

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 15, 2001  
9:00 AM

Hearing Room D  
Tapes 3 - 5

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Rep. Bruce Starr, Chair**  
                                  **Rep. Alan Brown, Vice-Chair**  
                                  **Rep. Jeff Merkley, Vice-Chair**  
                                  **Rep. Richard Devlin**  
                                  **Rep. Jeff Kropf**  
                                  **Rep. Donna Nelson**  
                                  **Rep. Diane Rosenbaum**  
                                  **Rep. Joanne Verger**  
                                  **Rep. Cliff Zauner**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**         **John Leon, Committee Administrator**  
                                  **Kate Campeau, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **Interest Group Presentations**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 3, A</b> 004	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introduces Joan Robinson, Legislative Counsel. Ms. Robinson continues from last meeting to answer questions. There are no questions.
<b><u>INTEREST GROUP PRESENTATIONS</u></b>		
044	Roger Martin	Executive Director, Oregon Transit Association (OTA). Gives a brief overview of OTA and how the legislature can assist OTA in meeting the public transportation needs of Oregon's cities and rural areas. Emphasizes the strong relationship OTA has with ODOT.
152	Bernie Bottomly	Director of Legislative Affairs, Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District of Oregon. Submits written testimony, <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> and reviews status of elderly and disabled transportation in Oregon.
274	Bill Penhollow	Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> and gives overview of county government and county road systems.
<b>TAPE 4, A</b> 044	Rep. Devlin	Asks Mr. Brian if "unmet needs" refers to both county and state system.
080	Tom Brian	Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners answers that "unmet needs" refers to counties only.
090	Rep. Devlin	Requests meeting for specific questions

100	Rep. Rosenbaum	Asks what deficient standards are for Multnomah County.
111	Bill Penhollow	Responds that study is compiled using the index system, and therefore does not mean that Multnomah County does not have deficient bridges. Notes that this table was compiled for last legislative session and will undoubtedly be updated. Offers to provide Rep. Rosenbaum with most recent data.
144	Andrea Fogue	Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Introduces Mayor Lew Ogden, Tualatin, and Peter Fernandez, Transportation Services Manager for City of Salem.
190	Ogden	Gives brief overview of city transportation system. Discusses the huge transportation needs due to huge growth occurring primarily in urban areas.
202	Peter Fernandez	Gives brief overview of Salem's transportation system funding needs.
322	Rep. Brown	Asks if any cities receive federal timber tax money.
325	Fogue	Answers that some cities do, that it is an individual agreement between counties and cities. Offers to provide that information to Rep. Brown.
330	Rep. Devlin	Comments to Mayor Ogden that nothing will be done relative to funding this legislative session. Asks what would be a reasonable approach in this legislative session.
342	Ogden	Answers that something, no matter how small, needs to be done in order to keep basic transportation needs in place.
385	Bob Russell	Director of Government Affairs, Oregon Trucking Association. Gives brief overview of trucking industry in Oregon. Discusses highway funding issues and the condition and capacity of highways. Talks about lawsuit filed against the State of Oregon by the American Trucking Association.  Dee Bridges, Oregon Forest Products Association, Al Elkins, Oregon Tow Trucks Associations:

**TAPE 3, B**

050	Dee Bridges	Oregon Forest Products Association gives brief overview of his organization.
068	Al Elkins	Oregon Tow Truck Association gives brief overview of his organization.
083	Rep. Devlin	Asks question regarding Measure 76.
090	Russell	Answers that the trucking industry strongly supported measure 76.
111	Rep. Starr	Asks Mr. Russell what he expects the report to say.
112	Russell	Answers that he's not really sure.
113	Rep. Kropf	Asks how successful the ATA been in lawsuits throughout the country in regards to this tax fairness issue.
125	Russell	Answers that the ATA has filed four lawsuits that are similar to one filed in Oregon and has not lost one of those.
130	Everett Cutter	Manager, Oregon Railroad Association submits written testimony, ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ) and gives brief overview of railroad industry in Oregon. Notes that deregulation has been good for railroad industry.
288	Rep. Verger	Asks if there is a way for railroads to work more in concert with local governments.
300	Cutter	Answers that there used to be more local agents and more employees in small towns.

324 Rep. Nelson Asks what are the characteristics of a short line.  
329 Cutter Answers that short lines are more service lines and most have been sold off or leased.

345 Rep. Brown Asks if short line operators are having trouble maintaining lines  
353 Cutter Answers that yes in some cases they are having financial problems. There were federal funds available and those dried up a few years ago.

379 Rich Angstrom Managing Director, Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association. Gives brief overview of aggregate business. Discusses funding issues.

**TAPE 4, B**

050 Rep. Brown Asks if there are adequate inventories of rock for construction purposes.  
055 Angstrom Responds that it depends on the area.  
074 Rep. Devlin Asks if there is an issue regarding movement of aggregate.  
079 Angstrom Discusses railroad involvement.  
125 Gary Conkling Associated General Contractors, submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E) and gives brief overview of study conducted bringing together a broad range of opinions to assess public “stakeholders” views on transportation funding.

245 Rep. Verger Asks whether anyone with Oregon auto dealers was interviewed.  
257 Jessica Harris Associated General Contractors, submits write testimony **(EXHIBIT F)**. Responds that this study was not exhaustive.

266 Rep. Verger States that this is a very fine effort.  
267 Rep. Nelson Asks if this study is to be expanded to include other states.  
270 Harris Answers that they are not aware of other states that have attempted this type of study.

277 Rep. Rosenbaum Asks question regarding focus groups.  
288 Harris Answers that this is a study of stakeholders and their interests. This is not study about what the general public is saying but rather what the varying interests are saying around the state.

336 Rep. Rosenbaum Comments on stakeholder’s support of measure 82 and voter’s lack of support for this measure.

354 Conkling Notes that they provided a canvas of what stakeholders are thinking, so that they can be as honest as possible.

400 Rep. Devlin Comments that the members do much of the work ODOT does. Asks whether they can really ever change the public’s view of ODOT.

410 Harris Answers that the public is behind the actual accomplishments of ODOT. Asserts that there is a distrust of government.

**TAPE 5, A**

035 Rep. Merkley Asks about privatizing sections of ODOT.  
050 Harris Answers that if one were to separate out various functions and take general construction money and create a highway department it could be more efficient.

070 Conkling Comments on the ideas that were raised regarding privatization.  
100 Rep. Merkley Adjourns meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Bernie Bottomly, 4pp.**

**B – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Tom Brian, 8pp.**

**C – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Andrea Fogue, 18pp.**

**D – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Everett Cutter, 4pp.**

**E – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Gary Conkling 3pp.**

**F – Interest group presentations, written testimony, Jessica Harris, 28pp.**