

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 17, 2003 Hearing Room 357

8:30am Tapes 2 - 4

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Alan Brown, Chair**
 Rep. Terry Rep. Beyer, Vice-Chair
 Rep. John Rep. Mabrey, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Jackie Rep. Dingfelder
 Rep. George Gilman
 Rep. Mitch Rep. Greenlick
 Rep. Cliff Rep. Zauner

STAFF PRESENT: **Janet Adkins, Administrator**
 Ryan Sherlock, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Informational meeting**

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| <u>TAPE/#</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Tape 2, A: | | |
| 005 | Chair Brown | Calls meeting to order at 8:35 am. Opens an informational meeting. |
| <u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u> | | |
| 010 | Bruce Warner | Director of Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Presents slide show (EXHIBIT A), with reference to (EXHIBIT B). Gives overview of ODOT organization, and functions. |
| 060 | Rep. Mabrey | Asks questions about number of employment positions at ODOT. |
| 065 | Warner | Indicates there are 4,844 positions with 4,686.26 of those being full time employees. Continues by outlining sources and uses of funds, recognizes the contributions of the Oregon Transportation Commission, and outlines the Area Commissions on Transportation and describes their function. |
| 124 | Rep. Dingfelder | Asks question about the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation in the Portland metropolitan area. |
| 126 | Warner | Describes the function of Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation. Continues presentation with overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation Responsibilities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Transportation Safety, Rail○ Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)○ ridership statistics in Lincoln County Highways○ Public Transit○ Motor Carrier Transportation• Transportation Challenges:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bridges○ Maintenance of the aging state highway system |

- Access Management
- Transportation Opportunities:
- Road User Fee Task Force
 - Innovative Finance Advisory Committee
 - Reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill
- Concludes with outline of ODOT priorities.

TAPE 3, A

- 010 Rep. Zauner Asks question about rock quarries owned by the state, and whether they could be sold to raise revenue.
- 015 Warner Discusses rock quarries currently owned by the state, and suggests future discussion.
- 037 Rep. Greenlick Comments on conflict between constituent input from Washington County vs. ODOT survey.
- 040 Warner Responds, describing the transportation needs of Washington County.
- 050 Rep. Greenlick Questions the attitude of ODOT personnel to constituents.
- 110 Warner Explains ODOT's continuing efforts to increase customer service.
- 120 Rep. Mabrey Discusses his experiences in Wasco County. Asks about the benefit of the link between ODOT and Oregon State Police (OSP).
- 150 Warner Addresses the link between ODOT and OSP.
- 170 Rep. Gilman Asks about savings created by consolidating different agency facilities in Jackson County.
- 180 Warner Responds addressing the Jackson County-ODOT joint facility, and its value-saving properties.
- 200 Rep. Zauner Asks who first proposed Jackson County facility consolidation.
- 205 Warner Indicates that he is unsure who first initiated the Jackson County joint venture, but recognizes the individuals currently involved.
- 220 Chair Brown Summarizes. Thanks Mr. Warner for his presentation.
- 240 Troy Costales ODOT Transportation Safety Division Manager. Introduces slideshow on Transportation safety in Oregon (**EXHIBIT C**):
- Transportation Safety Division overview
 - Staff and Budget.
- 335 Rep. Dingfelder Asks about state vs. federal funding.
- 350 Costales Describes how much funding is received from the federal government.
- Staff and Budget
 - Grant Management

TAPE 2, B

- 005 Costales Continues with presentation:
- Topic Expertise Media
 - Legislation and Federal Representation
 - Status of Safety
 - Setting Goals
 - Impaired Driving.
- 075 Rep. Zauner Asks where most drunk driving fatalities occur.
- 080 Costales Mentions where most drunk driving fatalities occur (**EXHIBIT D**).

