

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 17, 1997 Hearing Room HR C

1:00 P.M. Tapes 1 - 2

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Marylin Shannon, Chair

Sen. Ken Baker, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Gary George

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

Sen. Mae Yih

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lin Ludwick, Administrator

Nora Carlson, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

- \* Introduction of Committee Members & Staff
- \* Adoption of Committee Rules
- \* On-Site Visit of Transportation Department - Announcement
- \* Agency Overview - Department of Transportation

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Tape 1, A</b>		
001	Chair Shannon	Calls meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.
<b><u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u></b>		
003	Chair Shannon	Welcomes and introduces Senate Transportation Committee members.

<b><u>ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES</u></b>		
024	Sen. Baker	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/17/97 (EXHIBIT A).</b> <b>VOTE: 4-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Yih</b>
026	Chair Shannon	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
<b><u>AGENCY OVERVIEW - OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u></b>		
034	Grace Crunican	Director, submits and presents slide overview on Capitol Mall map, department organizational structure and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) priorities ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).

- 093 Crunican Continues with description of department organization structure.
- 127 Sen. Dukes Refers to Ms. Crunican's comment about Transit and Transportation Safety jointly working on some issues and asks whether transportation safety was still a separate area.
- 130 Crunican Explains that she lumped them together only because they were non- operational in terms of having day-to-day operations - there is no programmatic merge.
- 150 Chair Shannon Asks who was the deputy director at headquarters.
- 152 Crunican Identifies Ken Husby. Continues with slide presentation on department priorities. Continues with presentation on department priorities:
- 184 Crunican
- \* safety and efficiency/partnerships.
  - \* operations and transportation development
  - \* funding and speed concerns
- 220 Chair Shannon Comments on other states with increased speed limits and how their accidents have not increased proportionately.
- 222 Crunican Explains that this is the kind of information they hoped to share with the committee and describes the relationship of time and speed increase.
- 230 Chair Shannon Asks whether Ms. Crunican proposes to offer a recommendation or present statistics.
- 232 Crunican Explains that she would be happy to develop a recommendation along with the transportation commission.
- 236 Sen. Dukes Asks whether a bill has been introduced this session.

238 Crunican Explains that they have been working with Senator Miller in terms in looking at the range of options that may be available.

294 Crunican Continues with slide presentation on efficiency: emergency response.

340 Crunican Continues with slide presentation on partnering: ongoing agreements with local governments.

365 Crunican Continues with slide presentation on operations: transit modes.

400 Crunican Continues with slide presentation on Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

**Tape 2, A**

Continues with presentation on ODOT Motor Carrier Branch:

015 Crunican \* partnerships  
\* efficiencies

039 Crunican Continues with presentation on Aviation in Oregon:  
shrinking federal funding.  
Continues with presentation on Rail in Oregon:

054 Crunican \* railroad crossings  
\* crossing safety programs

072 Chair Shannon Asks if the federal dollars, which were allocated for railroads, went straight to the Governor's office or through the transportation office.

074 Crunican Explains that she believes dollars actually come to ODOT office.  
Continues with presentation on transit in Oregon:  
\* modes of transit and providing mobility

106 Crunican \* transit program providers  
\* bicycle/pedestrian efforts

125 Chair Shannon Comments about bike trails, bike ways and asks if a portion (\$7 million of the 1%) of the dollars went towards bike trails.

127 Crunican Explains that it does not and further explains that she was referring to those programs associated with the roads, not rails-to-trails programs.  
Continues with presentation on Transportation and Growth Management Program (TGM):

137 Crunican \* grants and technical assistance to local governments  
\* partnerships between ODOT, DLCD - Department of Land Conservation and Development

157 Chair Asks if Jane Cease was located at TGM.

- Shannon
- 160 Crunican Agrees. Continues with discussion on developing benchmarks.  
Continues with recommendations of the Oregon Transportation Initiatives (OTI):
- 180 Crunican \* improving efficiency and establishing a base system  
\* reorganize decision-making and linking investments
- 201 Sen. Dukes Asks whether the base system contains more than road issues.
- 205 Crunican Defines the base system which encompasses all transportation modes.
- 215 Sen. Dukes Asks about the status of the Oregon Transportation Plan which was adopted by the commission and incorporated all modes.
- 220 Crunican Explains that the plan is still active and further describes the difference between the base system and the Oregon Transportation Plan.
- 237 Sen. Dukes Comment and discussion about the initiative and the base system.
- 271 Sen. George Asks if committee had viewed the Governor's video on transportation, discussion.  
Continues with presentation on the Emerging Funding Proposals:
- 310 Crunican \* index existing gas tax and weight/mile rates  
\* fee on studded tires
- 322 Chair Shannon Asks to identify the index on the gas tax.
- 324 Crunican Explains that it was 24 cents towards the existing weight gas and mile tax; not included would be the vehicle registration fee.  
Continues with presentation on Emerging Funding Proposals:
- 350 Crunican \* transportation access fee  
\* vehicle mileage fees
- 383 Sen. Dukes Asks whether the Transportation Act had included a fee on businesses.
- 385 Crunican Agrees. Concludes ODOT presentation.
- 395 Chair Shannon Announces that the committee will next complete an on-site visit of the Transportation Department following meeting adjournment.
- 396 Chair Shannon Adjourns meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Nora Carlson, Lin Ludwick,

Administrative Support Committee Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Committee Rules, Staff, 2 pp**

**B - Department of Transportation overview, Grace Crunican, 18pp**

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