

# **ODOT General Fund Request**

## **\$20M Right of Way Health & Safety**

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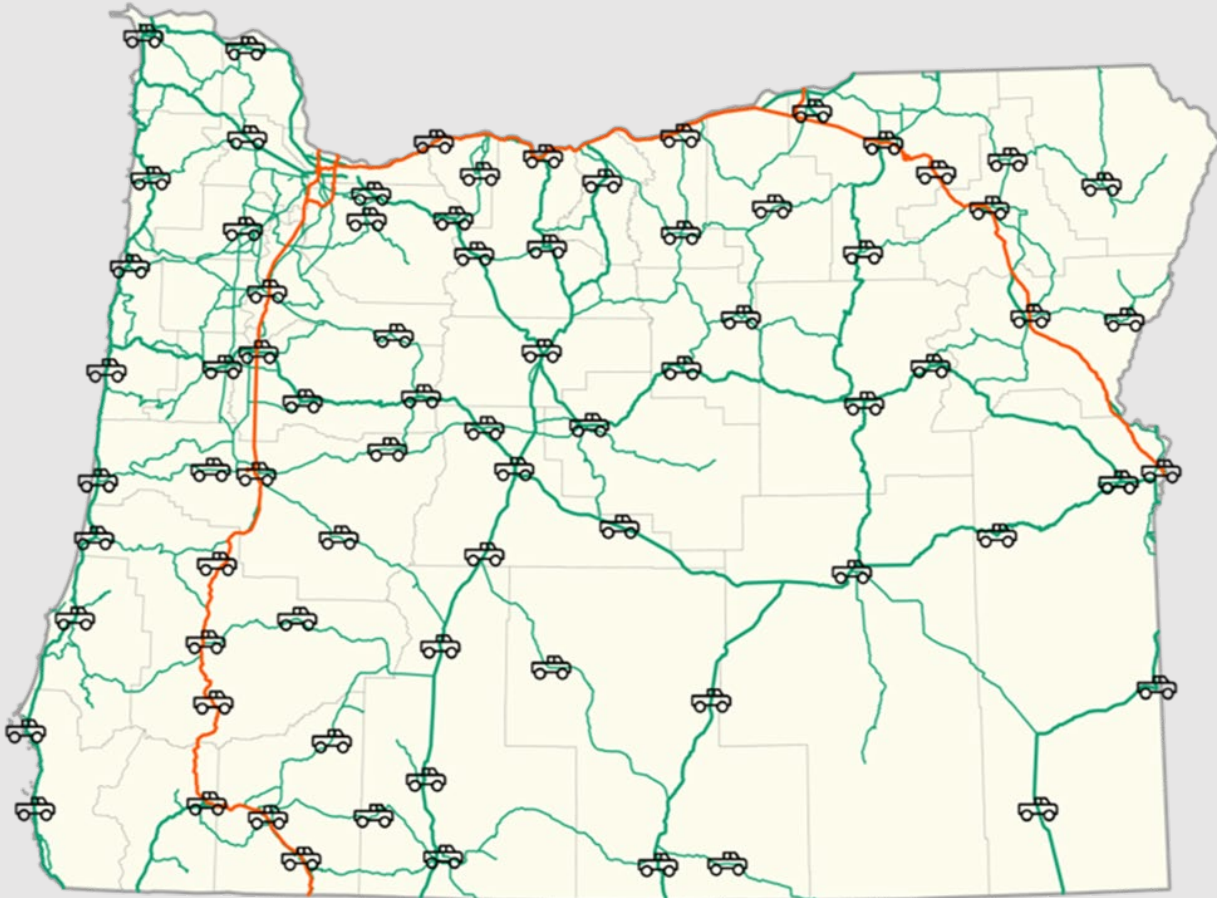
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Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

