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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds criteria used to select projects within Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Requires Oregon Transportation Commission to work with stakeholders to review and update criteria used to select projects within the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Requires improvement of connectivity between different modes of transportation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Basic house-keeping measure
- Adds criteria from Jobs and Transportation Act (House Bill 2001, 2009 Legislative Session) used to select projects (see below information under “Background”)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2001(2009 Legislative Session), also known as the Jobs and Transportation Act, included revised criteria to be used by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) when selecting projects for Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Those criteria included consideration of whether the project: (1) Improves the state highway system or major access routes to the state highway system on the local road system to relieve congestion by expanding capacity, enhancing operations or otherwise improving travel times within high congestion corridors; (2) Enhances the safety of the traveling public by decreasing traffic crash rates, promoting the efficient movement of people and goods and preserving the public investment in the transportation system; (3) Increases the operational effectiveness and reliability of the existing system by using technological innovation, providing linkages to other existing components of the transportation system and relieving congestion; (4) Is capable of being implemented to reduce the need for additional highway projects; (5) Improves the condition, connectivity and capacity of freight reliant infrastructure serving the state; (6) Supports improvements necessary for this state's economic growth and competitiveness, accessibility to industries and economic development; (7) Provides the greatest benefit in relation to project costs; (8) Fosters livable communities by demonstrating that the investment does not undermine sustainable urban development; (9) Enhances the value of transportation projects through designs and development that reflect environmental stewardship and community sensitivity; and (10) Is consistent with the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and reduces this state's dependence on foreign oil.

House Bill 2311 adds one more additional criterion for project consideration under the STIP: whether the project improves connectivity between modes of transportation.

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