

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**January 24, 2005 Hearing Room C**

**1:00 P.M. Tapes 4 - 5**

**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**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Kim Thatcher**

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

**Jania Zeeb, Committee Assistant**

### **MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Association of Oregon Counties – Informational Meeting**

**League of Oregon Cities – Informational Meeting**

**City of Portland – Informational Meeting**

**Oregon Trucking Association and Oregon Forest Products Transport**

**Association – Informational Meeting**

**Port of Portland and Oregon Ports Group – Informational  
Meeting**

**Highway Users Alliance – Informational Meeting**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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**TAPE 4, A**

003	Chair Gilman	Calls meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and opens the informational meeting on the Association of Oregon Counties.
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**ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES - INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

010	Art Schlack	Policy Manager for the Association of Oregon Counties(AOC). Introduces Judge Laura Pryor and Bill Penhollow.
020	Laura Pryor	Chair of the AOC Transportation Steering Committee. Submits and presents a PowerPoint presentation on the <i>Oregon State-County Interconnected Transportation System</i> ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Gives an introduction of the State-Country Interconnected Systems.
050	Pryor	Explains the chart of Oregon Counties in ( <b>EXHIBIT A, Page 1</b> ).
061	Pryor	Expands on the challenge of transportation and the needs of the different counties.
070	Pryor	Gives examples from six different counties to illustrate her point.
090	Pryor	Explains the slides on the interconnected state-county services ( <b>EXHIBIT A, Page 1</b> ).
098	Pryor	Discusses and gives her opinion of Oregon's seamless road system.
124	Schlack	Expands on the county road system.
154	Bill Penhollow	Assistant Executive Director of AOC. Discusses types of the financing provided for roads. Submits informational material on shared revenue agreements and state stewardship ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).

179	Penhollow	Expands on the federal funds received ( <b>EXHIBIT A, Page 5</b> ).
240	Penhollow	Explains the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (P.L. 106-393). States that it is important that this law is reauthorized by the Congress. Explains the financial problem it would cause if they lost this funding.
277	Penhollow	Explains the pie chart on how funds are spent ( <b>EXHIBIT A, Page 6</b> ).
290	Pryor	Explains that there is a funding shortage for county roads. States that it is important that they learn how to work together to keep the road system working.
315	Chair Gilman	Closes the informational meeting on the Association of Oregon Counties and opens an informational meeting on the League of Oregon Cities.

#### **LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

330	Willie Tiffany	Senior Staff Associate, League of Oregon Cities (LOC). Introduced Mayor Tom Hughes.
351	Mayor Tom Hughes	Mayor of Hillsboro; Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee, League of Oregon Cities. Submits and presents a PowerPoint presentation on <i>The League of Oregon Cities</i> ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
417	Hughes	Expands on the slide on city roads and bridges ( <b>EXHIBIT C, Page 4</b> ).

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032	Hughes	Makes a distinction between county roads and city streets.
048	Hughes	Notes that the cost of maintaining a mile of road increases over the number of years maintenance is avoided. Expands on the chart ( <b>EXHIBIT C, Page 6</b> ).
056	Hughes	Expands on the chart ( <b>EXHIBIT C, Page 7</b> ) and states that the numbers in the chart are conservative.

078	Hughes	Explains where revenue that supports the transportation system comes from.
101	Hughes	Expands on the chart ( <b>EXHIBIT C, Page 10</b> ).
120	Hughes	States the problems with maintaining the current system. Explains that in urban areas the problem is with increasing capacity and maintaining the quality of the current roads because of the lack of funds.
134	Chair Gilman	Comments on increasing efficiency by having cities partner with local and state governments.
144	Hughes	Responds that the LOC shares use of equipment and crews between Hillsboro and Washington county.
150	Chair Gilman	States that it helps to work together.
155	Rep. Hunt	States that all Oregonians get the benefit of the 50 percent of taxes that go to the state and the 30 percent that go to counties. Wonders about the other 20 percent that incorporated cities receive.
169	Hughes	States that he is not certain of the exact percentages. The money is distributed on a per capita basis. The cities bear the burden of taking care of their streets.
186	Tiffany	Adds that it is a system and how to fund that system is critical. Explains that it is important that all roads are funded.
199	Rep. Hunt	Agrees with them in terms of roads that are moving freight. States that the problem is in regards to unincorporated areas as opposed to incorporated areas in cities. Encourages them to think about it and come back with a way to solve the problem.
219	Tiffany	Responds that this problem is not universal in the state. States that he is uncertain of how the money is distributed throughout the state.
230	Chair Gilman	Closes the informational meeting on the League of Oregon Cities and opens an informational meeting on the city of Portland.

235	Susan Schneider	Lobbyist for the City of Portland. Introduces Brant Williams.
252	Brant Williams	Director of the City of Portland's Office of Transportation. Submits and reads prepared testimony <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .
350	Chair Gilman	Closes the informational meeting on the city of Portland and opens an informational meeting on the Oregon Trucking Association, Oregon Forest Products Transport Association, and the Oregon Tow Trucks Association.

**OREGON TRUCKING ASSOCIATION AND OREGON FOREST PRODUCTS TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION AND OREGON TOW TRUCK ASSOCIATION – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

352	Bob Russell	President of the Oregon Trucking Association. Introduces D.E. Bridges and Al Elkins.
388	Russell	Expands on the map detailing the OTIA III Program <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> .