# Providing Direct Service to Oregon

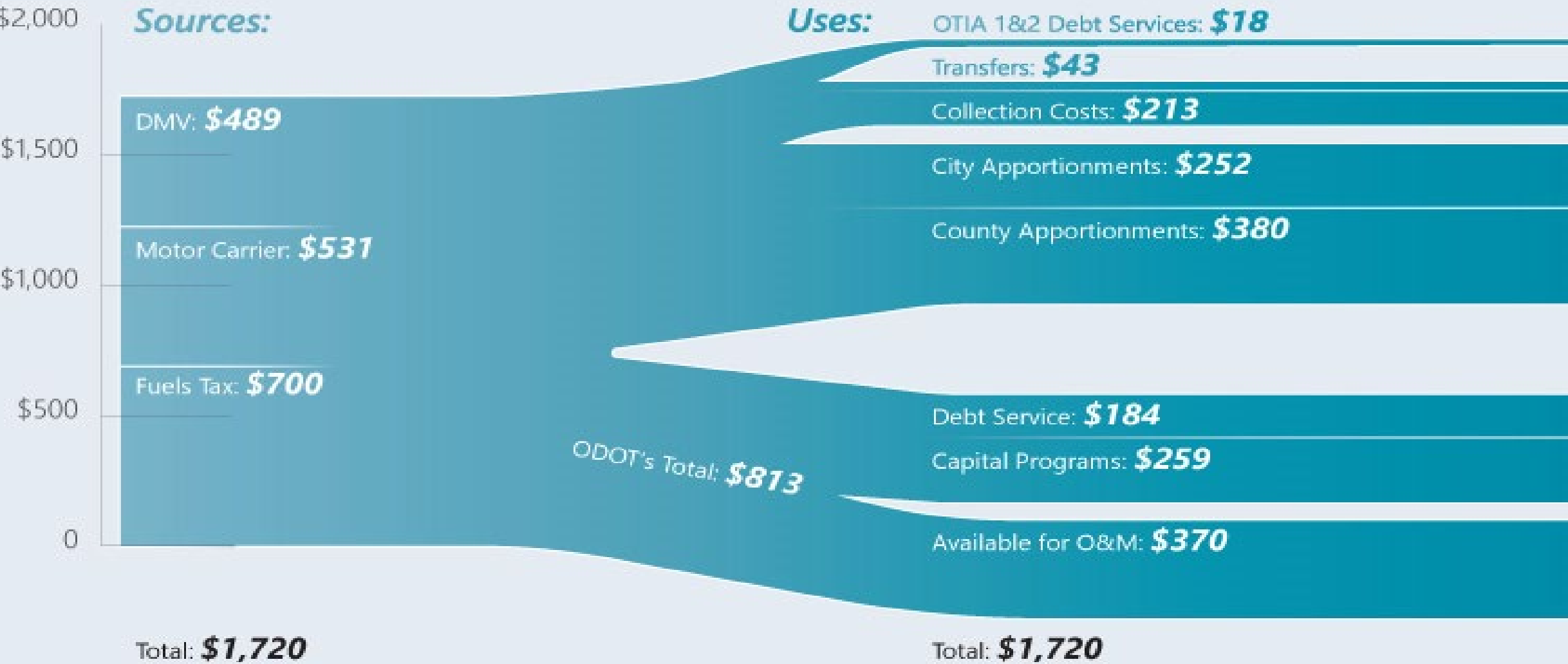


Approximately **1,000 maintenance employees** provide direct service to Oregon. Our staff operate out of **88 communities** statewide.

- Respond
- Maintain
- Monitor
- Repair

# State Highway Fund Sources and Uses

2023-2025 Annual Average in Millions



# ODOT Budget Requests

## 2024 Session

### \$19 Million for Winter Maintenance

- **Request:** Supplemental general funds for the 2023-25 biennium for Maintenance and Operations.
- **Purpose:** Restore reductions to essential winter maintenance services.
- **Directive:** Recommendation from Governor Kotek and Presiding Officers for legislative consideration.

### \$20 Million for Health and Safety

- **Request:** Supplemental general funds for litter, graffiti, and camp cleanup services in the Portland Metro area.
- **Purpose:** Increase cleanup services to address health and safety issues along ODOT rights of way in the Portland Metro area.
- **Directive:** Governor Kotek's Portland Central City Task Force recommendation for legislative consideration.





