Your safety is our No. 1 priority!

Important things to know about driving in Oregon:

Everyone Is Required To Wear Safety Belts

All drivers and passengers of cars and trucks must be secured in a safety belt or harness or in a child restraint system. All children younger than age four or weighing less than 40 pounds must be secured in a child safety system. All children between ages four and six and children weighing between 40 and 60 pounds must be secured in an approved booster seat.

Helmets Are Required

All motorcycle and moped operators and motorcycle passengers must wear a motorcycle helmet that meets federal standards. Bicyclists and passengers younger than age 16 must also wear approved bicycle helmets.

195 Understanding Freeway Exit Numbers

Exit numbers represent the approximate milepost of the highway interchange. To find the distance from any milepost to your destination exit, subtract the lower number from the higher number. Mileposts for Interstate 5 begin at the California border. Interstate 84 mileposts begin at Portland.

What To Do If Involved In Or Witness To A Crash

Drivers and witnesses are required to stop at a crash and provide names, addresses, and other information to those involved. An accident report must be filed within 72 hours for crashes resulting in injury or death, when damage to the property of any person exceeds $1,500, or when a vehicle is towed. File reports with Oregon DMV or law enforcement where the crash occurred.

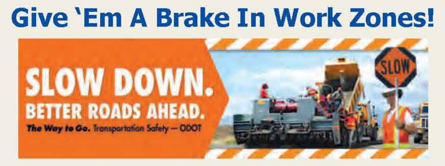
Take Advantage Of Safety Rest Areas

ODOT provides rest areas to give motorists a break from the routine of driving. All facilities offer restrooms and litter barrels. Some provide drinking water, pay telephones, picnic tables, information kiosks, and snack vending machines. Travelers may stay in a safety rest area as long as 12 hours, however, overnight camping is prohibited.

Use Extra Caution In Safety Corridors

Safety corridors are stretches of state and local highways that have higher-than-average crash rates. They are marked with large signs. Drivers should turn on headlights, pay extra attention, and carefully obey all traffic laws in these unique areas.

Give 'Em A Brake In Work Zones!



ODOT urges drivers to pay extra attention in highway construction, maintenance, and utility work zones. Watch out for equipment, flaggers, and other workers in these areas. Obey all posted speeds and advisories. Be aware that traffic fines double in work zones.

Obey All Speed Limits

The maximum posted speed in Oregon is 65 mph on the rural interstate system. The posted speed on all other roads is no greater than 55 mph. Oregon's basic rule speed law requires drivers to determine the reasonable and prudent speed to drive depending on road, traffic, and weather conditions, as long as it is not above the posted limit.

Better Roads, Better Connections

As you travel throughout Oregon, you'll see a lot of road and bridge construction. Whether you are driving, walking or bicycling, remember to *be alert and slow down in work zones.*

Why is there so much going on? Oregonians agree that a vibrant transportation system supports a healthy economy, as well as the quality of life so highly valued, and they are investing in rail, marine, public transit and air service, as well as roads, all around the state. Here are just a few examples of the benefits of these investments:

- Through the Oregon Transportation Investment Act, hundreds of roads and bridges are being updated, repaired or replaced and construction contracts are sustaining thousands of jobs.
- To create more options for freight and travelers, and reduce congestion, Oregon is enhancing multi-modal connections through the *ConnectOregon* initiative.
- Small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses are gaining greater access to transportation contracts through partnerships with businesses and contractors.
- Regional alliances are training workers, including women and minorities, for careers in the highway construction trades.

In every corner of the state, Oregonians and visitors alike rely on a safe, strong transportation system. That's why ODOT is taking innovative approaches to challenges, supporting successes throughout the state, and continuing to deliver for Oregon.

Tips for Driving Safely on Oregon Highways

SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY

Don't Cut In Front

Cutting closely or quickly in front of another driver's vehicle can create an emergency-braking situation for the drivers' vehicles around you, especially in heavy traffic.

Stay Focused on Driving

When you are driving, be attentive to the road and other vehicles. Safely pull over to a parking lot or rest stop if you must attend to another matter, such as a cell phone or child.

Watch Out For The NO-ZONE

The "No-Zone" represents the danger areas around trucks and buses where crashes are more likely to occur. Some No-Zones are blind spots where your car disappears from the view of the drivers. The right-side blind spot is doubly dangerous because trucks and buses make wide right turns. Give them plenty of room!

