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TO: Joint Committee on Transportation

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SUBJECT: HB 4059, Transportation Funding Package Technical Fix

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

The Oregon Department of Transportation would like to follow up on two sections within the HB 2017 (2017) technical fix bill, HB 4059, -9 amendment.

- Section 32: ODOT requested modifications to allow for semiannual reporting to align with our revenue forecast, as well as reporting on how the agency is meeting the allocation requirements. The amendment reflects the change to semiannual reporting but not the allocation requirements. In order to comply with this section of the bill, ODOT intends to provide revenue projections generated from HB 2017, allocations of HB 2017 section 71 funds, and the expenditure of all funds by work type. These will be provided twice each year in alignment with the revenue forecast.
- Section 44: The testimony around shifting the operative date for the transit revenue was specific to both TriMet and the ability of any other qualified entity to be reimbursed from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) for activities prior to the current STIF operative date of January 1, 2019. The amendment shifts the entire operative date for the program to July 1, 2018. The Oregon Transportation Commission will not have programmatic rules approved by this date, payroll tax funding will not be available, and the Commission will not have approved public transportation improvement plans, so this amendment will not shift the date at which transit providers will receive STIF funding. The effect of the amendment is that subject to the final rules, transit entities may request reimbursement for eligible activities that take place after July 1, 2018. However, prior to OTC approval of a qualified entity's public transportation improvement plan, any expenditures are at the risk of the provider and must fall within their allocation of STIF funds.