

Chapter I. Introduction

BACKGROUND

State transportation regulations adopted by the Department of Land Conservation and Development in 1991 (the Goal 12 Transportation Planning Rule) require communities over 2,500 persons to develop transportation system plans (TSPs). Even though the City of Lakeside is probably exempt from these requirements, the City recognized the need for a review of the Transportation Element of its Comprehensive Plan. The City applied for and received a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to update the Transportation Element of its Comprehensive Plan as part of the update of the city's comprehensive land-use plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to describe the existing transportation system in Lakeside and present policies that are consistent with statewide land-use and transportation policies. Specifically, this report:

- Presents an inventory of existing transportation facilities in the Lakeside UGB including roads, bicycle and pedestrian routes, public transportation facilities, and air, rail and pipeline facilities;
- Analyzes transportation needs;
- Presents Comprehensive Plan policies and implementation measures that are consistent with the state and local transportation goals; and
- Presents a Transportation Improvement Plan that outlines specific transportation improvements, the timing of the improvements, estimated costs, and potential funding sources.

METHODS

We relied on a variety of sources to develop our analysis. We first reviewed local policy documents, including the Lakeside Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and the city's 1986 Transportation Improvement Program. We used data from the U.S. Census and various documents from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

We also conducted field work to inventory transportation systems in the community. This data was supplemented by local review and comment.

To assess traffic patterns, we worked with City officials to monitor traffic at various locations in Lakeside. We also reviewed traffic count data published by the Oregon Highway Division.

Historical population and transportation figures were taken from a recent Technical Memorandum developed by MLP Associates as part of the city's Comprehensive Plan review.

Information on state, county, and local level policies affecting transportation came from the relevant Comprehensive Plans and from state and federal documents such as the DLCD's *Transportation Planning Rule*, the *Oregon Goals and Guidelines* (in particular, goals 9, 12 and 14), and ODOT's 1992 *Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP)*.

Information concerning perceptions of current and future transportation policies and needs was collected by discussing needs with various officials, community leaders, a public transportation workshop, and reviewing existing policy documents including Lakeside's *Comprehensive Plans (1986)* the *Lakeside Zoning Ordinance*, and the *Lakeside Transportation Improvement Plan (1986)*. For a complete list of sources, see the Reference section this report.

ORGANIZATION

This report is divided into three chapters and an Appendix.

Chapter II: Population and Employment Trends describes historical population and employment trends in Lakeside. The chapter also presents population and employment projections.

Chapter II: Lakeside Transportation System provides a detailed inventory of transportation facilities in the City of Lakeside. The inventory includes roads, bicycle and pedestrian routes, public transportation facilities, and air, rail and pipeline facilities.

Chapter III: Transportation Policies provides draft findings, goals, objectives, and policies that could be adopted as part of the city's comprehensive land-use plan.

Chapter IV: Transportation Improvement Plan describes transportation improvements the City could implement over the next five years. The Plan includes the type, location, timing, and estimated cost of transportation improvements in the City.

The **Reference** section provides a list of documents reviewed and referenced in this report.

The **Appendix** presents the street inventory, cost estimation guidelines from the 1986 Transportation Improvement Plan, and a summary of input received during the Transportation Workshop.