# Managing Graffiti, Litter, and Camp Cleanup:

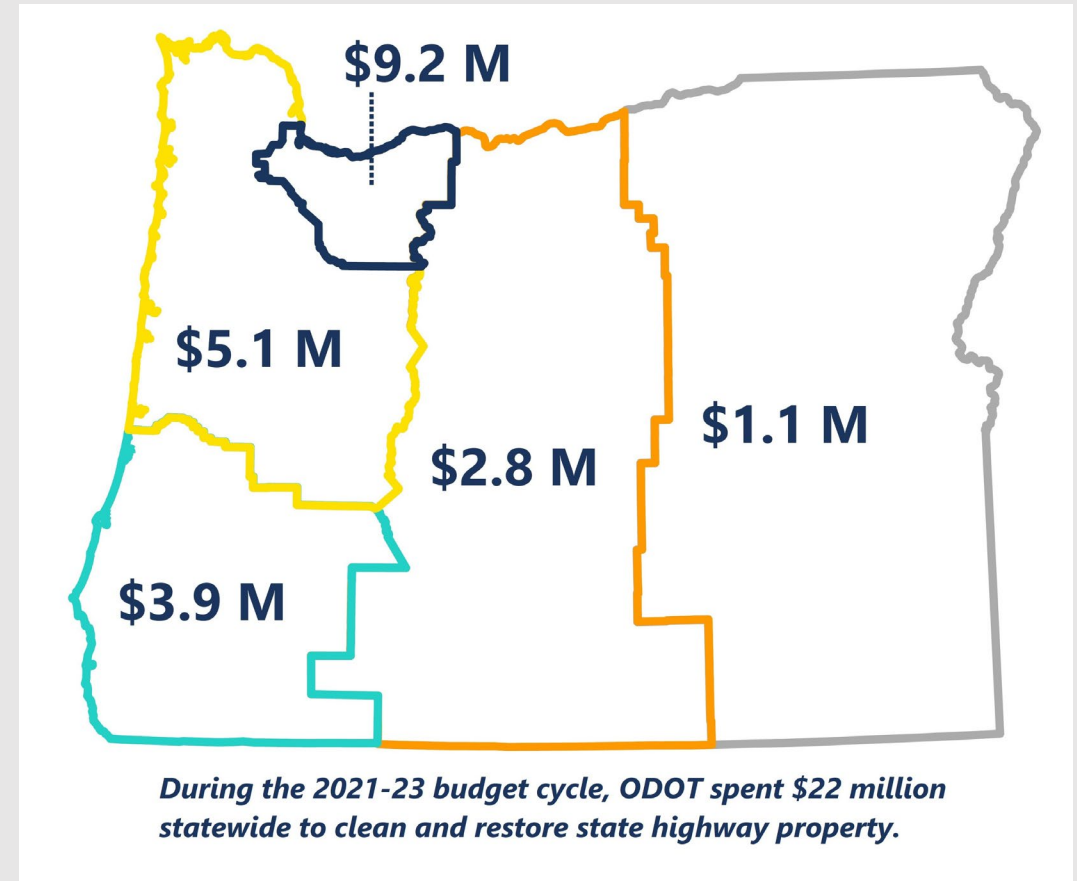
## Maintenance Role & Responsibility

- Resources for graffiti, litter and camp cleanup are the **same dollars and people** dedicated to storm response, road repairs, painting fog lines and responding to incidents.
- Frequency and cadence are balanced with road maintenance needs and funding limitations.
- Cleanup crews handle hazardous materials, including needles and human waste.
- We plan and execute cleanups with our community partners.



# 2021 - 2023 Litter, Graffiti, and Camp Cleanup Expense Summary

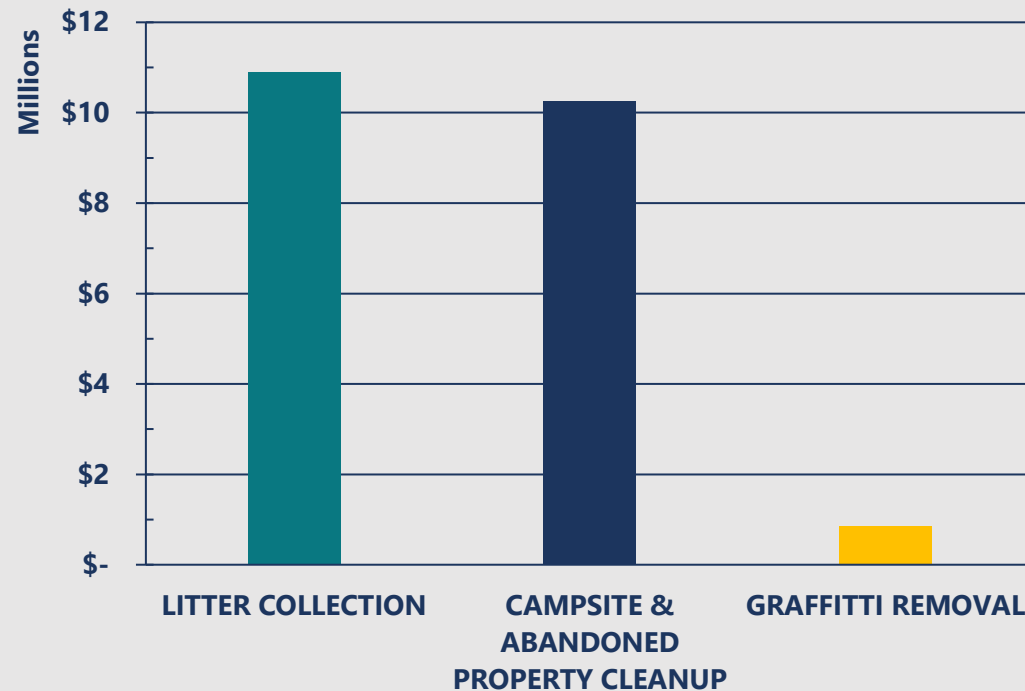
- \$22M spent – approx. 3% – of our maintenance budget in 2021-23 to clean and restore state highway property.
  - Removing graffiti.
  - Collecting and disposing of litter and abandoned property.
  - Clearing campsites.
- Region 1 had the highest expense to meet increasing need for cleanup services in the Portland Metro area.
  - \$9.2M expense includes one time \$2M appropriation (2021 Session) to ODOT for litter and graffiti cleanup in Region 1.



