

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February, 3 2003 Hearing Room 357

9:00 a.m. Tapes 13 - 14

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

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2176 – Work Session**
 Informational Meeting – Oregon Transportation Investment Act Update

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 13, A		
005	Chair Alan Brown	Calls meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., and opens work session on HB 2176.
<u>HB 2176 – WORK SESSION</u>		
010	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Explains the -1 amendment to HB 2176 (EXHIBIT A).
025	Rep. Mitch Greenlick	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2176 amendments dated 01/30/03. VOTE: 7-0
	Chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
030	Rep. Terry Beyer	MOTION: Moves HB 2176 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
035	Chair Brown	Asks for any discussion on the motion.
040	Rep. Cliff Zauner	Indicates his intention to vote AYE on HB 2176, but expresses his concern that ODOT properly notify and educate the public in regards to HB 2176.
045		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair Brown	The motion CARRIES. GREENLICK will lead discussion on the floor.
050	Chair Brown	Closes the work session on HB 2176, and opens the informational meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

055	Matthew Garrett	Oregon Department of Transportation, Director's Office Chief of Staff, offers written testimony and presentation (EXHIBIT B) overview of the 2001 Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTIA Overview • Expenditure of Bond Proceeds • OTIA Projects Completed to Date
155	Chair Brown	Asks whether the featured slide (Exhibit B, p. 12) represents a city street or a local highway.
160	Garrett	Identifies the featured slide as a city street and continues with presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining Projects Delivery Timeline
205	Rep. Beyer	Asks about funding for projects which are projected in the future.
210	Garrett	Explains that the funding is obtained, continues with presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success of OTIA • OTIA Projects Under Construction
335	Rep. Greenlick	Asks for an explanation of the "A + B Contractor bids."
340	Garrett	Explains that A + B refers to low-bid plus short-time, and relates to a project on Highway 217.
365	Rep. Greenlick	Asks if there were incentives for the contractor to complete the project in less or more than the projected time.
370	Garrett	Responds affirmatively.
385	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks about the timing of environmental reviews and permitting, and whether this is done internally or through contractors.
390	Garrett	Explains that the environmental reviews and permitting are all part of the project, and they attempt to do most of it in house, but indicates that some contractors may have been used. Continues with presentation.

TAPE 14, A

002	Garrett	Continues with presentation.
050	Chair Brown	Asks for an explanation of "P.E."
055	Garrett	Identifies P.E. as Preliminary Engineering.
057	Rep. Zauner	Asks who was at fault in the example being discussed.
060	Garrett	Responds with discussion of who was at fault.
080	Rep. Zauner	Asks about the high percentage of "red projects" in Region 4 (Exhibit B, p. 21), and whether the same individuals were apart of every red project in Region 4.
085	Garrett	Discusses current efforts to limit the number of red projects, and continues with presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTIA Projects Under Construction
105	Rep. Greenlick	Clarifies that the indicated slide (Exhibit B, p. 24) should read "SW 219" rather than "Highway 219."
110	Garrett	Concedes the clarification, and continues with presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTIA Projects Under Construction • OTIA website; www.odot.state.or.us/otia/ Concludes presentation.

150	Chair Brown	Inquires about the schedule for the regular State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, and whether the OTIA funding has affected its schedule.
155	Garrett	Explains that the regular STIP projects are on schedule, but recognizes some problems when OTIA was started.
170	Chair Brown	Asks about jobs created by OTIA.
175	Garrett	Observes that OTIA is providing about 1,000 jobs across the state, which equates to about twenty five million dollars in income tax.
190	Rep. Dingfelder	Indicates her wish to see another OTIA package come from this session, and inquires about the bonding process for future funding.
195	Garrett	Responds briefly, referring to Dave Tyler.
220	Dave Tyler	Oregon Department of Transportation, Chief Financial Officer. Responds to the questions regarding the bond process.
225	Rep. Greenlick	Indicates his wish to see another OTIA package introduced, asks how specific projects are chosen for OTIA.
235	Garrett	Explains the expanse of possible projects.
255	Rep. Greenlick	Recognizes that there are many potential projects, but asks for clarification of how specific projects are decided upon indicating his constituents need to see where the money goes.
260	Garrett	Details the process for identifying which bridges need to be dealt with, and which are lower in priority. Indicates that he will follow up with the committee, to offer a more comprehensive explanation.
295	Chair Brown	Explains that in the OTIA projects, the local governing bodies played a large part in recommending which projects took priority.
300	Garrett	Concurs with Chair Brown, and discusses ODOT engineer's role in deciding which bridges took precedence.
315	Zauner	Asks about a figure (Exhibit A, p. 8) and questions why if the money is available why there is delay in initiating projects.
320	Garrett	Defers to Mr. Tyler.
330	Tyler	Addresses the limitations on expending the bond proceeds, and the need to keep to the projects as outlined in the initial OTIA legislation.
340	Zauner	Clarifies that there is a cap on the OTIA spending.
345	Tyler	Indicates positively.
350	Rep. John Mabrey	Asks for clarification regarding the funding for the Crooked River Ranch Highway Preservation.
365	Garrett	Explains that the project was phased.
370	Rep. Mabrey	Asks whether the aforementioned project was just phased or listed as one of the red projects.
377	Garrett	Responds that the project in question is not a red project, and refers to (EXHIBIT C) .
415	Chair Brown	Thanks Mr. Garrett and Mr. Tyler.
420	Adkins	Discusses the upcoming schedule for the committee.
425	Zauner	Thanks the committee for touring a site seen on the fieldtrip taken last Friday, January 31, 2003.
440	Chair Brown	Closes the informational meeting, and adjourns the meeting at 9:56

a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – HB 2176, -1 amendment, Staff, 1 p.

B – Informational testimony, Matthew Garrett, 31 pp.

C – Informational testimony, Matthew Garrett, 11 pp.