

## 2017 legislative update on bills related to Vision Zero

**State funding package:** The Joint Committee on Transportation and Preservation's Leadership has proposed a 2017 Transportation Framework. The framework is a starting point for discussion of a long term (20-year) program of investment in the future of Oregon's transportation system.

**Investment priorities:** The starting categories for investment that are included in this framework are:

- Maintenance and preservation, including bridges, culverts and pavement;
- Seismic preparedness, including bridges on lifeline and recovery routes;
- Traffic congestion;
- Public transportation and safety, including safe routes to schools, bicycle, pedestrian and road safety;
- Multimodal freight, including aviation, port/marine, and rail;

**Revenue:** Potential revenue sources for a package include:

- Fuel Taxes
- Motor Vehicle related fees
- Road Use Fees (including Roadway tolling)
- General Revenues
- Finance Tools

Supports Portland Vision Zero Action *SD2: Secure a stable state-level transportation funding source dedicated to safety*

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**Safe Routes to School:** House Bill 3230 establishes a Safe Routes to School fund state-wide

**HB 3230** "appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for deposit in Safe Routes to Schools Fund for grant awards under safe routes to schools program."

Sponsors are John Lively and Kathleen Taylor. Referred to Ways and Means 4/18/2017.

Supports Portland Vision Zero Action *EA3: Develop targeted efforts to engage middle and high school students in traffic safety through the Safe Routes to School program, with a focus on empowering youth leadership to promote safe transportation in their own school communities, prioritizing Communities of Concern*

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**Speed:** House Bill 2682 amended to House Bill 2682(-2) to allow the City of Portland to lower posted speed on residential streets.

**HB 2682(-2)** “authorizes City of Portland to designate speed that is five miles per hour lower than statutory speed when highway is located in residence district and highway is not arterial highway.”

Sponsor are Rob Nosse. Passed House Transportation Committee. Second reading 4/19/2017.

Supports Portland Vision Zero Action *S2: Gain local authority for speed reduction on City of Portland streets; prioritize setting safe speed limits in the High Crash Network*

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**Automated enforcement:** Senate Bill 482 and House Bill 2409 permits a city to issue a citation for speeding using a red light camera with technology that is capable of measuring speed.

**SB 482** and **HB 2409** “permits city to issue citation for speeding using red light camera in conjunction with other technology that is capable of measuring speed. Applies to speeding violations 10 miles per hour or greater. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.”

Sponsors are Floyd Prozanski (SB 482 only), Jeff Barker, Sara Gelsler, Jeff Kruse, Ann Lininger, Andy Olson. SB 482 no work session. HB 2409 public hearing 4/5/2017.

Supports Portland Vision Zero Action *S1: Pilot speed safety cameras on four high crash corridors in the first two years; expand program to additional high crash corridors following the pilot*

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**Distracted driving:** Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 2597—both distracted driving bills—address operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device.

**SB 2** “renames offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device as offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device. Defines “mobile electronic device.” Increases penalty for offense. Punishes by maximum of one year’s imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Further increases penalty for multiple violations within 10 years. Punishes by maximum of five years’ imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both. Prescribes additional minimum fines.”

Sponsor is Peter Courtney. Work session held 4/11/2017.

**HB 2597** “renames offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device as offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device. Defines “mobile electronic device.” Provides for suspension of execution of fine for first offense if person completes distracted driving avoidance course. Increases penalty for offense. Further increases penalty if offense contributes to accident or is second or subsequent offense. Punishes by maximum fine of \$2,000.”

Sponsors are Andy Olson, Ann Lininger, Ginny Burdick, Jeff Barker, Sal Esquivel, Dan Rayfield, Carl Wilson. Work session held 4/14/2017.

Support Portland Vision Zero Action *D5: Revise current Oregon distracted driving law to remove loopholes and be consistent with federal guidance*

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**Vision Zero:** House Bill 2667 establishes a Vision Zero Task Force for the State of Oregon.

**SB 2667** “establishes Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving zero traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.”

Sponsor is Rob Nosse. No work session.

Supports Portland’s Vision Zero program at a statewide level.