



May 4, 2023

Co-Chairs Senator Lew Frederick and Representative Susan McLain  
Co-Vice Chairs Senator Brian Boquist and Representative Shelly Boshart Davis  
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: Support for Jurisdictional Transfer of Hall Blvd to Tigard

Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and Members of the Committee:

As the Committee knows, Washington County has supported work and investment that brings state highways to an urban standard when their use has changed. These vital arterials that used to connect separated cities now run through city jurisdictions, serving as the main streets and urban arterials that connect businesses to housing with higher rates of use and more user types. Hall Boulevard, as it runs through Tigard, is a prime example of how this changing road usage cannot be met by state highway standards.

Washington County supports passage of HB 2756 to transfer Hall Boulevard, State Highway 141, to the City of Tigard. Hall Boulevard is a busy urban arterial roadway in dire need of pedestrian, bicycle, lighting, drainage and roadway surface improvements. ODOT investment in these improvements and transfer of roadway jurisdiction to Tigard for long-term maintenance will improve safety and livability in the area.

In addition, we recommend the transfer and improvements include the portion of Hall Boulevard between SW Locust Street and SW Greenburg Road/SW Oleson Road. This 0.75-mile segment of Hall Boulevard is in unincorporated urban Washington County but is within Tigard's future city limits, as identified in the adopted Washington County – Tigard Urban Planning Area Agreement. No portion of Hall Boulevard is currently under County jurisdiction, and it is not on the County's long-term roadway jurisdiction map. Therefore, Washington County is not prepared to take over jurisdiction of this short orphan segment of Hall Boulevard. However, to create a complete street, this portion should also be improved and transferred to a local jurisdiction – the City of Tigard.

We encourage ODOT and Tigard to develop a path forward for the city to take jurisdiction of the entire Hall Boulevard right-of-way within Tigard's current and future city limit—SW Durham Road to SW Oleson Road/SW Greenburg Road. The County would support city annexation of the Hall Boulevard right-of-way in the current urban unincorporated area to facilitate a roadway jurisdiction transfer.

We believe it is important to identify a strategy to fund improvements and transfer this short segment at the same time as the rest of the roadway is improved. If not, we will have missed a critical opportunity that may not come again. Washington County is heartened to see ODOT and Tigard planning to invest in needed improvements to this busy corridor and we look forward to participating in the discussions for how best to move the transfer of jurisdiction forward.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to making our roads safer.

Sincerely,

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