

Bicycle Advisory Committee PBOT Legislative Update

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Agenda



- State Legislative Session
 - Governor's Transportation Vision Plan
 - Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation Modernization & Preservation
- City Legislative Priorities

2017 Oregon State Legislative Session



- **Started February 1st, 2017**
- **Must finish by July 10th, 2017**
- **Transportation Funding Package – high priority for the session**

Governor's Transportation Vision Panel

- Panel convened by the Governor to develop a series of recommendations addressing transportation issues across all modes and all regions of the state
- 35 panel members, including legislators, business owners and civic leaders from across Oregon
- Held a series of public meetings and forums and issues a final report in May 2016
- Found 3 key priorities affecting Oregon's transportation system across the state
 - Seismic preparedness
 - Congestion, Portland area congestion is having a major impact on the economic vitality of all of Oregon
 - Transit: improved transit is a priority to get people around locally & to connect communities

Governor's Transportation Vision Panel

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN INVESTMENTS

Walking and biking is increasingly important for Oregonians living in rural and urban communities. In the last decade alone, walking increased by 25 percent and biking doubled. But surveys have shown that more Oregonians interested in biking and walking won't take the trip because they feel the existing infrastructure in their communities is unsafe. Oregon is also an increasingly popular destination for bicycle tourists interested in experiencing our state's beauty. Bicycle tourism has become an important economic driver for communities from the Oregon Coast to Hells Canyon. The panel recommends:

Reduce fatalities and injuries: Oregon must continue to prioritize and invest in bold efforts to dramatically reduce crashes that disproportionately cause fatalities and injuries for people walking and biking. Programs such as Safe Routes to School and investments in sidewalks and separated facilities are essential tools to reduce roadway conflicts and protect vulnerable users. New bicycle and pedestrian investments should also aim to maximize the potential for federal matching funds.

Support economic opportunities for tourism/tours: In order to support recreational tourism, connections on bikeways, shoulders, and sidewalks should be completed to improve safety and close gaps. Consideration is also needed to educate visitors on how to best share narrow rural roadways, especially during harvest season.

Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization

- Formed in May 2016
- Held listening sessions around the state to discuss needs and priorities for a transportation package in the 2017 session.
- Priorities that emerged for a package:
 - Maintain/preserve what we have
 - Prepare for Seismic
 - Make the system safer
 - Relieve congestion
 - Bolster transit (both urban & rural)

Joint Com. on Transportation Modernization & Preservation

- Meeting every Monday and Wednesday evening
- 5 subcommittees
 - Maintenance and Preservation
 - Congestion in Portland Metro Area
 - Public Transportation, Bike, Ped and Safety
 - Intermodal (ports, airports, Connect \$)
 - Oversight (follow-up from ODOT audit)

Subcommittees will prepare written recommendations by March 15th to larger group

Initial Package Proposal Framework from Joint Legislative Committee



- Maintenance & Preservation
- Seismic Preparedness
- Traffic Congestion
- Public Transportation & Safety, including SRTS, Bike, Ped & Road Safety
- Multimodal & Freight
- Accountability, including response to ODOT management review
- Revenue, including fees, taxes, tolls & bonding

PBOT legislative priorities

- **Priority: Sustainable Transportation Funding**
- **Policy Positions**
 - **Vision Zero**
 - **Automated Vehicles**
 - **Transit Access for Youth**

What would we do with more funding?



With increased formula funds, PBOT will prioritize the following three areas:

1. Maintain Streets and Save Money
2. Improve Safety and Save Lives
3. Increase Capacity and Minimize Congestion

Maintain Streets and Save Money



- Every \$1 spent on preventative pavement maintenance can save up to \$10 in future pavement reconstruction costs
- With limited funds we prioritize streets of citywide significance and use an asset management approach: right treatment, in the right place at the right time
- We need maintenance funding to preserve our 4800 pavement lane miles as well as our many other assets.

Improve Safety and Save Lives: Vision Zero



- 2016 was the deadliest year in a decade. 44 people died on Portland's streets.
- Over half of all serious injuries and fatalities occur on just 8% of roads within the City.
- We need funding to make critical safety improvements to save lives.

Increase capacity and minimize congestion



Addressing congestion takes a balanced, multi-modal approach to increase capacity, improve system efficiency, and decrease single occupancy vehicle trips.

- Active Transportation Improvements
- Enhanced Transit lines
- Major Transit projects
- Highway Bottlenecks

Priority Projects and Programs



- Outer Powell/Jurisdictional Transfer
- Vision Zero / Safe Routes to School
- Rose Quarter*
- SW Corridor Light Rail*
- SW Capitol Highway
- Congestion relief active transportation improvements

* Regional Priority

Questions