

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2001 Harris Hall, Eugene, Oregon  
3:00 pm Tapes 44 - 47

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        **Sen. Gary George, Chair**  
                                     **Sen. Ken Messerle**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**        **Sen. Rick Metsger, Vice-Chair**  
                                     **Sen. Margaret Carter**  
                                     **Sen. Bev Clarno**

**GUEST LEGISLATORS:**    **Sen. Lee Beyer**  
                                     **Rep. Bill Morrisette**

**STAFF PRESENT:**         **Patrick Balducci, Administrator**  
                                     **Nancy Masee, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**  
                                     **SB 821 Public Hearing**  
                                     **Lane Transit Issues**  
                                     **I-5 Beltline Issues**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE , 44A</b>		
004	Sen. Gary George	Chair. Opens meeting at 3:25 p.m. Introduces Bill Dwyer, Lane County Commissioner.
010	Bill Dwyer	Lane County Commissioner. Welcomes the committee and other guests and presenters.
015	Chair George	Opens public hearing on SB 821.
<b>SB 821 PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
020	Patrick Balducci	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 821.
025	Steve West	Klamath County Commissioner. Supports SB 821 requested by the Klamath County Board of Commissioners. Gives background on Crater Lake's becoming a national park and the upcoming centennial celebration. SB 821 establishes Crater Lake plates and promotes tourism in Oregon. Funds from the sale of plates will go to national parks accounts ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
100	Sen. Messerle	Asks if there has been a study to potential market of the plates.
104	West	Responds that the salmon plate of 1997-1998 generated 30,000 plate sales in the first two years. Sales of the Crater Lake plates is projected as wide or wider interest than the salmon plate or the Oregon Trail specialty plate.
113	Chair George	Suggests that the recoup on cost of plates would be fast.
127	Chuck Lundy	Superintendent of Crater Lake National Park. Supports SB 821. Discusses celebrating the centennial of Crater Lake National Park's creation. Explains future educational offerings in the park

**(EXHIBIT B).**

210	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 821. Asks the mayor of Eugene to speak. Opens public hearing on Eugene transportation issues.
215	Bobby Green	Commissioner of Lane County. Welcomes the committee and guests to the meeting. Describes the Eugene region and its transportation issues.
267	Bob Pirrie	Region 2 Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Explains the issue at Beltline and Interstate 5 interchange structure. Discusses different options and recommendations of the problem at that interchange <b>(EXHIBITS C,D,E,F)</b> .
322	Jim Torrey	Mayor of Eugene. Discusses the importance of partnerships in intergovernmental relations. Speaks about transportation issues that require county, city, and state governmental cooperation.
<b>TAPE 45, A</b>		
005	Torrey	Continues discussing the west Eugene parkway. Explains that for 25 years the parkway has been an issue. States his concern is with ODOT's requirements. Describes Hwy 126 as the only way to get from west Eugene into Eugene.
066	Chair George	Asks about the coast road connecting to Hwy 126.
076	Torrey	Responds on the original plan connecting to Hwy 126. Asks ODOT to work with Lane County and the city of Eugene on this problem.
112	Sen. Messerle	Points out the importance of connecting Hwy 126 to I-5. Expresses interest in ODOT improving Hwy 99 to Newberg.
128	Torrey	Responds about improving traffic north of Eugene.
155	Chair George	Comments on efforts to get citizens to use alternative transportation to autos. Suggests a 20-year road plan is needed.
221	John Herberg	Eugene citizen. Comments that bigger roads and new roads should take a back seat to maintaining the present roads. Says state procedures promote urban sprawl. Says local communities face budget shortages due to state transportation decisions. Discusses alternative choices of addressing congestion. Asks the state to reconsider their long-term planning of transportation.
247	Rob Handy	Eugene citizen. Discusses the Roosevelt highway. Asks for more flexibility from ODOT. Says funding could be more efficient.
280	Chair George	Explains the Oregon constitution mandates highway user revenue for highway projects.
300	Rob Zako	Eugene resident. Describes his study of the Transplan. Says he is concerned about the shortfall of funding needed to maintain roads and new projects. Wants cost effective solutions to transportation in the Eugene area.
<b>TAPE 44, B</b>		
004	Chair George	Discusses issues the committee is investigating.
015	Patrick Balducci	Describes mechanisms to bring funding into the transportation system and efficient ways to select projects.
035	Zako	Comments that paying fair share has to get across to the citizens.
054	Chair George	States that there will be a transportation web site with updated information in the near future.
060	Jack Radabaugh	Eugene resident. Expresses thanks for the I-105 sound wall. Discusses the Beltline-I-5 project and how it is progressing. Comments on the Pioneer Parkway project which is related. Discusses different projects that Eugene has been considering.

