The agenda for the Summit is still being developed, but we've already got some great speakers and topics lined up, including:

Economic Mobility—Raj Chetty



Harvard economist Raj Chetty and colleagues recently founded Opportunity Insights, a research and policy institute focused on using research and big data to revive flagging economic mobility at a state and local level. The institute, supported by major foundations, identifies factors that impinge on mobility and offers scalable policy solutions in collaboration with stakeholders on the ground. Chetty is a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship recipient and 2013 winner of the John Bates Clark medal, awarded by the American Economic Association to the best American economist under age 40. Chetty will be joined at the Summit by David A. Williams, Opportunity Insights policy director. In the breakout phase of the Summit Williams will explore with leaders from all sectors how to bring their work to Oregon.

Housing—Nolan Lienhart



Lack of affordable housing for low- and middle-income Oregonians is a growing challenge in every corner of the state. To meet demand from a growing population, the Oregon Business Plan has set a goal of building 30,000 new units per year. But what will it take to achieve that aspiration, and where do we stand? In a plenary address and a following breakout session, Nolan Lienhart, a principal and urban planner at ZGF Architects, will address those questions and lead a conversation. Nolan is recognized for both his professional and community leadership in public policy supporting livable communities and in large-scale design and development. He has served as board president of 1000 Friends of Oregon, and he sits on the Oregon Capitol Planning Commission.

Forests - Matt Donegan



Oregon's forests are central to our identity, and globally renowned for their ecological, economic, and community values. And yet, with rural economies still struggling, and with climate change and catastrophic fires threatening the health and safety of rural and urban communities alike, the question becomes, Are we keeping pace or losing ground? Based in Portland, Matt Donegan has been a global forest investor, champion, and thought leader for decades. In the Summit plenary session, he will share his perspective on the urgency to set a new course for Oregon's forests and forest sector. He will also engage with policymakers and stakeholders in a following breakout session. President of Donegan Advisors LLC, Matt is a global leader in forest business and conservation. He co-founded and led one of the world's largest and most successful sustainable forest businesses.

Water – Bobby Cochran



Oregon is blessed with extraordinary water resources that deliver economic, ecological, and recreational benefits. Yet, many regions in Oregon are now at or near full appropriation and they live year-round with water shortages. Moreover, historical water allocations, growth, aging infrastructure, urbanization, new regulatory frameworks, and changing climate conditions all interact to create new water demands. Bobby Cochran has spent two decades helping communities in the U.S. and abroad sort through such issues and build collaborative solutions. In the plenary session and a separate breakout he will explore what it will take to create an equitable framework for addressing water needs, including opportunities for large-scale, long-term regional water supply initiatives.

Stay tuned for additional updates on topics and speakers!