

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Room
Tapes - 4

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ken Baker, Chair
Sen. Mae Yih, Vice-Chair
Sen. Marylin Shannon
Sen. Dick Springer

SENATE MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Lenn Hannon

HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Cedric Hayden, Chair
Rep. Lonnie Roberts, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jerry Grisham
Rep. Mike Lehman
Rep. Bill Markham
Rep. Ken Strobeck

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Senate Committee Administrator
Anne Tweedt, House Committee Administrator
Gina Rumbaugh, Senate Committee Assistant

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

TAPE , SIDE A

003 CHAIR BAKER: Calls the meeting to order (1:05PM).
-Announces House Subcommittee on Transportation is joining today's meeting

007 ADMINISTRATOR ADKINS: Discusses Friday field trip to Westside Light
Rail.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Witnesses: Sen. Joan Dukes, former Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
Don Forbes, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Cam Gilmour, Project Manager, ODOT
Michal Wert, Manager, Transportation Development Branch, ODOT

030 SEN. JOAN DUKES, FORMER CHAIR, SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Begins summary of three issues the interim committee dealt with, which are the budget shortfall ODOT experienced, affirmative action for the board of maritime pilots, and
Highway 101.

050 Sen. Shannon joins the committee meeting.

060 SEN. DUKES: Maritime pilots issue
130 -Highway 101 issue
166 -Deregulation of the trucking industry
191 -High-speed rail from Eugene OR to Vancouver BC
215 -DMV records and home addresses
238 -Oregon Transportation Plan and ODOT

255 Sen. Springer is excused momentarily from the committee meeting.

306 REP. MARKHAM: What was the Highway Department's principle reasoning for the
400 million dollar shortfall?

311 SEN. DUKES: Budgeted monies that didn't come.

319 Sen. Shannon leaves the committee meeting.

337 CHAIR BAKER: Notes the committee will introduce a couple of bills once there is a quorum.

365 DON FORBES, DIRECTOR, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Staff will discuss the surface transportation improvement program and transportation modal plans, and he will give overview of operation.

400 CHAIR BAKER: For the record, explains why several Senate Transportation committee members are not currently present.

414 CAM GILMOUR, PROGRAM MANAGER, ODOT: Addresses 400 million dollar shortfall.
427 -Federal revenue assumptions were overly optimistic
435 -Ethanol gas tax exemption was in effect at that time, which was not taken into account
445 -Project development cost estimates were somewhat low
455 -Additional projects had been developed

480 CHAIR BAKER: The agency did not have an ongoing program to balance their books on an annual basis?

483 GILMOUR: We always balanced the books in the budget, but the six-year program in the past had been larger than the budget would actually support.

TAPE 4, SIDE A

035 FORBES: Expanding on Cam Gilmour's explanation, the department is trying to put together a program of work in which the federal money can be guaranteed to be spent.

047 GILMOUR: The current program covers a four-year period and establishes transportation project priorities; the department is trying to match those

project priorities to the available revenue.

060 Sen. Springer returns to the committee meeting.

080 GILMOUR: Planning to do an interim update of the four-year program, the first year which began this past October.

092 Sen. Yih leaves the committee meeting.

104 GILMOUR: References submitted material for the State Transportation Improvement Program [EXHIBIT A] regarding Highway Construction and Public Transit Programs.

118 REP. HAYDEN: What will be spent to maintain the highway system and what portion will be dedicated to new construction?

125 GILMOUR: Could guess that 22-23% is maintenance, and the rest is construction which involves not just new construction but also resurfacing of roads, etc.; total should add to about 1.1 billion dollars.

140 REP. HAYDEN: What about new projects such as putting a bridge across the Columbia for the light rail?

142 GILMOUR: Don't have too many of those projects in the next two- or four-year periods ready to go.

145 REP. HAYDEN: Will we now be getting four-year booklets as opposed to six-year booklets, and when are those available?

148 GILMOUR: We can obtain those at your request.

150 CHAIR BAKER: Requests four-year booklets for members of both committees.

152 CHAIR BAKER: Is there a particular reason there are no new construction projects ready to go at this time?

154 GILMOUR: The four-year program identifies projects we can bring to contract within that four-year period; many new construction projects take longer than that to develop.

WORK SESSION: INTRODUCTION OF LC 1442 AND LC 2430

172 MOTION: CHAIR BAKER MOVES THE COMMITTEE INTRODUCE LC 1442 AND LC 2430

178 VOTE: HEARING NO OBJECTIONS THE MOTION CARRIES

INFORMATIONAL HEARING: CONTINUED

180 MICHAL WERT, MANAGER, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, ODOT: Overview of Oregon Transportation Plan, adopted in 1992.

225 -References submitted testimony regarding modal plans [EXHIBIT B]; begins with Aviation

240 -Highway Plan

252 -Rail Passenger Policy; high speed rail
263 -Rail Freight Plan

270 REP. HAYDEN: Adjourns the House Subcommittee on Transportation.

277 WERT: Continues summary of Exhibit B, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
286 -Transportation Safety Action Plan

297 CHAIR BAKER: Does that plan also look at PUC safety issues?

303 WERT: Yes, we thoroughly worked through the issues in a large public
setting, and PUC was part of that process.
309 -Continues summary of Exhibit B, Public Transportation Plan
323 -Intermodal Facilities and Connections Plan

362 FORBES: Summarizes content of submitted written testimony regarding
ODOT agency overview [EXHIBIT C].

TAPE 3, SIDE B

030 FORBES: In order to better serve customers and accommodate growth, we
need to become more efficient internally. References Exhibit C regarding
ODOT's Vision.
051 -Organizational Change
069 -Impressions About Change

090 CHAIR BAKER: Could you please give us an overview of contracting out?

093 FORBES: In general, 63% of entire budget is spent outside of the agency
through bids and consultants; gives examples and lists percentages of
agency involvement in projects.

118 CHAIR BAKER: Adjourns the meeting (2:09PM).

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - State Transportation Improvement Program Overview, submitted by Cam
Gilmour, 3 pages
B - Oregon Transportation Plan and Modal Plan Summary, submitted by Michael
Wert, 2 pages
C - Oregon Department of Transportation Agency Overview, submitted by Don
Forbes, 15 pages
D - Major Studies Underway or Planned at ODOT, submitted by ODOT Staff, 5
pages
E - List of Organizations Involved in Transportation Issues, submitted by
ODOT Staff, 1 page