

XII: TRANSPORTATION

Goal: To provide and encourage a safe, convenient and economic transportation system.

Findings: The findings below are the basis for planning decisions related to transportation.

1. That the road system within the County is adequate to meet public needs (Appendix 12-1).
2. That the County is served by a branch line operated by the Union Pacific Railroad.
3. That the County has adequate airport facilities for small aircraft and charter services.
4. That public transportation in sparsely populated rural areas is not feasible.
5. That public transportation between incorporated towns in Wallowa County is now being provided by a local bus line that operates between Joseph and La Grande on Highway 82, and by the Senior Citizens bus.
6. That few people in the County are transportation disadvantaged.
7. That substantial amounts of "local share" money is being spent on U.S.F.S. road improvements over which the County has no say.
8. That improved access to the Port of Asotin County may be considered economically advantageous.

Policies: The following statements of policy are related to satisfying the above goal.

1. That maintenance be improved on the County and State highway systems.
2. That continued and improved rail transportation of goods be encouraged.
3. That the State and local municipalities be encouraged to improve and maintain airport facilities.

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4. That the Federal Government be encouraged to improve the existing road system and bridges within the N.R.A.
5. That coordination between County and Forest Service planning be encouraged on road matters including improvements financed with timber sale revenues.
6. That subdivisions activity be allowed only in those areas where winter road maintenance provides year-round access.
7. That improved access to the Hells Canyon overview be considered desirable.
8. That a one hundred foot setback be enforced for the entire length of Highway 82 through Wallowa County.
9. The County will cooperate with the Oregon Department of Transportation in the implementation of the ODOT six-year highway improvement program.

Implementation: The following implementation measures identified in preparation of the Plan:

1. That every effort be made to continue the Wallowa Valley Stage line and the Senior Citizens bus program.
2. That the County and the U.S.F.S. coordinate road improvements and the construction of permanent roads in conjunction with timber sales and the N.R.A.
3. That Wallowa County develop and adhere to a five (5) year road program for maintenance and improvement of the existing county road system and take advantage of FAS-C funding on system roads and bridges as well as off-system programs provided through the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.
4. That the County work with the cities in establishing rights-of-way needed for new roads identified in the city plans.
5. That Wallowa County and E.O.C.D.C. pursue

acquisition, through grant programs, of a specially equipped vehicle for the county's handicapped and elderly.