This report identifies activities of the Travel Information Council in accordance with ORS 182.162-182.168, the Relationship of State Agencies with Indian Tribes.

Policy adopted by agency

The policy statement for TIC’s Government-to-Government Relations was established on January 1, 2013 with enactment of Senate Bill 1591 giving TIC managerial authority over certain safety rest areas located on Oregon Highways. (The agency’s policy statement is appended to this report). The policy recognizes the responsibilities of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the protection of cultural resources and establishes the responsibilities of agency staff to uphold those protections and develop relations with the federally recognized tribes located in Oregon.

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Agency programs that affect tribes

Safety Rest Areas
TIC manages 39 safety rest area locations on Oregon highways. As there is possibility that cultural resources could be uncovered during a ground-disturbing activity, the agency consults with LCIS and SHPO, and contracts with a professional archaeologist, if required, to ensure protection of cultural resources before any planned construction activity.

TIC manages safety rest areas in the following locations:

I-5 Rest Area Locations:

- French Prairie, north and southbound (just south of Wilsonville)
- Santiam, north and southbound (just south of Salem)
- Oak Grove, north and southbound (north of Eugene)
- Gettings Creek, north and southbound (I-5, south of Springfield)
- Cabin Creek, north and southbound (I-5, north of Roseburg)
- Manzanita, north and southbound (just north of Grants Pass)
- Suncrest, southbound (south of Medford)

I-84 Rest AreaLocations:

- Memaloose, east and westbound (near The Dalles on I-84)
- Boardman, east and westbound (I-84)
- Stanfield, east and westbound (near Pendleton on I-84)
- Deadman's Pass, east and westbound (I-84, east of Pendleton)
- Charles Reynolds, east and westbound (east of La Grande on I-84)
- Baker Valley, east and westbound (near Baker City on I-84)
- Weatherby, westbound/eastbound access (I-84)
- Ontario, westbound (I-84)

Highway 97 Locations:

- Cow Canyon (on Hwy 97 near Madras)
- Beaver Marsh north and southbound (on Hwy 97 near Chemult)
- Midland (on Hwy 97 near Klamath Falls)
- Peter Skene Ogden (Hwy 97 near Redmond)

Other Locations:

- Government Camp (Hwy 26)
- Sunset (on Hwy 26 near Seaside)
• Tillamook (US Hwy 101, south of Tillamook)
• The Maples (Hwy 22 west of Detroit)
• Van Duzer Corridor east and westbound (on Hwy 18)
• Ellmaker (on Hwy 20)

TIC bases its rest area management on the needs of visiting motorists and collaborates with communities, industry partners and regional business to provide the best traveling experience possible. Rest area information centers provide visitors with travel displays and brochures about area hotels, restaurants, gold courses, museums and other attractions. The rest area “Free Coffee” program is a service sponsored by local non-profit organizations in the interest of public safety.

**Highway Business Signs**
TIC serves travelers and business interests through its business logo and guide signs program. Known for their iconic blue sign backgrounds, logo signs guide motorist to local services offering gas, food, lodging, camping and area attractions. On conventional highways, the agency also provides blue signs to tourist-oriented businesses and brown signs to museums and historic sites.

**Historical Marker Program**
TIC administers the Oregon Historical Marker program that restores, updates and maintains the state’s oldest wooden markers while creating a new generation of markers to tell Oregon’s stories and reflect the changing perspective of the state’s history.

**Area of work and communication with tribes**

Due to COVID-19, we experienced a slow-down in the number of projects we initiated in the past year. We expect to begin several new Oregon Historical Marker revision projects in 2022 and will be reaching out to tribes as those projects begin, as advised by LCIS. The Oregon Historical Marker Committee always welcomes feedback on which projects should be priorities for replacement, revision or new construction.

Rest Area staff has submitted to SHPO for archaeology review of the following design projects:

- Restroom building expansion at Memaloose Rest Area on I-84 near Mosier, Oregon.
- Restroom building and truck parking area expansion at The Maples Rest Area on Highway 22, near Gates, Oregon.
Training and Employee Awareness

All TIC rest area staff have received in-house training through an overview of agency policies and procedures concerning archaeological and cultural resources issues and operational procedures governing emergencies or inadvertent discoveries. Each rest area supervisor has also received additional training regarding protocols and procedures specific to their rest area.