Access to transportation options that are safe, reliable and affordable is essential to the Portland metropolitan region’s economic prosperity and quality of life.

Here’s a look at where we are now.

The daily commute

- **Average commute in miles:** 7.1
- **Average commute in minutes:** 26
- **7 out of 10 commuters drive alone**

Safety

- **Percentage of fatal crashes where alcohol or drugs were a factor:** 57%
- **Percentage of fatal crashes involving people walking or biking:** 48%

“(Safety) impacts every one of us, and it’s something that we can do something about.”

-Don Mitchell, ODOT

Reliability

- People with low incomes are more likely to need non-car transportation but 23% have no access to transit.

“...the greatest barriers to the use of public transportation are time and reliability. If people can’t count on transit to get them there at a specific time, they’re not going to use it.”

-Adria Decker Dismuke, Milwaukie resident

Affordability

- **Annual cost of traffic crashes to our region:** $1.9 Billion
- **Annual cost to own & operate a vehicle:** $8,698
- **Annual transit pass:** $1,100
- **Average percentage of income spent on transportation:** 20%

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