

77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Transportation & Economic Development

MEASURE: SB 258 A
CARRIER: Rep. Bentz

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, Nathanson, Parrish, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	McKeown
Prepared By:	Troy Rayburn, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reallocates moneys for transportation projects funded by House Bill 2001 (2009 Legislative Session). Reduces the allocation to the Chandler Lane project in Baker County from \$3.6 million to \$2,427,758 and increases the allocation to Baker County for local projects approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission from \$5,878,917 to \$7,051,159. Specifies that upon completion of the project on U.S. Highway 26 at Glencoe Road, any remaining funds will be reallocated to Phase I of the project on U.S. Highway 26 at Shute Road. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of Baker County's official request letter
- No federal earmarks have transpired for some existing projects
- Tool to assist funding of projects by moving budget balances of completed projects that come in under-budget over to larger, more expensive projects
- Tool to keep projects on projected timeline

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2001 (2009 Legislative Session), also known as the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA), instituted increases in motor vehicle fuel taxes (and corresponding weight-mile taxes), and vehicle title and registration fees to pay for state highway modernization and maintenance. The measure provided for bonding of expected future revenues from these increases, and allocated specific amounts to 37 separate projects throughout the state. However, because these allocated amounts are codified in statute, the Legislative Assembly must enact legislation to reallocate excess funds from projects completed under budget.

Senate Bill 1543 (2012 Legislative Session) directed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide an annual report to the Legislative Assembly outlining the moneys available for reallocation and a prioritized list of projects requiring additional funding for completion. The measure also made two such reallocations.

Senate Bill 258-A reallocates \$10 million in bond proceeds originally allocated by House Bill 2001 to the Interstate 5 project at Beltline Highway in Eugene to the Interstate 5/Highway 214 interchange at Woodburn. The reallocation will result in full funding of the Woodburn interchange project. The measure also moves funding for the Chandler Lane reconstruction project in Baker County to the allocation to Baker County for projects approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission. Finally, Senate Bill 258-A specifies that upon completion of the project on U.S. 26 at Glencoe Road, any remaining funds will be allocated to the project on U.S. 26 at Shute Road.

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