

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

January 25, 2001 Hearing Room 343
3:00 pm Tapes 13 - 14

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Gary George, Chair**
 Sen. Rick Metsger, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Beverly Clarno
 Sen. Ken Messerle

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Margaret Carter**

STAFF PRESENT: **Patrick Balducci, Administrator**
 Nancy Masee, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 Highway 99W Project
 Port of Portland
 SB 317 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 432 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 367 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 372 Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 13, A		
003	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens informational meeting at 3:00 pm. Describes work groups that are forming.
010	Patrick Balducci	Staff. Reads letter announcing workgroups (EXHIBIT A). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highway Cost Allocation: Loyd Henion, Chair; Charles Vars, Richard Yates, John Merriss, Kevin Kelly, Ron Chastain, Ollie Snowden, Peter Fernandez, Rich Angstrom.• Measures for Streamlining the Oregon Weight Mile Tax: Anthony Rufolo, Chair; John Merriss, ODOT, Derald Aulner, Dan Malick, Loyd Henion, Don Negre, Rex Gilley, Gregg Dal Ponte.• Alternative Road Financing Mechanisms: David Williams, Chair; John Charles, Randy Pazdena, Dan Malick, Mel Zucker, Paul Cassidy, Dain Rauscher, Mark Lier.• Mitigation of Studded Tire Damage: Mel Zucker, Chair; Ollie Snowden, Bruce Boyd, Cam Gilmour, Doug Tindall, Chris Bell, Henry Hewett.
054	Chair George Balducci	States that the workgroups will strive to be fact based and fair. Reads letter from the committee to Grace Crunican, ODOT Director, who has resigned.
110	Chair George	Commends the work done in region 1 under the direction of Kay VanSickel.

115	Kay VanSickel	Region 1 Manager, ODOT. Introduces Steve Harry, Community Relations Manager, ODOT. Describes the 99W project on a congested highway full of commuters to Portland and travelers to the coast. (EXHIBIT B)
142	VanSickel	Describes how the project was organized previous to the actual initiation of work. There were about 53,000 vehicles using the highway between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm daily. The highway work was done mainly at night. Explains the broad communication effort with citizens, businesses, and utilities in the area. Project came in on time and under budget due to the great effort of the ODOT team.
222	VanSickel	Describes new projects being implemented in Region 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunnyside – Sunnybrook interchange on I-205. • Interchange at I-5 at Hwy 217 and Kruse Way • I-5 preservation project from Rose quarter to Columbia River • Camelot-Sylvan on U.S. Highway 26
227	Steve Harry	Community Relations Manager, ODOT. Describes Phase 2 as a continuation on city streets on Canyon Road, Skyline Boulevard, and Scholls Ferry which is the replacement of the Sylvan overcrossing and creation of a new eastbound off ramp at Sylvan off Hwy 26. The westbound collector distributor was built as phase 1 and the eastbound similar is part of phase 2.
247	VanSickel	Explains Hwy 26 –Barnes Road connector coming up. States the approach to these projects will be similar to the approach that was successful on the 99W project.
255	Sen. George	Commends the efficient implementation of the 99W project.
260	VanSickel	Explains the highway rutting that requires grinding before paving.
282	Sen. George	Recesses meeting at 3:25 pm for 15 minutes. Reopens meeting at 3:40 pm.
317	Keith Levitt	Manager, State Government Relations, Port of Portland. (EXHIBIT C) . Gives overview on the Port of Portland. Explains the trend to moving freight by air. Expects tripling of freight in next 20 years. Direct service to Asia is in question since Delta Airlines will no longer be offering that service.
380	Levitt	Discusses marine facilities in the port jurisdiction of the Columbia and Snake River area. Describes transportation needs between Portland and Lewiston, Idaho for agricultural produce and other freight. There are Class 1 railroads in this area.
434	Chair George	Asks what are the minerals transported.
436	Levitt	Potash and soda ash used for fertilizer. Explains “container” ports for large volumes of freight. Comments on the deepening of the Columbia Channel. Emphasizes the need for deepening the channel so that “container” ships can use the Port of Portland.
TAPE 14, A		
050	Chair George	Closes the informational meeting. Opens public hearing on SB 317.
SB 317 PUBLIC HEARING		
082	Balducci	Explains SB 317.
120	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Supports SB 317 (EXHIBIT D) .

122	Chair George	Asks if there are conflicts with constitutional requirement. Closes public hearing. Opens work session on SB 317.
SB 317 WORK SESSION		
125	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 317 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
126		VOTE: 3-0
	Chair	EXCUSED: 2 - Carter, Messerle
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair	Closes work session. Opens public hearing on SB 432.
SB 432 PUBLIC HEARING		
152	Balducci	Explains background on SB 432.
165	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Supports SB 432 (EXHIBIT E). Explains advantages of administrative rule.
167	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 432.
168	Chair George	Opens work session on SB 432.
SB 432 WORK SESSION		
178	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 432 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
179		VOTE: 3-0
	Chair	EXCUSED: 2 - Carter, Messerle
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. CLARNO will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair George	Closes work session. Opens public hearing on SB 367.
SB 367 PUBLIC HEARING		
181	Chair George	
190	Balducci	Explains SB 367.
225	John Radford	Administrator, State Controllers Division. Gives background on SB 367 which purpose is to modernize the language regarding electronic deposit and to update the law to current practice (EXHIBIT F).
227	Chair George	Closes public hearing. Opens work session on SB 367.
SB 367 WORK SESSION		
228	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 367 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
229		VOTE: 3-0
	Chair George	EXCUSED: 2 - Carter, Messerle
230		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. GEORGE will lead discussion on the floor.
232	Chair George	Closes work session. Opens public hearing on SB 372.
SB 372 PUBLIC HEARING		
235	Balducci	Explains SB 372.
240	Kathy Shepherd	Statewide coordinator for Employee Suggestion Awards Commission. Explains why this program exists and why the extension is wanted. (EXHIBIT G)
245	Sen. Clarno	Asks when this program was in place
247	Shepherd	Answers since 1980.
250	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 372. Opens work session on SB 372.
SB 372 WORK SESSION		
252	Sen. Metsger	MOTION: Moves SB 372 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Carter, Messerle

254 **Chair** **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**
 Chair George **SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.**
 Closes work session. Adjourns meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Written testimony, staff, 2 pp**
- B – Written testimony, Kay VanSickel, 3 pp**
- C – Written testimony, Keith Levitt, 39 pp**
- D – SB 317, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**
- E – SB 342, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 1 p**
- F – SB 367, written testimony, John Radford, 1 p**
- G – SB 372, written testimony, Kathy Shepherd, 1 p**