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016	Russell	Discusses the concerns with implementing OTIA III program, such as the traffic mobility issues.
029	Russell	States that the current federal highway bill expired in 2003. It needs to be renewed this year and the committee needs to express to congress the importance of this bill.
060	Russell	States that currently the trucking industry pays for about one third of the highway fund, in order to fund the OTIA III program some fees and taxes that truckers paid have increased. States other challenges facing the trucking industry including; insurance costs, fuel costs, and higher pay for truckers.
081	Russell	Discusses a study by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that states that trucking produces 76 percent of the freight transportation in Oregon, and projects that volume will double before 2020. The Oregon Trucking Association is concerned with increased costs and how it will affect the economy.
091	Russell	

Refers to a bill which will come to the committee later in the session, it is designed to protect capacity on freight routes.

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| 095 | D.E. Bridges | Executive Director, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association (OFTPA). Submits and references informational material on the Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> . Gives a background of the OFTPA.    |
| 117 | Bridges      | Informs the committee of what the OFTPA does and what he is involved in.   |
| 144 | Al Elkins    | Executive Director of the Oregon Tow Truck Associations. Explains his work on the Traffic Bridge Committee.  |
| 175 | Chair Gilman | Closes the informational meeting on the Oregon Trucking Association, Oregon Forest Products Transport Association and the Oregon Tow Trucks Association and opens an informational meeting on the Port of Portland and the Oregon Ports Group. |

#### **PORT OF PORTLAND AND OREGON PORTS GROUP – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

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| 170 | Pat Egan      | State Affairs Manager, Port of Portland. Introduces Ken Armstrong and Peter Williamson.                    |
| 184 | Ken Armstrong | Executive Director, Oregon Ports Group. Gives a brief explanation of Oregon's Ports.                       |
| 209 | Armstrong     | Discusses why ports are important and what they do.  |
| 238 | Armstrong     | States that one of the Oregon Ports Group's highest priorities this session is the Connect Oregon program. |
| 248 | Egan          | Submits and begins a PowerPoint presentation on the Port of Portland <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> .                  |
| 268 | Egan          | Gives the history of the Port of Portland.   |
| 287 | Egan          | Explains the maps <b>(EXHIBIT G, Page 2)</b> .   |
| 313 | Egan          | Expands on the map <b>(EXHIBIT G, Page 3)</b> .  |

323	Egan	Notes that the numbers on the map ( <b>EXHIBIT G, Page 4</b> ) are a couple years old, and tells how the numbers might have changed.
349	Egan	States that the ports can be an indicator of how the economy is doing in the rest of the State.
372	Egan	Discusses the funding considerations that affect the ports.
390	Egan	Compares the Port of Seattle to the Port of Portland.

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031	Egan	States that the Port of Portland is the number one auto port on the west coast and explains the benefits.
060	Peter Williamson	General Manager at the Port of St. Helens. Submits and presents informational material on <i>The Port of St. Helens: The Columbia River's Deep Water Port with a Future</i> ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
097	Williamson	Gives the difference between the Port of Portland and the Port of St. Helens.
125	Williamson	Explains information on Port Westward ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 3</b> ).
153	Williamson	Discusses Port Rainier ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 7</b> ).
166	Williamson	Gives information on Port of Columbia City ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 9</b> ).
199	Williamson	Discusses the Poleyard site ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 10</b> ).
207	Williamson	Talks about the Multnomah Industrial Site ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 11</b> ).
221	Williamson	Expands on the Scappoose Industrial Airpark ( <b>EXHIBIT H, Page 12</b> ).
244	Williamson	Discusses the possibility of NASCAR coming to Oregon and the benefits this would bring.
303	Rep. Hunt	

States that he has heard there can be problems with recruiting new business if there are infrastructure problems. Inquires if this is a major problem and if it can become one if not addressed.

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| 314 | Williamson   | Responds in the affirmative and gives an example.  |
| 323 | Egan         | Adds that we do hear about it and it affects all areas. Gives an example. Discusses the congestion in other west coast ports. States that they have heard a lot in the last year about major distribution organizations looking for new ports on the west coast, and if we can provide the transportation it will lead to more jobs. |
| 340 | Chair Gilman | Closes the informational meeting on the Port of Portland and the Oregon Ports Group and opens an informational meeting on the Highway Users Alliance.  |

#### **HIGHWAY USERS ALLIANCE – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

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| 349 | Jessica Harris-Adamson | President, Oregon Highway Users Alliance (OHUA). Introduces Kristan Mitchell.  |
| 386 | Harris-Adamson         | Submits and presents informational packet which includes a members list, <i>The Road Ahead: 2005 Action Plan</i> , and an informational page titled <i>Why Does the Highway Users Exist?</i> ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ). |
| 397 | Harris-Adamson         | Gives the history of OHUA.   |
| 424 | Chair Gilman           | Closes the informational meeting on the Highway Users Alliance and adjourns meeting at 2:50 p.m.   |

#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. Association of Oregon Counties, PowerPoint presentation, Laura Pryor, 7 pp
- B. Association of Oregon Counties, informational material, Bill Penhollow, 20 pp
- C. League of Oregon Cities, PowerPoint presentation, Tom Hughes, 11 pp
- D. Portland, City of, prepared testimony Brant Williams, 3 pp
- E. Highway Users Alliance, informational, Bob Russell, 1 p



- F. Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association, informational materials, Dee Bridges, 1 p**
- G. Port of Portland and Oregon Ports Group, Informational Meeting, Pat Egan, 8 pp**
- H. Port of Portland and Oregon Ports Group, Informational Meeting, Peter Williamson, 16 pp.**
- I. Highway Users Alliance, informational packet, Jessica Harris-Adamson, 15 pp**