

What Past Participants say about the Sustainable City Year Program



City of Redmond

"The SCYP program has been an excellent collaboration between the City of Redmond and the University of Oregon professors and students. The quality of work contributed and the enthusiasm shown has led to some outstanding results. As an example, **the first project – a look at bike/pedestrian improvements in Redmond – led to an acceptance of 16 of 18 suggestions to be included in the upcoming Transportation System Plan.** As the first city east of the Cascades to be teamed with, the logistics have been accommodated very well. The UofO teams come here and we go there, which has worked out for both groups. **The money invested by Redmond is what I consider funds well spent, and I would do it again.**"

Mayor George Endicott, City of Redmond

"...I have been pleased by the energy of these young people and the effect their work has had on our staff who seem energized by them. I see long discussed concepts becoming written plans. I see plans becoming architectural drawings...of things that will guide future work. **I have seen their output directly result in decisions to implement projects that had lacked that final push.** I am very eager to see the second semester's output particularly in areas of programs around the economic development of our downtown."

Councilor Anne Graham, City of Redmond

"We are already referring to the student projects along 15th Street from Obsidian through Highland Avenue and up to Deschutes Avenue as we incorporate bike and pedestrian improvements into City street projects we are planning for next summer."

Scott Woodford, City of Redmond
Community Development Department



City of Medford

"What the Sustainable City Year Program did for us is that it fast forwarded many of the action items we had included in our strategic plan."

Eric Swanson, City of Medford City Manager



City of Springfield

“The ideas proposed are beautiful, inspiring, and incredibly forward thinking; they are illustrations of what is possible without compromising what is necessary.”

Mayor Christine Lundberg, City of Springfield



“It has really been successful — beyond my wildest dreams. I know we will be using this work for years and years to come; we are going to make as many of these projects reality as we can.”

Linda Norris, Salem City Manager

“Work by SCY students brought attention to long-standing transportation issues that impact livability. **Ideas developed by students have since formed the basis for refinement planning, project development, and grant applications. Salem would not have made as much progress to address these issues without the focus and energy provided by the SCY students.**

Needs are identified in transportation plans, but resources are not always available to develop and analyze a full range of alternative solutions. The SCY students brought energy, focus, and imagination to several long-standing transportation needs that impact livability, particularly in downtown Salem. **Some of the best ideas generated by the students have since been refined and are now in design with construction anticipated in the next couple of years!”**

Julie Warncke, Transportation Planning Manager,
City of Salem Public Works Department

“There are some shrewd, forward-thinking people working for the City of Salem. Here’s the deal they brokered with the University of Oregon and Portland State: **We’ll invest just over \$300,000 to support a one year research and design project that will leave Salem \$12 million richer!**

“Graduate Students Nurture Salem’s Sustainable Future,”
Salem Business Journal, January 2011



City of Gresham

“Mission accomplished. I was just impressed how they came back with so much. You just saw so many possibilities, your brain was spinning. From a citizen engagement point of view, it’s the best thing I’ve seen in the three years I’ve been on the City Council.”

Councilor Richard Strathern, City of Gresham