

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 20, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 A.M. Tapes 2 - 3

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Montgomery

Rep. Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Josi

Rep. Lokan

Rep. Markham

Rep. Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Roberts

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Highway Flood Damage Report by ODOT

Cities and Counties

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 2, A		
003	Chair Montgomery	Meeting called to order 8:34 a.m. Introduction of Joan Robinson, Legislative Counsel. Stated that members will get a list each Monday of the bills assigned to committee, and will try to put out agenda two weeks in advance.
027	Chair Montgomery	Introduction of ODOT, Ms. Grace Crunican, Director; Mr. Ken Husby, Deputy Director and Mr. Don Wagner, Region 1 Manager.

034	Grace Crunican	Director of Oregon Department of Transportation. Flood overview today on state highways only. Noted three major floods this last year. Overview of the State Relief Fund. Referenced Exhibit B Flood Cost Estimates. Expressed the dedication of ODOT employees and gratitude for that. Process for State of Emergency Procedure.
088	Don Wagner	ODOT Region 1 Manager, Overview of Type and Magnitude of 1996 winter Referred to handouts, EXHIBITS A and B . ODOT has not had this much damage since 1964.
137	Wagner	Reference to EXHIBIT B - Table of Flood Cost Estimates.
172	Wagner	Continued presentation of flood damage
264	Wagner	Conclusion, passed photos out to Representatives. Wilson River Hwy, (two photos) Hwy 224, Clackamas River.
294	Rep. Wells	Questions about repair regarding Hwy. 224 photo
326	Rep. Markham	Question regarding how much and how long it takes to receive federal funds. If there is no funding, where does it come from?
	Wagner	"57 million dollars, we spend the money, and hopefully it will be reimbursed." Out of maintenance budget or projects will not get done.
361	Crunican	Eligible for emergency relief fund, housed here in Salem, great relationship with them and \$100,000,000 set aside per year
TAPE 3, A		
004	Rep. Josi	Noted problem areas in rivers in his district, the public input was different in different areas.
030	Ken Husby	Deputy Director and Chief Engineer. Two types of landslide, one you can fix, one you can name. Water and gravity are the causes of landslides. Overview of landslides. Slides happen in catastrophic, or geology. Our problem is when they collide with highways. We currently do provide safety road patrols. We expect for the next decade, increased rainfall. Prevention and more attention if we disturb the earth. Mentioned all the ways that ODOT prevents water retention and saturation.
115	Husby	Continued presentation. Success of Major construction, Arizona Inn section Gold Beach, closed 101, innovative approach. Developed a drainage system. Have lowered the water table 100 feet.
148	Rep. Josi	Comment about use of wood chips for fill, controversial. ODOT had to do informational tape, as long as it is sealed it will never rot.
205	Rep. Lokan	Question regarding problem area, Wolf Creek, Sunset Drive, where it seems to be sinking or washing out. What is happening there.
210	Husby	Between Elderberry Inn, Mt. Point known working slides, very significant, attempted to fix, movement very minor for the last six or seven years.
236	Chair Montgomery	Thanked each ODOT staff for attending today and giving such a informative presentation.
249	Rep. Wells	Question liability in deaths for state in landslides,

250	Husby	Court decides if agency was negligent, use , appropriate safety requirements. Actual standards must be followed, drainage facilities must be sufficient.
261	Rep. Wells	Who covered liability for I-5 accident. Roseburg accident.
271	Crunican	Will research.
283	Chair Montgomery	Excuses ODOT staff and thanks them for their presentation.
283	Chair Montgomery	Local government, notes Commissioner and invites Bill Mr. Penhollow
300	Bill Penhollow	Association of Oregon Counties. Introduction of Jon Oshel, Director of Public Works, Jerry Dove, Commissioner of Tillamook County and Testimony (EXHIBIT C)
396	Penhollow	Presentation on County Roads (EXHIBIT C)
TAPE 2, B		
	Penhollow	Notes the exhibit on system roads, 100% assistance for 180 days and 90% assistance for permanent repairs and Mr. Wagner indicated earlier. FEMA indicated low costs loans will be available. (Text directly from EXHIBIT C .) Thank members for time to present today.
103	Rep. Markham	Asks if there is any State Disaster Fund, and if there is any reinsurance such as the - Dept. of Forestry.
110	Penhollow	Not aware of any restoration fund available at this time.
115	Rep. Josi	He is working with Myra Lee, legislation that will establish a fund Background one of the reasons that FEMA is reluctant is because Oregon does not have an established Disaster Fund. Perhaps if we can get this type of fund established FEMA will not be so reluctant to help.
130	Rep. Lokan	Questioned whether the Governor has allotted any monies to this year's budget for such a fund?
135	Penhollow	Nothing in budget at this time.
153'	Jerry Dove	Commissioner of Tillamook County. Comments on the \$5.5 million damage in public works department. \$2.9 million budget. FEMA waiver, still pushing on it. President has not yet made a commitment for the waiver in the State of Oregon. Tillamook County stated need to get a local fund. \$5.5 million damage, \$800,000 received for damages. Oregon has had a wake-up call to prepare for planning for future floods. A fund is needed locally.
206	Jon Oshel	Public Works Department Director. From a small agency's prospective, still trying to work their problems from last year's floods. (EXHIBIT D). The damages last February storm. \$5.2 million damages, with a \$2.9 million dollar road department budget.
262	Oshel	Continued presentation on (EXHIBIT D)
328	Rep. Markham	Questioned whether the FEMA staff actually helped, or if congressmen were aware of these problems.
		Lapse of several minutes, audio problem.

TAPE 3,A		
Tape 3- SideB 030	Oshel	There is something this committee could do. A joint resolution to Congress . Two comments, with these delays in payment, radically delays repairs. Tillamook hole, what happens when you have this money not coming in? The answer is things we just didn't do, no paving this year. No choice. This is a problem that needs to be addressed.
066	Dave Barenberg	Senior Staff Assistant, League of Oregon Cities. The counties are the agencies that compile most of the information. Appreciation was voiced both to counties and ODOT. Some of the things you don't see are the underlying road damage from flooding. With the water seepage, reduces the life of roads. Our roads will not last as long as they should. What it does to budgets. 1. it eats up modernization 2. what it shows us is we need to make significant improvements to reseal future disasters. Weather forecaster's long term predictions are for a pattern of more rain for the foreseeable future. We need to plan for this. The positive of these disasters was the community pulling together to sandbag etc.
131	Barenberg	To conclude, thank the committee, stated our need to work together to prevent this in the future.
142	Chair Montgomery	One of our charges, transportation package, so he looks forward to working with them.
146	Rep. Wells	Does Measure 47 on your funding?
149	Barenberg	10% of funds for transportation from General Fund Sources.
152	Rep. Lokan	\$470,000 from FEMA bring you anywhere near your budget. Referred to pie chart provided (EXHIBIT D , Page 5)
157	Chair Montgomery	Excused guests, noted that Wednesday the Governor's Office will have a presentation on the Oregon Transportation Initiative.
160	Chair Montgomery	Bills and Working List, Governor's Office will be coming in to talk about their initiative. Field meeting in Woodburn on Friday at 8:00 on the steps of the Capitol and carpool in van.
200	Chair Montgomery	Adjourned meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -ODOT Flood Damage of 1996, 10pp, provided by Don Wagner

B-Table 1 - Flood Cost Estimates, ODOT Highway Only, pp.3, provided by Don Wagner

C-Flood Damage Sustained by Oregon Counties, pp.12, provided by Bill Penhollow

D-Impacts of 1995-96 Winter Season on Tillamook County Roads, pp. 12, provided by Jon Oshel