

Chapter 8. Other Modal Plans

Introduction

This chapter addresses transportation plans for three modes not covered in Chapters 5, 6, or 7. These three modes are transit, rail, and air.

Transit

Transit systems provide vehicular service to passengers who choose not to or are unable to travel in their own vehicles. The City of Sisters currently does not have fixed mass transit routes, but the Cascades East Transit does provide dial-a-ride service to all residents of the Sisters area on a demand-responsive basis.

Due to the small size of the Sisters area, increased transit service around the city is not considered essential. However, transit connections to neighboring cities and other locations of interest may be desirable. Public opinion should be sought on the issue and used for guidance in developing a future transit plan if needed to meet livability goals as growth continues.

Rail

There are no rail facilities planned in or near the City of Sisters. Therefore, no plan is needed.

Air

Air facilities provide a long-distance mode for traveling to and from the City of Sisters. The closest airport is the Sisters Eagle Air Airport, which is privately owned and located adjacent to the northeastern edge of the Sisters Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). This airport is classified as a category 4 airport in the Oregon Aviation Plan²³, is open to the public, and has a landing fee. On average, the airport operates twenty-seven times a week with a majority of use coming from general aviation. Other passenger and freight air transportation is available in Redmond at the Roberts Field Airport and in Bend at the Bend Municipal Airport. Both airports are approximately 25 miles away. No additional facilities are considered necessary within the City of Sisters.

²³ *Oregon Aviation Plan*, Oregon Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, February 2000.