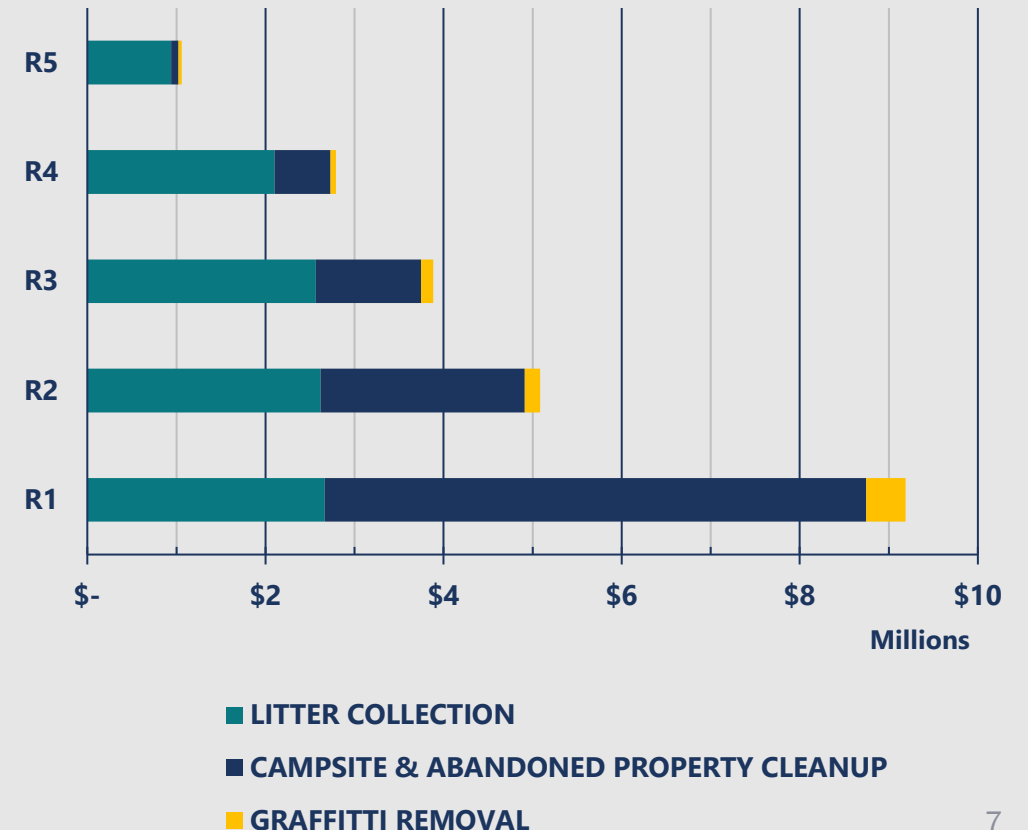
# 2021 - 2023 Expense Summary

*In the 2021-23 biennium ODOT spent \$22 million – approximately 3% of our maintenance budget – to clean and restore state highway property, including litter, graffiti, and campsite cleanup.*

**Statewide Actuals**  
2021-2023



**Expense by Region**  
2021-2023





# The Portland Central City Task Force

Governor Kotek convened the **Portland Central City task force** to develop recommendations to revitalize the economic future and well-being of Central City Portland.

