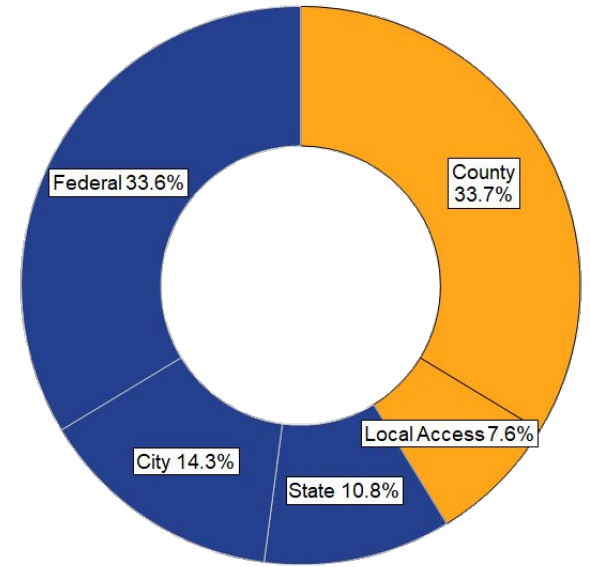
Oregon County Road System a Very Brief History...

- **1859:** Territorial, state, and county roads declared legal when Oregon entered the Union
- **1903:** County Rights of Way Established (ORS 368)
- **1906:** Association of Oregon Counties formed
- **1908:** Timber Act; rural forest roads
- **1905-11:** First vehicle/driver license and fees issued
- **1913:** State Highway Department created; state revenue apportioned to counties based on percentage of collected fees in each county
- **1919:** First state gas tax; Oregon counties receive 25% share motor license fees
- **1921:** Federal Highway Act
- **1928:** Oregon Association of County Engineers (OACES) formed
- **1932:** First federal gas tax (last increase in 1993)



The County Road System

- Over 32,700 miles of County Roads in Oregon
 - 16,300 Paved
 - 10,400 Unpaved
 - 6,000 Local Access



