Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud

Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud optimizes all transportation moves, including inbound, outbound, and inter-facility, from simple point-to-point to complex multi-modal, multi-leg and cross-dock operations. We apply your specific business rules and logic in conjunction with powerful algorithms and optimization engines to determine the right course of action for all orders and shipments based on cost, service level and asset availability.

A COMPLETE & FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO OPTIMIZING TRANSPORTATION

Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud uses state-of-the-art optimization techniques to determine the best way to fulfill your transportation needs. Simultaneously optimize mode selection, carrier, equipment and rate selection, itinerary selection, order consolidation, and multi-stop shipment planning – all while adhering to business constraints such as pickup and delivery times, location calendars, compatibilities and incompatibilities. Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud is built to handle complex, multi-tier networks that span modes and geographies enabling you to plan and execute your global supply chain in a single platform.

Key Business Benefits

• Reduce transportation costs
• Maximize equipment utilization
• Increase supply chain reliability
• Increase customer service levels
• Improve carrier relations
• Improve process efficiency
• Drive continuous improvement

Figure 1: Utilize sophisticated algorithms and business rules to determine optimal results.
Figure 2: Optimize all modes and across all geographies, determining the right course of action for all orders and shipments based on cost, service level and asset availability.

**IMPROVE AND ENHANCE PLANNING PROCESSES, REDUCE TRANSPORTATION COSTS**

Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud empowers shippers and logistics service providers to streamline transportation processes and meet customer commitments. It lowers transportation costs, improves customer service and provides flexible, global fulfillment options. As an integrated component within Oracle Transportation Management Cloud, Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud automatically selects carriers, rates shipments, generates routing, and tracks deliveries from departure to receipt. The solution produces savings by determining the lowest-cost carrier and route for every shipment, across every mode, all over the globe. Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud enables your logistics enterprise to:

- Efficiently plan inbound, outbound, and inter-facility orders by collaborating with your logistics service providers and your internal fleet, if applicable.

- Optimize all shipping decisions. Combine small shipments into full truckloads. Create multi-stop trips and pooling solutions via consolidation, deconsolidation, and cross-docking points. Consider small parcels that may be shipped more optimally via Less Than Truckload (LTL), and plan air and vessel moves according to schedules.

- The unique architecture enables hybrid costing capabilities to evaluate freight based on your unique rate requirements, so you can take advantage of the industry’s most flexible rating engine that manages the complexities associated with rates of all modes and structures.

- Ensure compliance with customer-provided routing guides, including your own internal carrier policies. Manage constraint-based rules such as compatibility, location calendars and capacity, and equipment availability.

- Automatically assign carriers to shipments based on optimal cost or specified routing instructions.

**Key Features**

- Plan and execute domestic and international movements in one system
- Plans all modes of transportation
- Dynamic load building
- Ship unit optimization
- Route optimization
- Cross-docking and pooling
- Carrier selection
- Mode selection
- Multi-leg routing
- Optimize fleet and service provider resources in single solution
- Round trip and backhaul planning
- Bulk product considerations
- Include constraints such as equipment, order, location, commodity, and carrier incompatibilities
- Automate and manage appointment scheduling
- Buy (shipper) and sell (3PL) side considerations
• Proactively plan at any stage of the order/shipment lifecycle. If a delivery is late, determine the downstream impact to other stops or legs and notify involved parties as required.

• Invoke the powerful optimization capabilities in the context of Oracle Transportation Management’s workflow engine and create sophisticated workflow rules to sense and respond to exceptions.

• Account for common carrier rates, costs and constraints while weighing decisions against the costs and capabilities of your fleet. Determine where and how to deploy your fleet resources to improve customer satisfaction and service levels while maintaining low operating costs.

• **3D Load Configuration:** Utilize advanced trailer and container loading algorithms (Figure 3) as part of the shipment-building engines to ensure that equipment selection is based on accurate utilization measurements and not on simple weight and cube summation estimates. Take into account item shape, size, stack-ability and other constraints to build efficient and high-utilization shipments.

![Figure 3: Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud provides advanced trailer and container loading algorithms, helping customers maximize equipment utilization](image)

• **Appointment Scheduling:** Improve the appointment scheduling process throughout your network with access for internals and logistics service providers. Globally or regionally, view, manage and schedule pick-up and delivery appointments for shipments and orders. Model and consider location and dock-door level constraints when planning and executing shipments. Dictate available options to involved parties for shipping and receiving.

• **Transportation Sourcing:** Utilize sophisticated optimization algorithms to model sourcing rules and constraints to minimize costs while streamlining the procurement process for transportation services. The Transportation Sourcing capability of Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud utilizes historical shipment data to build bid projects and then seamlessly turns awarded bids into executable rates. It also provides functionality to support the task of rate maintenance. Together these capabilities serve to greatly enhance the accuracy of a bid project as well as reduce the time and overhead it takes to manage the procurement cycle. For more information, refer to the Transportation Sourcing data sheet.

**Related Data Sheets**

Transportation Operational Planning Cloud is part of Oracle Transportation Management Cloud and the Oracle suite of Logistics Cloud solutions. Related data sheets include:

- Oracle Transportation Management Cloud
- Freight Payment, Billing, and Claims
- Transportation Sourcing
- Transportation Cooperative Routing
- Transportation Intelligence
- Oracle Fleet Management Cloud
- Oracle Logistics Network Modeling Cloud
• **Cooperative Routing:** Strategically examine and optimize the use of third party carrier and internal fleet resources in the supply chain. Identify historical shipping patterns and determining optimal asset utilization via efficient lane combinations of freight (i.e., cooperative routes). This strategic plan is utilized within Oracle Transportation Management’s operational planning process, ensuring that the fleet and carrier resources are deployed properly and the benefits are realized. For more information, refer to the [Transportation Cooperative Routing data sheet](#).

• Support all currency, language, and localization requirements.

**A SINGLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION PROVIDES THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION**

Oracle Transportation Operational Planning Cloud enables you to plan all your transportation requirements in one place – that is, all supply chain flows (outbound finished goods, inbound supplies, inter-facility shipments, and returns), all modes of transport (over the road, air, ocean and rail) and all geographic areas (domestic and international). Additionally, plan fleet and external service provider resources in one place. As a result, you can support the nuances of your regional and global logistics operations while reaping the benefits and efficiencies provided by a single transportation management solution.