

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 19, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 51 - 52??

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 3163 Public Hearing**

**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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 51, A</b>		
001	Chair Montgomery	Convenes Opens meeting at 8:35 AMam and opens public hearing on HB 3163. Notes that this is the first of many meetings and thanks Rep. Lehman and Rep. Wells for their difficult work thus far. Maintenance and Operations are top priority. However, modernizExplains bill and outlines goals and priorities of committee.ation is imperative as well.
<b><u>HB 3163</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b>		

**HEARING**

028	Governor John Kitzhaber	Introduces himself as the Governor of the, State of Oregon. States support for maintaining current transportation infrastructure. States support of an increase in the gas tax, and an increase in the weight-mile tax for preservation of the current system. Discusses mass transit issues and associated funding mechanisms. Commends the chair and committee on collaborative effort to bring together the such a diverse interest groups for one common goal. group for one common goal. Has a concern for modernization modernization and additional resources. Make sure that any new expansion has good access and also need some type of flexible funding. The Governor urges the committee to move the concept of two separate funds through and offers any help he can offer. Good access some source of flexible funding whether it is high speed rail or . We also need to move to next step towards
062	Grace Crunican	Introduces herself as the Director for the Oregon, Department of Transportation (ODOT) and submits, provides ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discusses Governor's transportation initiative and compares ODOT's past and current budget. Details Oregon's recent population trend and discusses system's ability to meet increased demands. gives overview of problem, identifies needs and summarizes the financial necessary to try to address the problem..  Identified Needs  Solutions Under Discussion  Summary
167	Crunican	Explains complexities of infrastructure maintenance and discusses associated funding mechanisms. Contrasts past and current funding programs. Describes how small repairs initially, can save huge repairs later, uses the analogy analogy of a roof on a house. If you get a leak, you fix the shingle, and replace it and the cost is minimal. However, if you let the leak go, it will eventually mean a new roof, and dry rot will occur etc.
320	Rep. Lokan	Asks for clarification of Crunican's testimony regarding funding needs. Would like further clarification clarification 10% of need.
339	Crunican	Compares ODOT's past and current funding levels. Contrasts state and federal funding contributions to ODOT's budget. Responds to Rep. Lokan's concern.
385	Crunican	Compares the level at which trucks are taxed to that of small passenger vehicles. Increase on trucks was 29%, cars was 46%.
<b>TAPE 52, A</b>		
019386	Rep. Wells	Asks for clarification of funding allocations regarding ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Currently, looking at the state and local taxes, we have approximately 650, million raised through h..... (listen to audio) Currently, looking at the state and local taxes, plus dollars going up 650 million are currently being

		raised and 350 million raised from other totaling \$1 trillion dollars. How do you come up with these figures?
029400	Crunican	Clarifies figures.
045048	Crunican	Discusses past inflation increases and related impacts on transportation programs. Responds that it is very important to note that the earning power is very low over the next biennium. If we look at the full earning power, we will be in better shape for the future. good shape.
066	Crunican	States that ODOT we needs to address Need to address the access fee to be a multi-model agency.
075	Rep. Lehman	States that ODOT is currently witnessing a 142 million dollar budget shortfall Were still lacking 142 million dollars annually if I read this correctly?
076	Crunican	Affirms Rep. Lehman's statement Responds that is correct.
150	Judge Laura Pryor	Introduces herself as a county judge and submits Provides written materials Presentation ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ) talks about some paving . Discusses transportation issues at the county level . States that she would like to frame discussion to certain counties, and dealing with diverse climate and population. Explains complexities of micro-management relating to transportation maintenance. She refers to chart provided ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> )
190	Rep. Roberts	Asks how many miles of Oregon roads are funded by the federal government.
19650	Bill Penhollow	Introduces himself as representing Association of Oregon Counties Cunitie and submits, provides written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Contrasts state and federal funding appropriations for road building and maintenance.
259	Pryor	Details county funding sources for infrastructure maintenance. Continued testimony testimony on mass damages done this year due to flood and need for immediate relief.
3817	Craig Lomnicki	Introduces himself as the Mayor Mayor, of Milwaukie, Oregon and the Vice - President of the League of Oregon Cities. Submits Gives written testimony and provides Testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ) and states support for HB 3163. Discusses current condition of Oregon's transportation infrastructure. C)
<b>TAPE 51, B</b>		
020001	Lomnicki	States support for changing current fund allocation levels among ODOT, counties, and cities. States support for funding alternative transportation modes. Discusses League's position on specific fees and taxes. Continues on written material
05966	David Barenberg	Introduces himself as representing the League of Oregon Cities. s, available for questions and to support this Notes fiscally conservative nature of Lomnicki's testimony effort. Notes that these dollars are a modest amount.
	Chair	Closes public hearing on HB 3163 and adjourns meeting meeting at 9:50

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 3163, written testimony materials, Grace Crunican, 98 pp.pp**

**B - HB 3163, written testimony materials, Laura Judge Pryor, 1 pp.pp**

**C - HB 3163, written testimony materials, Bill Penhollow, 6 pp.pp**

**D - HB 3163, written testimony materials, Craig Lomnicki, 4 pp.pp**