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**TO:** House Committee on Rules  
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**SUBJECT:** HB 3516-3

## INTRODUCTION

House Bill 3516-3 gives legislative direction to the Oregon Department of Transportation to for the priority of the Tolbert Street improvements as part of the Sunrise Corridor Project.

## BACKGROUND

The 2009 Oregon Legislature provided \$100 million in funding for the State Highway 212: Sunrise Corridor, Phase I, Units 1, 2 and 3 project in the Jobs and Transportation Act. For many years, ODOT has been working with Clackamas County, businesses and citizens to address congestion and safety issues in the OR 212/224 corridor. Sunrise Phase I, which will begin construction this year, is the first phase in a larger corridor project; future phases do not have identified funding.

Because of favorable bids received on Phase I, ODOT is able to make funding available to Clackamas County to build an overcrossing at Tolbert Street serving the Lawnfield Industrial Area.

## DISCUSSION

HB 3516-3 directs ODOT to prioritize the Tolbert Street improvements as the next priority to be funded for the Sunrise Corridor project. The bill requires ODOT to enter into an agreement with Clackamas County for the design and construction of the project. The bill further directs ODOT to prioritize the design and construction of the Tolbert Street improvements after the recently awarded contract for the Sunrise Phase I portion. Construction dollars should only be provided if the railroad grade crossing at SE Lawnfield Road is approved for closure.

We have recently signed an agreement with Clackamas County providing \$2 million for the county to begin design work on the project. ODOT will use savings from the Sunrise Phase I project to fund construction of the Tolbert Street improvement.

## SUMMARY

ODOT is committed to continuing to work with Clackamas County toward construction of the Tolbert Street improvement project. HB 3516-3 provides clear direction from the legislature about the priority of the project.