



Oregon Scenic Bikeways

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The Oregon Scenic Bikeways Program is designed to provide a high quality system of cycling routes that inspires people to experience Oregon's natural beauty and cultural heritage by bicycle and offers economic and social benefits to the state's communities, residents, and visitors.

A Scenic Bikeway is a signed bike route on roads and bicycle paths that provide access to national, state or regional resources of superlative quality and scenic splendor. The route can be a linear route over 40 miles in length or a loop over 5 miles in length.

A Few of the Benefits of Scenic Bikeway Designation

The Designated routes will:

- Be a cycling experience that provides lasting memories by offering a rich taste of all the grandeur Oregon.
- Be identified as the best bike rides in Oregon;
- Attract domestic and international tourism dollars;
- Provide additional recreational and promotional value to the communities they pass through.

Evaluation of Proposed Bikeways

The Scenic Bikeway committee will use evaluation criteria to assess proposed routes. The criteria considers route characteristics of scenery, human-made places and sensory experiences a rider encounters along the route such as smells, sounds are all considered. Route conditions, such as surface, traffic volume, speed and bicycle/motorized separation are also a component of the evaluation.

Oregon's Scenic Bikeway program is the first of its kind in the country!

Scenic Bikeway Designation Flow Chart

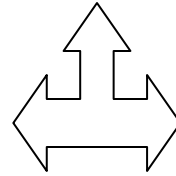


Step 1: Proponent submits application including:

- Proposed route
- Letters of general support from all road management

Step 2: OPRD reviews the application for completeness. When it is complete the Coordinator will send it to the committee, or written feedback is sent to proponent explaining why it was not advanced

Step 3: Committee reviews completed application, evaluates the route and reports back to proponent within six months of the committee receiving the completed application.



Route has negative evaluation, route returns to Step 2 for written feedback.

Step 4: Route has a positive evaluation, the proponent continues building coalition and local support, holds public meetings and develops the management plan

Step 5: Committee reviews and approves the management plan at a meeting open to the public where the proponent will be given the opportunity to present the plan.

Step 6: Committee submits recommendation to ORTAC. ORTAC receives public comment and forwards recommendation to OPRD Director. Application can be approved, denied or returned to proponent for modification to address issues raised during the public comment process.

Step 7: Director presents recommendation to OPRD Commission for designation.

Step 8: Implementation and Maintenance

- Proponent implements management plan
- Bikeway committee holds five year review

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