

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**January 19, 2005 Hearing Room F**

**1:00 P.M. Tapes 2 - 3**

**Corrected 9/23/2005)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. George Gilman, Chair**

**Rep. Terry Beyer, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Chuck Burley, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Deborah Boone**

**Rep. Scott Bruun**

**Rep. Dave Hunt**

**Rep. Kim Thatcher**

**STAFF PRESENT: John Houser, Committee Administrator**

**Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Smith, Chair**

**Rep. Brad Avakian**

**Sen. Margaret Carter**

**Sen. Frank Morse**

**Rep. Dennis Richardson**

**Sen. Joanne Verger**

**Sen. Ben Westlund**

**STAFF PRESENT: Susie Jordan, Legislative Fiscal Office**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Oregon Department of Transportation Overview – Informational Meeting**

**These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker’s exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.**

<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 2, A</b>		
003	Chair Gilman	Calls the joint meeting with the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development to order at 1:03 p.m. Opens the informational meeting on the Oregon Department of Transportation overview.

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

015	Bruce Warner	Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Submits and summarizes informational materials including an overview of ODOT <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
092	Warner	Discusses the Transportation Safety Division and introduces the administrator Troy Costales.
125	Warner	Discusses the Rail Division. Introduces the administrator Kelly Taylor.
153	Warner	Discusses the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV). Introduces the administrator Lorna Youngs.
170	Warner	Discusses the Public Transit Division. Introduces the administrator Martin Loring
200	Warner	Discusses the Motor Carrier Transportation Division. Introduces the administrator Gregg Dal Ponte.

205	Warner	Discusses the Highway Division. Introduces the administrator Doug Tindall.
240	Rep. Richardson	Asks how increasing work outsourcing from 30-80% has affected Full Time Employees (FTE).
245	Warner	Explains the work outsourcing process and the relationship to FTE.
255	Rep. Richardson	Asks about changes in staffing.
260	Warner	Explains how staff changing helps to meet FTE goals.
270	Richardson	Asks about the move of ODOT engineers from public to private consulting.
273	Warner	Explains the public/private partnerships.
275	Richardson	Asks for further clarification.
280	Warner	Offers further clarification. Explains the chart in <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> detailing ODOT project development.
340	Warner	Outlines Area Commissions on Transportation.
380	Rep. G. Smith	Chair, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. Asks about Area Commissions' work with economic development in different regions of Oregon.
385	Warner	Explains the work being done and that work is becoming more geographically aligned.
400	Rep. G. Smith	Explains the intention of the Ways and Means subcommittee to focus on geographical alignment.
410	Warner	Discusses the ODOT budget <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .

### **TAPE 3, A**

030	Warner	
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Explains the challenges being faced by ODOT and Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) projects.

060	Warner	Explains OTIA projects.
085	Warner	Discusses job and contract opportunities.
090	Rep. Burley	Asks about OTIA bonding and modernization.
095	Warner	Explains that some gas tax revenue is marked for modernization.
112	Rep. Richardson	Asks about OTIA III and \$1.3 billion marked for repair of state bridges and for total price of bridge repair.
135	Warner	Explains that figures are for 2005-07 biennium. Notes that it represents an increase over the previous biennium due to OTIA's increased funding. Explains that the total bridge repair need is \$4.7 billion and how ODOT is working to meet the need.
160	Rep. Richardson	Asks for clarification of OTIA figures.
162	Warner	Clarifies OTIA figures.
165	Sen. Carter	Asks what caused the increase in the cost of doing business.
175	Warner	Explains the budget money set to be expended and notes the increase in steel prices.
180	Sen. Westlund	Explains the passage of the gas tax and its effect on bridge repair and that money was not appropriated to projects.
207	Warner	Concurs with Sen. Westlund. Explains the economic analysis and the intent to repair bridges to meet load carrying capacity.
230	Sen. Westlund	Offers further clarification.
238	Rep. G. Smith	Asks about the state borrowing for projects.
241	Warner	Explains effect of 9/11 and the economic effects for bonding.

288	Sen. Carter	Asks if the contracted management firm mentioned by Mr. Warner is based in Oregon.
290	Warner	Answers no and explains the work of the firm.
300	Sen. Carter	Explains the importance of keeping benefits of project work in Oregon and employing Oregon workers.
310	Warner	Explains the pilot program whereby vehicles pay a mileage tax instead of a gas tax.
340	Rep. Burley	Asks about the effectiveness of the light rail project.
344	Warner	Explains the economics of the light rail project.
355	Rep. Hunt	Asks about transportation projects of statewide significance along with public/private partnership.
365	Warner	Explains the transportation projects underway and those being prepared. Concludes ODOT overview.

**TAPE 2, B**

011	Chair Gilman	Recesses the meeting at 2:00 p.m. due to fire drill. Reconvenes the meeting at 2:10 p.m.
015	Chris Warner	Legislative Director and Transportation Policy Advisor, Governor's Office. Submits and summarizes an overview of <i>ConnectOregon</i> <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> .
117	Chair Gilman	Asks about the origin of <i>ConnectOregon</i> .
120	Chris Warner	Explains the origin and development of <i>ConnectOregon</i> .
135	Rep. G. Smith	Asks if marine navigation also means river navigation.
140	Chris Warner	Answers yes.

145	Rep. G. Smith	Expresses concern about the balance of \$100 million investment with potential litigation regarding river system that would prohibit cargo transportation.
159	Rep. Hunt	Speaks in favor of <i>ConnectOregon</i> and the Governor's budget.
171	Sen. Morse	Asks about distribution of public versus freight transportation.
175	Chris Warner	Defers to Bruce Warner.
184	Bruce Warner	Answers Sen. Morse's question in his summary of his prepared overview of <i>ConnectOregon</i> ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
310	Vice-Chair Burley	Closes the informational meeting on the Oregon Department of Transportation. Adjourns the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. **Transportation ,Oregon Department of, Overview, Informational Materials, Bruce Warner, 32 pp**
- B. **Transportation, Oregon Department of, *Connect Oregon* Summary, Chris Warner, 3 pp**
- C. **Transportation, Oregon Department of, *Connect Oregon* Summary, Bruce Warner, 4 pp**