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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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SUBJECT: SB 270-1—Jobs and Transportation Act Reallocation

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 270 with the -1 amendment codifies in statute reallocations of dollars for Jobs and Transportation previously authorized by the legislature and made by the Oregon Transportation Commission. The bill also changes the boundaries of one project, and makes two new reallocations and authorizations. ODOT supports passage of SB 270 with the -1 amendments.

DISCUSSION

The 2009 Legislature passed the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA), identifying projects to be funded by the Act and allocated dollars to those projects. The bill also made specific allocations to local governments in Eastern Oregon. Any reallocations of funds must be made by the legislature by law.

The 2012 Legislature passed Senate Bill 1543, requiring the Oregon Transportation Commission report annually to the legislature identifying funds available as a result of completing projects for less than amounts allocated in the JTA and a list of prioritized projects requiring additional funding.

ODOT is now more than five years into delivering the projects identified in the JTA. As projects move to construction and are completed, ODOT has better information about dollars available for reallocation. ODOT is also closely monitoring revenue projections; to date, revenues collected as a result of JTA increases are projected to be down 12 percent from projections made by the legislature in 2009.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

Senate Bill 270 with the -1 amendment makes a number of changes:

It codifies in statute reallocations authorized by the legislature and made by the Oregon Transportation Commission:

- \$669,228 from the I-5 at I-205 project to the I-84 at 257th Avenue project
- \$11 million from the US 26 at Glencoe Road to the US 26 at Shute Road (Brookwood) project
- \$2,947,687 from US 26: 185th to Cornell Road project to the US 26 at Shute Road (Brookwood) project

The bill also changes the name of the US 26: 185th Avenue to Cornell Road to the US 26 Cornelius Pass Road to Cornell Road, extending the length of the project. SB 270-1 makes two new reallocations and authorizes the Commission to transfer remaining dollars when projects are complete, including one to the newly named project:

- \$5 million from US 26 at Shute Road (Brookwood) project to US 26: Cornelius Pass Road to Cornell Road

Extending the project and reallocating dollars will leverage \$10 million of funding in the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and additional funds from Washington County and the City of Hillsboro to construct one additional lane in each direction on US 26 between Cornelius Pass Road and 185th.

- \$6 million from the I-5 at Beltline project to the Beltline at Delta project

ODOT redesigned an element of the I-5 at Beltline project, resulting in cost savings. The additional dollars on the Beltline at Delta Highway project will allow for safety and operational performance improvements to be made on the Beltline Highway and adjacent interchanges.

The new reallocations and authorizations for transfer follow the legislature's previous practice of reallocating any unused dollars within the same ODOT region as originally allocated.

SB 270-1 repeals the statutory language that gave the authority to the Oregon Transportation Commission to transfer money between the allocations for the I-5 at I-205 Interchange and I-84 at 257th Interchange and between the allocations for the US 26: 185th to Cornell and US 26 at Shute Road Interchange projects. This language becomes obsolete with the statutory changes.

The bill retains language allowing a transfer to be made from the US 26 at Glencoe Road project to the US 26 at Shute Road (Brookwood) so that a final transfer of remaining dollars can be made when the US 26 at Glencoe Road project is fully closed out.

The bill with the -1 amendment also adds a provision that directs the Commission to reallocate any remaining dollars from the I-5 at Beltline project to the Beltline at Delta Highway project and from the US 26 at Shute Road (Brookwood) project to the US 26: Cornelius Pass Road to Cornell Road project when the projects are complete

CONCLUSION

ODOT supports SB 270-1; it makes several changes to dollars allocated to projects by the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act. The transfers follow previous practices by the legislature to make the transfers to projects within the same ODOT region.