

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 7, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:15 P.M. Tapes: 11

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Marylin Shannon, Chair

Sen. Ken Baker, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Mae Yih

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Gary George

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lin Ludwick, Administrator

Nora Carlson, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Overview of the Oregon Transportation Initiative**

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
<b>Tape 11, A</b>		
001	Chair Shannon	Calls meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.
<b><u>OVERVIEW OF THE OREGON TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE</u></b>		
020	John Kitzhaber	Governor, State of Oregon, presents overview of the Oregon Transportation Initiative:  * community livability  * funding  * gas tax

059	Kitzhaber	Continues with presentation on transportation problem areas: * preservation and maintenance * congestion
100	Kitzhaber	Continues with presentation on solutions for congestion: * building more capacity - add more lanes * provide transportation alternatives
140	Kitzhaber	Concludes presentation on solutions for congestion.
148	Sen. Dukes	Asks if the proposal includes funding of "good, new" projects which have been on hold for years.
158	Kitzhaber	Explains that he has offered a new funding mechanism to provide for funding new projects.
169	Sen. Dukes	Asks if there is a breakdown for how much money would go into new road construction, new projects and how much would go into alternative forms of transportation.
172	Kitzhaber	Describes the concept and distribution flow for the highway trust funds.
191	Sen. Yih	Question on efforts made toward improving efficiency.
233	Sen. Baker	Asks what can be done to accelerate the Port of Portland's involvement in the south/north rail project. Also asks what can be done to open dialogue with Vancouver, Washington toward extending light rail across the river.
287	Chair Shannon	Asks about the Environmental Protection Agency's threat to Oregon.
294	Kitzhaber	Explains that there is a potential for Oregon to get out of compliance.
305	Chair Shannon	Question on the vehicle mileage tax: * taxing people who live outside of Oregon for part of the year * California's Smart box - equipment used to track vehicle travel
364	Chair Shannon	Question on whether the access tax fee proposal will go forward.
401	Chair Shannon	Shares concern on the gas tax; believes that if something is done on the gas tax then something also needs to be done on the weight mile tax.

440	Chair Shannon	Adjourns meeting at 1:55 p.m.
	Joan Plank	Submits HB 2213 testimony to members after meeting adjournment ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 2213 testimony, Joan Plank, 12 pp**

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