

HB 3113 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund for the 2023-2024 biennium for improving safety and increasing access to walking, biking, and transit on state highways that serve as community main streets. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

NOTE - measure has subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) instituted the Great Streets program with an influx of \$50 million in flexible federal transportation funds received through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021). The purpose of the program is to improve walking, bicycling, and transit access on main streets and urban arterials through a number of different types of projects, including intersection improvements, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, corridor refinement and planning, street trees and furnishings, lighting, lane reductions and reconfigurations, and traffic calming and speed reduction features.

The first phase of ODOT's Great Streets program is to focus on state-owned and state-managed corridors, with the intent of demonstrating the efficacy of the program. Proposals are to be evaluated primarily based on potential safety improvements and improved multimodal access on state highway corridors that also serve as main streets in communities. Other factors to be considered include equity, climate mitigation, local support and engagement, opportunities to leverage additional funding, project readiness, and state of good repair status.

House Bill 3113 allocates an unspecified amount to ODOT from the General Fund for use in the Great Streets program.