

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Transportation Infrastructure for Rebuilding America**

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

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On March 17th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000,000 for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America 2021 discretionary grant program, known as INFRA.

ODOT's grant application leverages existing funding for the Aurora-Donald I-5 interchange project. The grant requires a 20% match of total project costs, and is due March 19, 2021. The total project cost is estimated at \$72 million, and involves replacement of freeway bridges, on and off ramp lengthening, adding signal controls in place of stop signs, improving access to businesses, and constructing sound barriers. The project will eliminate bottleneck to support the movement of freight, reduce idling, and enhance access. Matching funds would come from the Discretionary Program instituted by HB 2017, which includes \$25 million for this project. HB 2017 Safety Program Funds, Region 2 State Transportation Improvement Project funds and federal funds would also be applied. A successful grant application will enable the project to be completed in one phase, rather than in multiple stages.

No additional expenditure limitation is required for the 2019-21 biennium, and should the application be successful, ODOT can seek needed expenditure limitation in 2022 or at a subsequent meeting of the Emergency Board.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.