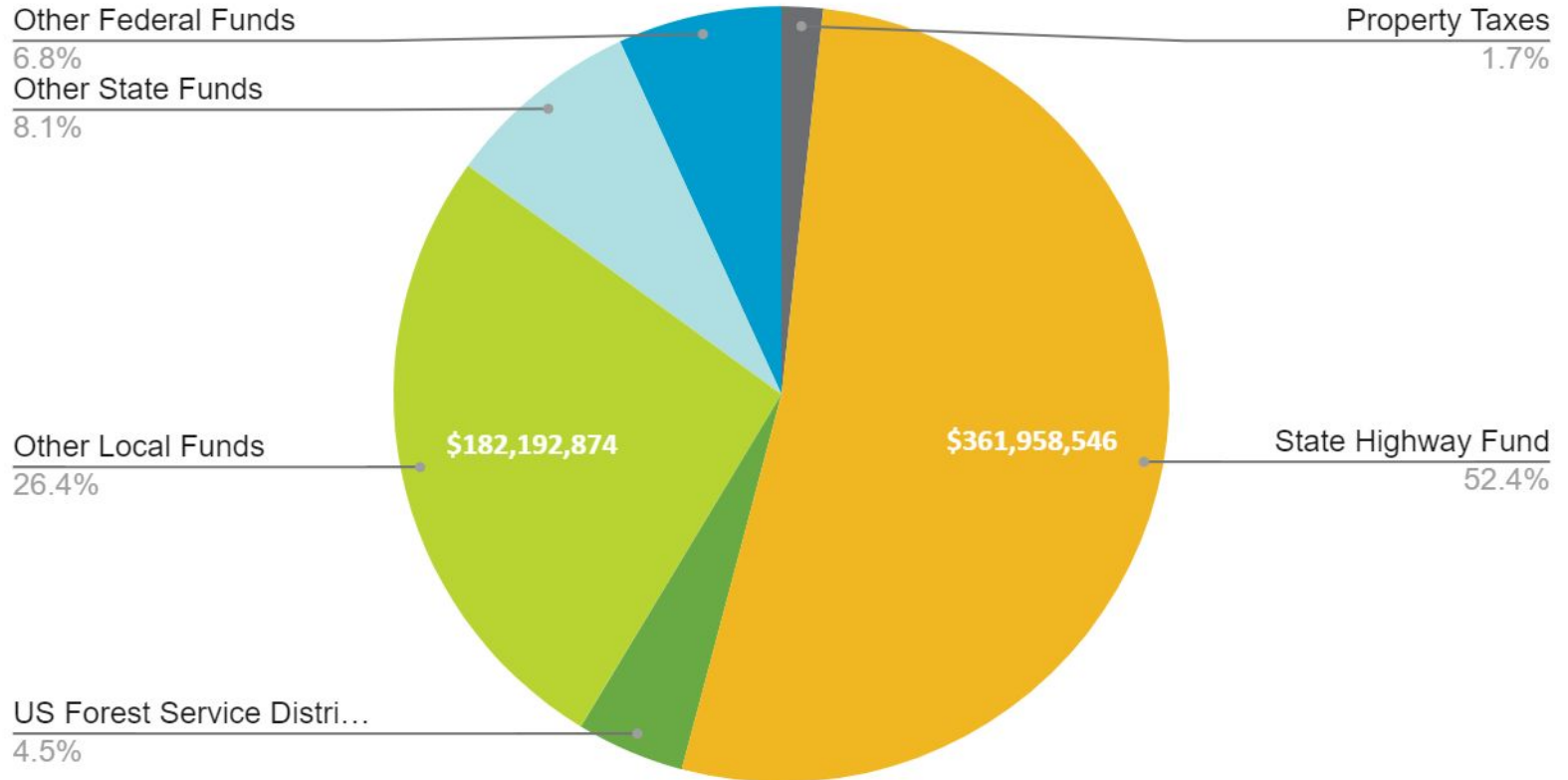
Role of the County System

The County System is part of a larger system:

- Rural, forest, farm-to-market
- Recreational
- Rural residential
- Unincorporated communities
- Alternative to State Highway System



Oregon County Road Revenue by Source FY 2022





Wheeler County

Population: 1,436

Area: 1,715 mi²

Road Miles: 263

SHF: \$805 K

SRS: \$382 K

STBG \$179 K

Multnomah County

Population: 810,242

Area: 466 mi²

Road Miles: 279

SHF: \$53 M

SRS: \$123 K

STBG: \$258 K



AOC connects and strengthens Oregon's counties by developing and sharing solutions to county issues through advocacy, research, and leadership development.

- **Advocacy and inter-governmental relations:**
 - Legislative and Transportation Steering Committees
- **Training and educational opportunities:**
 - Annual Conference
 - County College
 - Website, newsletters and webinars



OACES provides a platform for collaboration, innovation, advocacy, and education for road officials, engineers, and surveyors for all Oregon counties.

- **Training and educational opportunities:**
 - Semi-Monthly virtual meetings
 - Two annual conferences
 - Specialized technical training and events
 - Chip Seal Workshop and Skills Demo & Safety Conf.
 - Website, newsletters and webinars
 - Online directory and forum discussions



About AOC's County Road Program

The AOC Road Program was established in 1990 as a cooperative program with the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES).

Its purpose is to provide advocacy, education, information, technical assistance, and cost-effective solutions for Oregon's county road departments.

Core functions of AOC Road Program

Program Focus Areas: Funding, Management, Safety, Environmental



Encouraging the exchange of ideas among counties; management and technical training



Advocate for legislative issues and funding promoting good county government and road needs



Provide cost accounting software (IRIS) and support for specialized solutions



Maintain and publish the County Road Manual



Manage the OACES budget and organizing its monthly meetings and two conferences each year



Manage the **ODOT-AOC-LOC Federal Aid Working Agreement**; STBG Fund Exchange Program and AOC Road Program

Statewide Programs and Committees*

State:

- Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs)
- Local Agency Bridge Selection Committee (LABSC)
- Road User Fee Task Force (RUFTF)
- Safety:
 - Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee (OTCDC)
 - Speed Zone Review Panel
 - Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
 - HB 3213 (2019) County Safety Corridor Advisory Group
- Local Program Advisory Committee (LPAC), Certified User Group (CUG), and Technology Transfer Center (T2)
- Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS)

Federal:

- Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
- NACo and NACE

Organizations:

- Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF)
- Oregon APWA, and many other private and nonprofit partners

**Note: Programs and committees list is a sample and not intended to cover all county intergovernmental programs and coordination.*

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