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TO: House Committee on Transportation Policy

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SUBJECT: HB 2667 – Vision Zero Task Force

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 2667 creates a Vision Zero Task Force that focuses on serious injury and fatal crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians.

DISCUSSION

In October 2016 the Oregon Transportation Commission, at the recommendation of the governor-appointed Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, adopted the 2016 Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP), an update to the 2011 plan. The plan provides long-term goals, policies and strategies and near-term actions to eliminate deaths and life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system by 2035. It serves as a Strategic Highway Safety Plan—a statewide coordinated safety plan that provides a comprehensive framework for reducing fatalities and serious injuries—as required by the Federal Highway Administration.

The TSAP addresses all modes on all public roads in Oregon. This plan was led by a diverse stakeholders group (list attached), chaired by the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee Chair, and developed under the leadership of ODOT. It was developed with much input and coordination from stakeholders and partner agencies. We offered on-line and open public meetings to gather input around the state.

Four emphasis areas provide us with near-term implementation focus areas: risky behaviors, infrastructure, vulnerable users (including bicycles and pedestrians), and improved systems. The plan will be implemented by ODOT and all residents, stakeholders, cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations, tribal governments, and affected state agencies in Oregon.

HB 2667 focuses on only two users of the highway system—bicycles and pedestrians. While they are certainly vulnerable users of the system, a safety plan must consider and encompass all users.

The bill directs the task force to review draft policy strategies and actions of the 2016 Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan. The plan was adopted and finalized in October 2016. The work of the Vision Zero task force created by HB 2667 may duplicate the work just completed through the update to the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan. The work of the task force

could also result in different safety investment priorities than those identified in the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan, since it does not consider all users of the system.

SUMMARY

HB 2667 creates a Vision Zero Task Force. The work of the task force could duplicate or be in conflict with efforts just completed through the update to the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan.

Link to 2016 Transportation Safety Action Plan:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/TSAP/TSAP.pdf>

Attachment: Transportation Safety Action Plan Update Policy Advisory Committee Members

Transportation Safety Action Plan Update Policy Advisory Committee Members

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