

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 38: Department of Transportation Significant Federal and Tribal Lands Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration's Nationally Significant Federal and Tribal lands program in the amount of \$40,500,000 to complete construction of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail project.

If awarded, funds will enable completion of the final portion of the Columbia River Highway State Trail, providing bike and pedestrian access. These improvements will also allow for the accommodation of emergency vehicles in the event of an emergency. A 10% match requirement will be covered by Region 1 unallocated construction program funds. If the application is successful, ODOT will make a subsequent request for any necessary additional expenditure limitation.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.