

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 81: Oregon Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities I-5 Rose Quarter

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 U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$100,000,000 for a Reconnecting Communities grant for the I-5 Rose Quarter project.

The Reconnecting Communities Program grant is a new funding opportunity under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to restore connectivity of communities for transportation related projects. The grant request is for the I-5 Rose Quarter project planned to improve mobility through a bottlenecked section of I-5 for both freight and commuters. Grant funds would be used to for elements related to a proposed freeway cover, which could create community spaces, increase safety for bikers and pedestrians, and provide surface connections across the portion of freeway that divided the original neighborhood. The 20% match requirement will be met with existing and future state investment in this project.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.