

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 47: Department of Transportation I-5 Rose Quarter Improvements**

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To: Emergency Board  
From: General Government Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Frederick

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The General Government 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 \$750 million to fund a portion of the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project.

If awarded, the Department of Transportation will use grant funds to cover approximately 40% of the \$1.9 billion I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. Key elements of the project include new auxiliary lanes and wider shoulders on I-5, a highway cover with community spaces, relocation of the southbound off-ramp, local street improvements, a pedestrian and bicycle bridge, and a new east-west crossing reconnecting Hancock Street. With the project planning and environmental review phases complete, the project has now entered the design phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025.

Matching funds of \$500 million will be met through a combination of unspecified State funds and funds from the project's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant. If awarded, the Department will return to the Legislature with a request for Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.