**Increasing graffiti, litter and camp cleanup efforts on ODOT property was identified as a key recommendation.**

To implement this recommendation, ODOT requests a supplemental infusion of \$20M general funds and proposes the following investments:

- Nearly triple camp cleanup services (\$4 million)
- Increase litter removal (\$4 million)
- Increase graffiti removal (\$4 million)
- Install access prevention (\$8 million)





# One-Time Supplemental Cleanup Funding: \$20M



## Camp cleanup

- Protect vulnerable people from dangers of high-speed roads.
- Reduce hazardous conditions and contamination.



## Litter

- Improve road safety with clear, debris-free shoulders.



## Graffiti

- Improve visibility of signs; reduce last-minute driver corrections.



## Access Prevention

- Protect people and assets.

Category	Supplemental Funding
Campsite Cleanup	\$4 million
Litter Removal	\$4 million
Graffiti Removal	\$4 million
Access Prevention	\$8 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20 million</b>



## Revitalize Communities and Economy

- Clean and safe transportation system supports businesses and communities in post-COVID recovery.

# ODOT's Delivery Programs & Partnerships

	Litter Management Program	Graffiti Management Program	Camp Cleanup Management Program	Access Prevention
Scope of Service	All ODOT property within city limits	All ODOT property within city limits	All ODOT property within city limits	High priority areas within city limits
Service Delivery	ODOT Staff Volunteers Youth Litter Patrol Contracted Support Permitted Volunteer Groups Adults in Custody Work Crews	ODOT Staff Contracted Support	ODOT Staff City of Portland Multnomah County Law Enforcement Contracted Support Community Outreach Teams Community Based Organizations	ODOT Staff Contracted Support
Proposed Investment	\$4 Million	\$ 4 Million	\$4 Million	\$8 Million

# Litter & Graffiti Removal: \$8M

- **\$4M for litter cleanup** with focus on areas of greatest need first.
- **\$4M for graffiti cleanup** with focus on:
  - Explicit content and graffiti accessible without additional traffic control.
  - Signs, signals, walls, bridges, poles and signal cabinets.

**Priority corridors** for litter and graffiti removal include:

Highway	Limits
I-84	Portland to Troutdale
I-5	Full length within R1
I-205	Full length
OR 217	Full length
I-405	Full length, but not included for duration of sponsor-a-highway pilot



