

Oregon Work Zone Safety Executive Steering Committee

Guiding Principle

Mission: ODOT's mission is to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities.

Goal: Our work zone safety goal is zero fatalities and injuries, including ODOT employees, contractors, public safety professionals and the traveling public while efficiently moving people and goods.

Guiding Principle: The best work zone design and management plan will maintain safety and mobility, a balance that shall be analyzed continuously throughout the lifecycle of the facility.

Directive/Strategy: To accomplish this goal, project design teams shall consider the full range of options including but not limited to separation of the traveling public from workers and work areas, speed reductions, law enforcement, enhanced traffic control devices and signage, and overall roadway and work zone design. Effective communication with travelers is essential to establish reasonable expectations and minimize unsafe driver behavior. While there is no single solution that is appropriate for all roadway designs and work zones, whenever practicable workers should be separated from traffic.

Resources:

- Mobility Committee
 - ODOT's Mobility Committee is a resource that can provide necessary balanced guidance.
 - Work through your mobility coordinator and the mobility committee to reach resolution.
 - Bring issues forward early in the scoping and design stage to avoid surprises and keep everyone in the problem solving mode.
- Work Zone Separation Decision Tree
 - The decision tree will help us identify separation options available per work zone.
 - Impacts to safety, mobility, scope, schedule, budget, delay, driver convenience, and 'other' impacts shall be identified when assessing separation options.
 - To help guide us through our decision making, the following decision tree is intended to provide new tools and approaches.

