

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 82: Department of Transportation Treasure Valley Reload Center

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

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$3 million General Fund from the State Emergency Fund to the Department of Transportation to support completion of the Treasure Valley Intermodal Facility project in Nyssa, Oregon.

HB 2017, the 2017 transportation bill, designated \$26 million in Connect Oregon funding for the Treasure Valley Intermodal Facility project, also known as the Treasure Valley Reload Center. The project is managed by the Malheur County Development Corporation (MCDC) and would serve as a central rail and reload center for regional agricultural products to be transferred from trucks to rail, for delivery to other markets. A funding shortfall exists for the project. Cost overruns are primarily owing to inflation in the cost of materials, contracts, and construction site challenges. The \$3 million request to the Emergency Board would provide funding for completion of the building construction, including major concrete work necessary for the building's foundation and floor. Additional investment at this time allows concrete work needed to construct the building to occur this fall before rainy or freezing weather sets in.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.