

Traffic!

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This map focuses on the traffic counts for Oregon Highways 8, 47, 99E, and 221 and US Highway 26 in 1999. It is important to note that the Interstates and other highways also have high traffic counts, especially in the core of the metrocape. On Highway 47 in Columbia County the traffic counts are the highest in the two towns of Vernonia and Clatskanie. This is expected given the nature of the road. On TV Highway (Oregon 8) in Washington County high concentrations of traffic occur at the intersections of Highway 217, Cornelius Pass Road, and Highway 219. The traffic dies off west of Forest Grove. The high counts can partly be attributed to the high tech industries in Washington County. On Highway 221 in Yamhill County there is an increase in traffic at the Yamhill-Polk County boarder. This is likely a point where drivers join Highway 221 from the Bellevue-Hopewell Highway to commute to Salem. On Highway 99E in Multnomah

County there is an increase in traffic from Lombard Avenue to the Ross Island Bridge. We also looked at US Highway 26 from Glencoe in Washington County to Sandy in Clackamas County. Washington County receives the highest amount of traffic on Highway 26 mainly due to high tech commuters. This traffic drops significantly west of Cornelius Pass Road. In Multnomah County there are high traffic counts through the Vista Ridge Tunnel and then sharply drops as the highway continues on Clay and Market Streets. The traffic picks up on the Ross Island Bridge and drops briefly again until Highway 26 intersects I-205. East of I-205 and into Clackamas County the traffic counts for US Highway 26 remain steady and are on the lower end of the scale. Traffic counts for the metrocape's highways are highest near the center and in the west (Washington County).