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| | | Continues with presentation on impaired driving. |
| 0110 | Rep. Dingfelder | Asks about difference in penalties between driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and drug-impaired driving offences. |
| 120 | Costales | Compares the penalties for DUI and drug-impaired driving, indicating a need for more penalties for the latter. |
| 125 | Rep. Dingfelder | Expresses concerns for decreasing the funding for drug treatment. Asks whether ODOT works with the justice system on the issue of drug stops. |
| 130 | Costales | Explains that ODOT does sometimes fund justice programs for driving related offenses. |
| 145 | Rep. Greenlick | Questions whether ODOT funds any court action on DUII. |
| 155 | Costales | Answers affirmative. Continues with presentation on Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection. |
| 190 | Rep. Zauner | Asks why women buckle up more than men. |
| 200 | Costales | Answers, giving statistics on seatbelt use by men and women. |
| 210 | Rep. Mabrey | Discusses personal experience with seatbelt enforcement. |
| 220 | Rep. Gilman | Asks whether youth use seatbelts more. |
| 225 | Costales | Responds that youth do wear seatbelts more. Continues with presentation on occupancy protection. |
| 255 | Rep. Zauner | Asks about statistics regarding ethnicity and occupancy protection. |
| 265 | Costales | Describes the difficulty with determining ethnicity when monitoring occupancy protection. Continues with presentation on occupancy protection, speed. |
| 310 | Chair Brown | Asks whether safety zones help the speeding problem. |
| 2315 | Costales | Responds, that safety zones are only effective through enforcement. |
| 325 | Rep. Zauner | Asks whether speed differential has an impact in the amount of accidents, and where, geographically, speed accidents primarily occur. |
| 330 | Costales | Discusses the impact of speed differential in causing accidents on highways. |
| 350 | Chair Brown | Asks about safety corridor sunsets and whether any safety corridors need to be readdressed or renewed. |
| 355 | Costales | Indicates there are some safety corridors that need to be renewed. |
| 385 | Rep. Gilman | Asks about, and expresses distaste for, the 55 mph speed zones in metropolitan areas such as Eugene and Salem. |
| 400 | Costales | Responds that one of ODOT's goals is to better regulated differences in speed zones. |
| 430 | Rep. Greenlick | Asks question about constituent concerns with speed limits and speed limit enforcement and explanation of the 85 percent principle. |
| 455 | Costales | Gives an explanation for the 85 percent rule, and addresses its place in deciding speed limits. |
| TAPE 3, B | | |
| 045 | Rep. Greenlick | Thanks ODOT for their response to a situation in his district. |
| 050 | Costales | Continues with presentation on speed, teenage drivers. |
| 080 | Rep. Dingfelder | Explains own experience with an accident involving a teenage driver. |

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| | | Asks about driver education programs in Oregon and other states. |
| 090 | Costales | Expresses need for drivers education and the value of such programs. |
| 110 | Rep. Dingfelder | Asks about percentage of major accidents caused about teenage drivers. |
| 115 | Costales | Answers, with statistical data regarding teen driving accidents. |
| 125 | Rep. Beyer | Asks about the yearly variation in the teen accident statistics. |
| 130 | Costales | Answers with statistics. |
| 135 | Chair Brown | Asks where the funds for drivers ed programs come from. |
| 137 | Costales | Explains that student driver education fund comes from a fee assessed on driver's licenses. |
| 140 | Rep. Zauner | Asks about availability of drivers ed programs, and availability of privately owned drivers ed programs. |
| 150 | Costales | Explains that drivers education is not always available, indicates difficulty in getting subsidies to private drivers ed groups. |
| 155 | Rep. Zauner | Asks if the private sector could function without the subsidy, and notes the need to get kids into drivers ed schools without costing taxpayers more money. |
| 160 | Costales | Indicates that private sector driver's education programs currently operate without subsidies. Continues with presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booster Seats • Work Zone Fatalities • Program Priorities (Alcohol, Safety Belts, Speed) • How Does Oregon Rate • The Future Outlook, and gives conclusion. |
| 380 | Chair Brown | Asks about cell phone use and traffic safety information. |
| 385 | Costales | Indicates the difficulty in acquiring relevant data. |
| TAPE 4, A | | |
| 001 | Rep. Beyer | Indicates interest on cell phone use and traffic safety information, and asks if any of the information being presented is available online. |
| 010 | Costales | Describes online availability of information. |
| 015 | Rep. Zauner | Asks about possible loss of federal money for traffic safety. |
| 020 | Costales | Explains the change in how state compliance with federal traffic safety guidelines is enforced. Potential move from rewards for compliance, to sanctions for non-compliance. |
| 030 | Rep. Greenlick | Asks about motorcycle safety regulations. |
| 045 | Costales | Describes the advantages of motorcycle safety regulations. |
| 050 | Chair Brown | Thanks Mr. Costales for his presentation. Asks Committee Administrator Adkins to talk about upcoming schedule for the committee. |
| 055 | Janet Adkins | Talks about upcoming schedule for the committee. |
| 100 | Chair Brown | Closes informational meeting and adjourns committee meeting at 10:29 a.m. |

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Informational presentation of ODOT, Bruce Warner, 21 pp.

B – ODOT Transition Team Papers, Bruce Warner, 21 pp.

C – Transportation Safety Division Presentation, Troy Costales, 23 pp.

D – DUII Control System Performance Measures for Oregon Counties 1991-2001, Troy Costales, 52 pp.