Don't hang out in the NO-ZONE

Avoid Aggression

Speeding, running red lights, and making frequent lane changes can create dangerous situations on the road. Avoid aggressive drivers, and if you are feeling angry or frustrated, take a deep breath to refocus or pull over and take a break.

10-DIGIT LIFE SAVER
800-24DRUNK
REPORT DRINKING DRIVERS.

Report Erratic Driving

You may be saving a life when you report a driver who is swerving, weaving in and out of lanes, or otherwise appears impaired.

For road conditions, visit www.TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1

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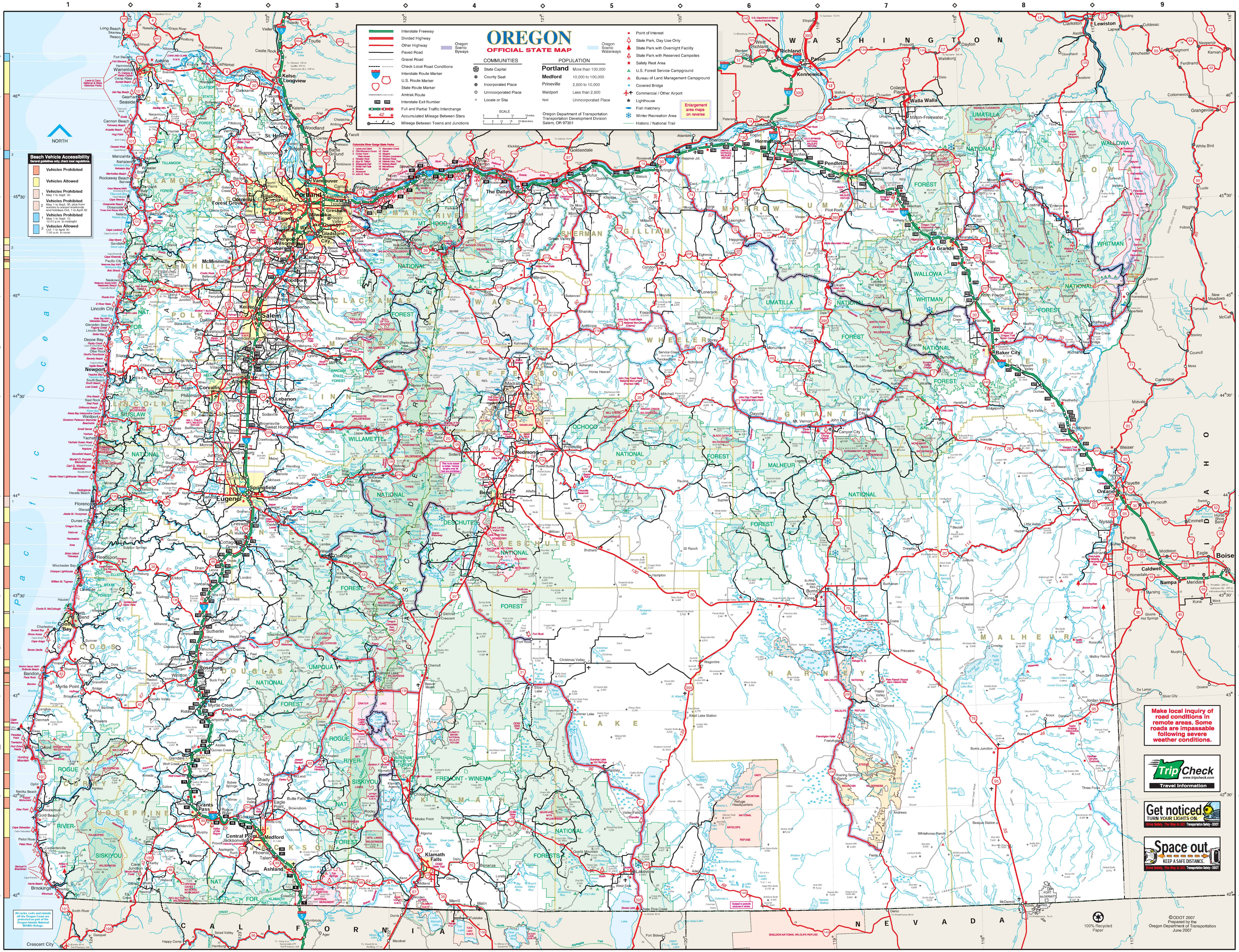

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