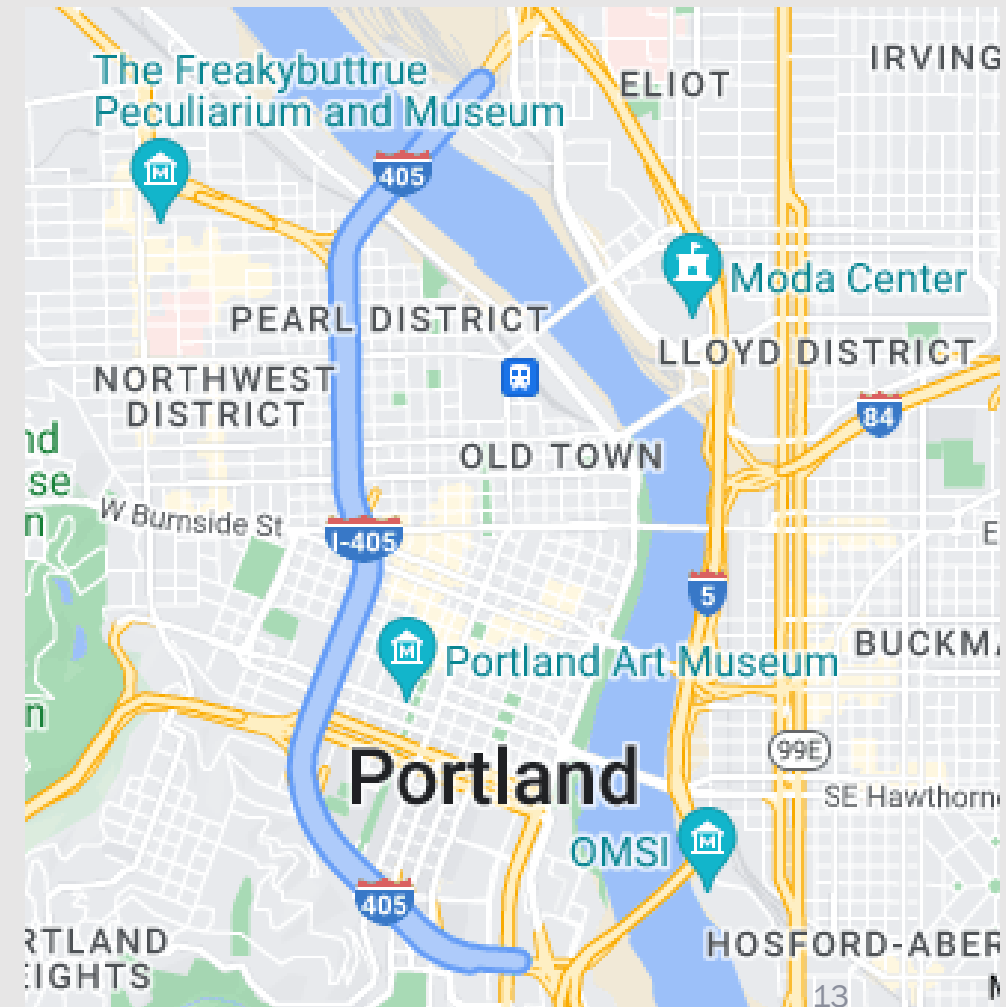
# ODOT's Litter Management Efforts

	Litter Management Program	Adopt-A-Highway	Sponsor-A-Highway Pilot
Scope of Impact	All state highways	Select highway sections	I-405 Corridor
Service Delivery	ODOT staff Youth Litter Patrol Contracted Support Permitted Volunteer Groups Adults in Custody Work Crews	Volunteers	Contracted Support
State Highway Fund	Yes	Yes – Supplies only	No
Alternate Fund	No	No	Yes – Corporate donation
Program Status	Operational	Operational	Preliminary discussion for new pilot

# Sponsor-a-Highway Program Pilot

This collaborative pilot program aims to **expand litter and graffiti cleanup services** in the I-405 corridor.

- **Partners:** Governor's Office, ODOT, Central City Concern's Clean Start Program, and Tim Boyle of Columbia Sportswear.
- **Funding:** Private donation. Separate from the \$20M.
- **Scope of work:** Litter and graffiti removal.
- **Area of work:** I-405 corridor, including on/off ramps to local streets, U.S. 30 and U.S. 26 towards the tunnel.
- **Timeline:** Contractor to begin work Q1 2024.



# Camp Cleanup: \$4M

We plan and execute campsite cleanups with our community partners.

- Remove camps along highways and in ODOT right of way within Portland city limits.
- Improves safety for all users; reduces litter and environmental hazards.
- Triples cleanup services ODOT can deliver for the last year of the biennium.

Priority Highways
I-84
I-5
I-205
I-405

Property Areas of Focus
Multi-use paths
Greenspaces around on/off ramps
Highway shoulders and embankments
Around and under structures



# Camp Cleanup: Before and After

**Location:** I-205 ramp, Columbia Boulevard

**Area Impacted:** ~120,000 sq. ft.

**Days to clean:** 2, Fall 2022

**Labor hours:** 359.5

**Total Cost:** \$52,191

- \$28,191 – Posting, removal and cleanup
- \$24,000 – Remove 3 RVs, 3 cars and 1 boat



# Infrastructure Protection & Increasing Safety

Due to their proximity to high-speed traffic, ODOT rights of way are often dangerous locations, with increased safety risks for all system users.

- 70% of Portland's pedestrian fatalities by cars in 2021 were unhoused people.
- Safety features such as fencing, rails and barriers help deter people from accessing dangerous locations.
- Infrastructure damage has increased in recent years with rise of camping.
- Repair and replacement is part of routine maintenance work.





# Access Prevention: \$8M

- Install reinforced fencing, barriers, vegetation, lighting to reduce risk and limit access to properties not intended for public use.
  - Protect people from high-speed traffic.
  - Protect integrity of bridges, multi-use paths and retaining walls.
  - Limit property-use for camping, RV and vehicle parking.
  - Vegetation supports integrity of embankments, prevents erosion, and can deter access.





# Safety is our Priority

ODOT's goal is to maintain a safe, secure and effective transportation system for everyone.



# Thank you

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