140	Chair George	Closes public hearing. Opens public hearing on I-5 Beltline.
144	Sid Leiken	Mayor of Springfield. Discusses the future of transportation in the area. I-5 Beltline interchange is important to Springfield. Pioneer Parkway extension is needed.
194	Chair George	Points out the interchange connection on the map.
201	Leiken	Responds emphasis at that point will not be necessary.
220	Lyle Hatfield	Springfield Councilor. Discusses the Interchange and the Pioneer Parkway extension. Describes the Thurston area.
250	Nick Arnis	City of Springfield Transportation Manager. Discusses the parkway extension. I-5 Beltline, Phase I which is approximately \$15 to \$20 million.
270	Dan Egan	Executive Director, Eugene-Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Describes the thriving economy in the area but it needs transportation assistance. Pioneer Parkway extension is needed now.
305	Chair George	Describes the Phoenix, Arizona area and how it has been handled.
330	Bonnie Ullman	President, Game Farm Neighbors. <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> Describes intersection in the neighborhood that they have agreed upon.
<b>TAPE 46, A</b>		
001	Chair George	Describes when major arterials become congested, traffic diverts through neighborhoods.
007	Ullman	Points out neighborhood congestion.
009	Richard Crownover	Springfield Chamber of Commerce Future Committee. Discusses the I-5 Beltline interchange. Supports the interchange and the Pioneer Parkway extension. Supports the economic development that the projects will bring. Supports the transportation improvements.
045	Todd Cooley	Comfort Suites Hotel. Gateway Owners for Positive Change. Discusses the intersection and the economic activity in the area. Supports the at-grade intersection, sound walls, and overpasses in the area. Asks ODOT to work with the people there. Supports Spencer's Brewhouse and asks ODOT to save it.
079	Chair George	Describes major project in Newberg. Asks witnesses to persevere with projects.
123	Chair George	States that interaction and communication between ODOT and the communities is his goal.
134	Robert Newburn	Eugene resident. President, New Pacific Corporation. Operates the 76 station on the northwest corner of the intersection. Supports Mr. Cooley's remarks on impact to businesses in the area. Believes in maintaining at-grade and the left turn. Describes businesses and service stations at the intersection. Wants the new configuration to be very careful to include the businesses there.
194	Hilary Wiley	Lane Transit District (LTD) Board. Discusses alternative forms of transportation. Bus rapid transit is a main consideration.
205	Ken Hamm	General Manager, Lane Transit District. Discusses several "tools" of transportation used in the community, special event services, shuttles, and special transportation <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> .
217	Russ Mathews	Eugene resident. Speaks for disabled and senior services. Discusses new programs in rural areas to serve this group of people. Thanks the committee and comments that more funding is needed.
247	Chair George	Comments on funding for the disabled and senior transportation

255 Hamm services.  
Asks for investment in transportation in the two areas discussed.  
Explains Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and shows video describing  
this concept in transportation systems.

**TAPE 47, A**  
008 Hamm Explains the economic dynamics of this system and that plans are  
in progress between downtown Eugene and downtown  
Springfield.

021 Bill Dwyer Thanks the committee for coming to Eugene.  
040 Chair George Adjourns meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – Written testimony, Steve West, 1 p**  
**B – Written testimony, Chuck Lundy, 3pp**  
**C – Written testimony, Bob Pirrie, 4 pp**  
**D – Written testimony, Bob Pirrie, 1 p**  
**E – Map, Bob Pirrie, 2 pp**  
**F – Written testimony, Nick Arnis, 7 pp**  
**G – Written testimony, Bonnie Ullman, 3 pp**  
**H – Written testimony, Ken Hamm, 8 pp**