

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 64: Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds

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

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$60 million in the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Department of Transportation in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session for disbursement of Statewide Transportation Fund revenues to public transit providers.

HB 2017, passed in the 2017 session, established the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund, funded by a 0.1% payroll tax to support public transit. The Department allocates 90% of these funds to improve bus services, reduce fares for low-income areas, acquire eco-friendly buses, and enhance transportation coordination.

Higher than expected payroll tax collections in the prior biennium and anticipated surplus in current biennium have resulted in an unanticipated balance. The Department seeks \$60 million of additional expenditure limitation to allocate all collected revenue to public transportation service providers.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.