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#### **Measure Description:**

Directs moneys to city transit agencies from state agency assessments used to provide public transportation services.

# Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Metro, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Special Districts

# Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

# Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:** This bill would allow city transit agencies receive annual transit assessment taxes. The bill would allow the transit agencies in the following cities to receive these funds: Albany, Canby, Corvallis, Lebanon, Milton-Freewater, Reedsport, Sandy, Silverton, Woodburn, and Wilsonville. The bill is permissive and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) would have to choose to pay these funds to one, or all of the above, transit agencies. Currently, DAS charges 0.6% of payroll to the affected agencies and passes these funds along to the transit districts in which state employees work. Approximately 54% is General Fund, 23% is Federal Funds, and 22% is Other Funds.

If DAS were to pay the transit assessment taxes to the ten cities eligible it would result in a total of \$491,629 in distributions. It should be noted that the 485 Department of Corrections (DOC) employees at the Coffee Creek facilities have been coded as working in Sherwood and the resulting transit assessment taxes have been paid to Tri-Met and since the Coffee Creek facility is within the Wilsonville city limits, they may have an argument that the transit assessment taxes should be paid to the city in the future. There would be no direct fiscal impact to DOC because they are currently paying the taxes.