

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT SCYP...

“The Sustainable Cities Initiative is perhaps the most comprehensive effort by a U.S. university to infuse sustainability into its curricula and community outreach.”

“IN OREGON, STUDENTS SEEK KEY TO A SUSTAINABLE CITY,”
NEW YORK TIMES

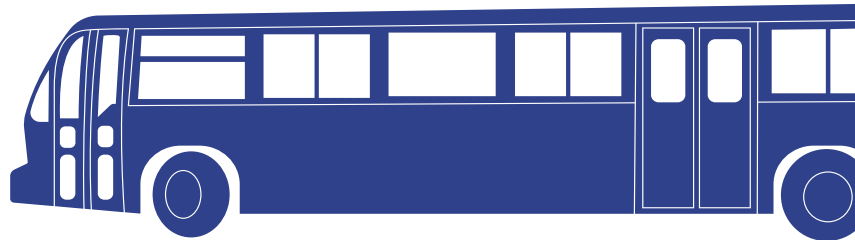


“I’m glad the teamwork with our delegation has produced this big win tapping the creativity at UO and in Oakridge to develop fresh solutions that achieve a more sustainable future.”

- SENATOR RON WYDEN

“This is hands-on, applied education that serves the broader community. It’s an essential part of modern higher education, connecting students to classroom material in deeper ways and developing real workforce skills.”

- UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PRESIDENT KARL SCHOLZ

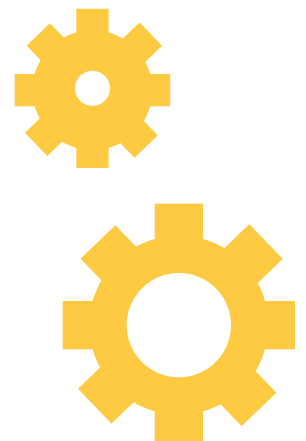


“UO’s Sustainable City Year Program is a proven model of success, using the drive and expertise of students and faculty to discover solutions that move Oregon communities—both urban and rural—to a clean energy future faster.”

- SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY

“Mission accomplished. I was just impressed how they came back with so much. ‘You just saw so many possibilities, your brain was spinning. From a citizen engagement point of view, it’s the best thing I’ve seen in the three years I’ve been on the City Council.”

- RICHARD STRATHERN, FORMER CITY OF GRESHAM CITY COUNCILOR



City of Salem (2023-24)

“This is an exciting opportunity for our community. Our goal is to move further, faster than we could on our own. The students’ capacity and faculty expertise bring more resources to Salem, accelerating our environmental and equity work. We are fortunate to have been selected for this partnership.”

- FORMER CITY OF SALEM MAYOR CHRIS HOY



City of La Pine (2017-18)

“UO students were positive and enthusiastic about what was possible for La Pine. It was contagious. The students reminded us of the important work we were doing in local government.”

- CORY MISLEY, FORMER LA PINE CITY MANAGER;
CURRENT CITY OF SILVERTON CITY MANAGER

City of Springfield (2011-12)

“The ideas proposed are beautiful, inspiring, and incredibly forward thinking; they are illustrations of what is possible without compromising what is necessary.”

- CHRISTINE LUNDBERG, FORMER CITY OF SPRINGFIELD MAYOR

City of Albany (2016-17)

“We were very impressed by both the quantity and quality of the work produced. By increasing our capacity and bringing in fresh ideas, student efforts helped save the City money and make more informed decisions about some of Albany’s significant challenges.”

- SHARON KONOPA, FORMER CITY OF ALBANY MAYOR

City of Oakridge (2023-25)

“The expertise and assistance from UO faculty and students will allow us to take on far more projects and endeavors benefiting the city than we would otherwise be able to accomplish due to understaffing and limited funds.”

- JAMES CLEAVENGER, CITY OF OAKRIDGE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

“The Sustainable City Year Program is such an incredible way to learn, and one of the big reasons why I chose to come to the University of Oregon - because the faculty and students want to make a real impact on the world.”

- SIENNA FITZPATRICK, '25, GRADUATE STUDENT, SCHOOL OF PLANNING, PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

“I was able to meet and interview locals who had been living in the area for their entire lives. I spent time with members of the La Pine city council and got lunch with the city manager. It completely reshaped my conception of La Pine, which is in reality, one of the most vibrant and engaged small communities I have ever been a part of. While I was working with the city, I was gaining real world experiences while practicing my craft, which was one of the most compelling aspects of my educational experience.”

- TY BOESPFLUG, '18, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

City of Silverton (2019-20, 2024)

“We’re thrilled to collaborate with the Sustainable City Year Program because it brings fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to our projects. The recent site visit to Silverton allowed us to showcase our city’s unique character and challenges while fostering meaningful dialogue with the students.”

- MACY MULHOLLAND, CITY OF SILVERTON DEPUTY CITY RECORDER AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

“Students provide excitement, energy, and innovation.”

- CITY OF SALEM RESIDENT AND UNIVERSITY OF OREGON ALUM SULWYN DE CROUZUC, '24, SCHOOL OF PLANNING, PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

