

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2662**

Ordered by the House May 18  
Including House Amendments dated May 18

Sponsored by Representatives NERON, MANNIX; Representative PHAM K, Senator WOODS (at the request of City of Wilsonville) (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Requires Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Tri-Met and Portland & Western Railroad to study extending Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation not later than September 15, 2024.]*

*[Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for study.]*

**Establishes Willamette Valley Commuter Rail Task Force.**

**Sunsets January 2, 2025.**

Declares emergency, effective *[July 1, 2023]* on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to a study on extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem; and de-  
3 claring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Willamette Valley Commuter Rail Task Force is established.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of 18 members appointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
8 **Senate, one of whom is registered with the largest political party in this state and one of**  
9 **whom is registered with the second largest political party in this state.**

10 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
11 **members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is registered with the largest poli-**  
12 **tical party in this state and one of whom is registered with the second largest political party**  
13 **in this state.**

14 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

15 **(A) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Aurora city council;**

16 **(B) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Donald city council;**

17 **(C) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Hubbard city council;**

18 **(D) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Keizer city council;**

19 **(E) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Salem city council;**

20 **(F) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Wilsonville city**  
21 **council;**

22 **(G) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Woodburn city**  
23 **council;**

24 **(H) One member who represents the Salem Area Mass Transit District;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (I) One member who represents South Metro Area Regional Transit;

2 (J) One member who represents Woodburn Transit Service;

3 (K) One member who represents Yamhill County Transit;

4 (L) One member who represents Portland & Western Railroad;

5 (M) One member who represents the Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates;

6 and

7 (N) One member who represents the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of  
8 Oregon.

9 (3) The task force shall:

10 (a) Study extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem, including in-  
11 creasing the frequency and hours of service and establishing a new entity to administer the  
12 rail service; and

13 (b) Identify opportunities to apply for funding under the federal Infrastructure Invest-  
14 ment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) or other federal funding programs.

15 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the  
16 transaction of business.

17 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
18 members of the task force.

19 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and another to  
20 serve as vice chairperson. The vice chairperson may act as chairperson in the absence of the  
21 chairperson.

22 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
23 ment to become immediately effective.

24 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
25 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

26 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

27 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
28 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative  
29 Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024.

30 (11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task  
31 force.

32 (12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
33 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

34 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
35 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
36 force.

37 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
38 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
39 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
40 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

41 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

42 **SECTION 3.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
43 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
44 on its passage.