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To: PBOT BAC Members
From: Mark Lear and Shoshana Cohen
Re: 2017 State Legislative Session Follow Up
Date: February 23, 2017

Thank you for your time at the February BAC meeting. Thank you also for your interest and questions about transportation priorities during the 2017 State Legislative Session. As we noted during the BAC meeting, creating new sustainable revenue for transportation is a high priority for the City of Portland as well as Governor Kate Brown. To that end, there is a new Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization that is engaged in dynamic and ongoing discussions about how to pull together a transportation funding package. Below is additional information about this committee and how you can stay up-to-date on their work as well as additional resources for the transportation funding discussions.

Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization

Co-Chair, Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair, Representative Caddy McKeown

Co-Vice Chair, Senator Brian Boquist, Co-Vice Chair, Representative Cliff Bentz

Senator Fred Girod, Senator Betsy Johnson, Senator, Rod Monroe, Senator Kathleen Taylor

Senator Jackie Winters, Representative John Lively, Representative Susan McLain,

Representative Andy Olson, Representative Greg Smith, Representative Barbara Smith Warner

[Committee Information Website](#)

The Joint Committee is scheduled to meet every Monday and Wednesday evening at 5:30pm. Some of these meetings are recorded and posted online. There is a list of meetings on the right side of the website linked above. Meetings that have been recorded show a small blue arrow next to the meeting date and time. Click on the arrow to view the recording. Some meeting materials are being posted under the meeting dates. The Joint Committee has also broken up into five subcommittees to carry out their work. The subcommittee topic areas are:

1. Maintenance and Preservation
2. Congestion in Portland Metro Area
3. Public Transportation, Bike, Ped and Safety
4. Intermodal (ports, airports, Connect Oregon funding)
5. Oversight



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The subcommittee meetings are not recorded but there are report outs back to the main group. The subcommittees are expected to provide a recommendation back to the main group by March 15th.

How to stay involved?

The City's lobbyist from the Office of Government Relations is closely monitoring all of these meetings and providing ongoing feedback on the City's perspective. With specific recommendations from committees expected on March 15th, we anticipate having a clearer idea about the direction of the package at that time. If the BAC is interested, we can follow up after we hear more in March and we may have more specific recommendations for ways to engage at that time.

There are a number of other organizations that are actively involved in the Transportation Funding discussion and may be good resources for understanding the conversation.

The Oregon Transportation Forum (OTF): The Oregon Transportation Forum is a private, nonprofit membership organization that encourages full development, maintenance and integration of all transportation modes, including highway, pedestrian, bicycle, air, transit, marine and rail, for the safe and efficient movement of people and products. The OTF has put together the following flyer, called [A Framework for Investment](#).

Go Oregon: A coalition of citizens, employers, non-profits, community leaders and transportation advocates from across the state calling for bold action and meaningful investment in transportation infrastructure. [Go Oregon Website](#).

Transportation for Oregon's Future is a network of concerned organizations, businesses, and citizen leaders supporting transportation choices for the 21st century. Steering Committee members include, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Better Eugene Springfield Transit, OLCV, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, Oregon Environmental Council, The Street Trust, Transportation for America. [More info about Transportation for Oregon's Future on the Oregon Environmental Council website](#).

The League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors has adopted four legislative priorities for the 2017 session. Transportation Funding is one of the four priorities. [Description of League of Oregon's Cities Transportation Funding position](#).