

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 31, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:15 P.M. Tapes 5 - 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Marylin Shannon, Chair

Sen. Ken Baker, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Mae Yih

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Lin Ludwick, Administrator

Nora Carlson, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting:

* Association of Oregon Counties

* Tri-Met

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 5, A		
001	Chair Shannon	Calls meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
<u>ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES</u>		
005	Bill Penhollow	Assistant Executive Director, introduces accompanying staff who will share in presentation.
		Chairman, Polk County Board of Commissioners, submits and

020	Ralph Blanchard	presents overview on county's role in the transportation network (EXHIBIT A).
099	Blanchard	Concludes presentation on county systems: * responsibilities, efficiencies * exchange of services * increased level of information
131	Bill Penhollow	Refers to handout and continues presentation on the Oregon Transportation Initiative: road needs.
183	Penhollow	Continues with presentation on county road responsibilities.
202	Penhollow	Continues with presentation on county transportation funding trends: revenues paid to counties.
240	Sen. Yih	Question and discussion on percentage differentials between counties and forest.
252	Sen. Yih	Question and discussion on forest service revenues paid to counties.
293	Penhollow	Continues with presentation on revenues: * highway revenues * receipts for roads and street purposes
333	Penhollow	Continues with presentation on county responses to revenue reductions: * salary reductions * reductions in work hours
352	Roy Burns	Intergovernmental Coordinator, Lane County Public Works Department, continues with overview on city and county productivity and cost savings.
420	Burns	Continues with presentation on staffing levels.
TAPE 6, A		
022	Burns	Continues with presentation on barriers to further efficiency: * lack of funding * time delays - project completion

		* quick hits committee
050	Burns	Concludes presentation on collocation of facilities.
078	Sen. George	Applauds county efforts on collocation of facilities and asks if the counties share the same radio frequency, discussion.
090	Sen. George	Asks if the county would support legislation that would give agencies a limited amount of time to respond to a project, which would include a one-time sign-off, with any delays to be recovered out of the agency's budget.
103	Linda Peters	Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners, responds that it is something they could look at, discussion.
140	Peters	Continues with overview on Washington County needs: * property taxes * major streets transportation improvement program
190	Peters	Concludes presentation on capitol projects: investments.
200	Sen. Baker	Asks about the urban road property tax and whether it was levied for a period of time and when it would expire, discussion.
210	Sen. George	Question and discussion on Washington County's use of system development fees.
240	Sen. Baker	Asks if there is any ongoing effort by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to turn over more roads to Washington County.
250	Penhollow	Explains that it is not a general practice; their focus has been to try and eliminate the inefficient maintenance of facilities.
270	Sen. George	Comments on earlier discussion with Grace Crunican, ODOT Director, on the 3.2 percent gas tax and asks if they had any reaction to this proposal.
288	Penhollow	Explains that it is consistent with their needs and further describes total needs versus priority needs, discussion.
317	Sen. Yih	Asks whether the roads which were damaged by the flood were covered by FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Assistance.
320	Penhollow	Describes reimbursement process: FEMA requires 25 to 75 percent matching requirements.
385	Sen. Yih	Question and discussion on proposed legislation to set up a disaster relief fund that could help local governments with matching requirements.
420	Sen. Yih	Continues with discussion on proposed legislation.
TAPE 5, B		
	Sen.	Question and discussion on four-day work schedules for road

028	George	maintenance crews.
044	Penhollow	Concludes presentation and refers to handout on legislative priorities and the 1996 Interim Task Force Report on Highway Spending.
<u>TRI-MET</u>		
050	Dick Feeney	Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, submits and presents testimony and Tri-Met informational packet (EXHIBIT B).
090	Feeney	Continues with testimony on: * South/North light rail project * Tri-Met ridership
100	Sen. Yih	Question and discussion on the total number of ridership.
124	Feeney	Continues with testimony on ridership and the LIFT program (door-to-door service for the elderly and disabled citizens).
180	Feeney	Continues with testimony on a new program called Transit Choices for Liveability (sic): addresses the pressure of rules relating to employees' commutes.
210	Feeney	Concludes testimony with discussion on the loss of the South North project and an emerging new project: a two-segment construction plan starting at Town Center in Clackamas County and terminating at Lombard Street in North Portland.
246	Chair Shannon	Refers to report submitted to committee members titled L.O.T.I. - Loop Oriented Transit-Mall Intermodel (EXHIBIT C), discussion.
290	Chair Shannon	Question and discussion on South North project.
312	Sen. Yih	Asks if there has been any consideration to building a mass transit underground.
320	Feeney	Explains that it had been considered, but it proved to be very costly.
390	Sen. Yih	Question and discussion on the L.O.T.I. report.
420	Feeney	Concludes presentation on peer review: scoring of Tri-Met against some of its peers.
429	Chair Shannon	Adjourns meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Nora Carlson, Lin Ludwick,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Association of Oregon Counties, informational packet, Ralph Blanchard, 45 pp

B - Tri-Met, testimony and informational packet, Dick Feeney, 26 pp

C - L.O.T.I. correspondence, staff, 11 pp
