

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 84: Oregon Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program Large Bridge Project

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Manning

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$750,000,000 for the planning and engineering of the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project.

The Department is requesting retroactive approval to apply for a \$ 750 million Bridge Investment Program grant which may be used for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects. Unlike many federal grants, this Large Bridge Project grant does not require all non-federal funding to be identified immediately, and there is no specific match requirement. While the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project is in its early stages, ODOT has been encouraged by federal partners to apply at this time, despite construction not slated to begin until 2025. An early application for this competitive grant helps ODOT to hone its application and signal to federal partners that the project is proceeding. The timing of award announcements for this grant is unknown. If not awarded the Large Bridge Project grant in 2022, the agency plans to pursue it again 2023.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.