



February 3, 2010

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Andrea Riner
Subject: 5.c: Letter to OTC addressing HB 2001 and Transportation Funding

Action Recommended: Approve attached letter to OTC addressing HB 2001 and Transportation Funding

Purpose

This agenda item is to approve a letter to the OTC requesting clarifications or modifications to HB 2001 to be made as part of the Legislature Special Session.

Background

In October 2009, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy and Lane County Commissioner Rob Handy attended the ODOT Region 2 SuperACT meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implications of certain provisions of HB 2001 for our Region. As a result of the discussion, it was agreed that a coordinated effort was needed to communicate to the OTC and to the legislature that additional clarification and assistance was needed.

[House Bill 2001](#), also known as the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act, is the transportation funding plan adopted by the 2009 Legislature. Components of the legislation with the most significant impact on the MPO include:

- Increasing transportation revenues;
- Earmarking funds for specific projects, including I-5 at Beltline and Beltline/Delta Highway Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements; and
- Requirements for the Central Lane MPO to conduct scenario planning to reduce GHG emissions in the transportation sector.

HB 2001's revenue for highways, roads and streets increases in steps. This includes the revenue raised by:

- Light vehicle registration fees
- Light vehicle title fees
- License plate manufacturing fee
- Miscellaneous vehicle trip permit fees
- Heavy vehicle registration fees (beginning January 1, 2010)
- Weight-mile tax and related heavy vehicle fees (beginning October 1, 2010)
- Gasoline and diesel tax increase (January 1, 2011 or earlier if the economy shows signs of growing)

HB 2001, unlike previous state transportation legislation, identifies a Transportation Projects program consisting of 37 specific highway projects, including I-5 at Beltline. These projects and allocations total \$960.3 million.

A section-by-section overview of the legislation can be found at the following link:
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/JTA/HB2001_section_by_section.pdf

Additional details about the specific implications of HB 2001 are reflected in the text of the attached letter.

Recommendation

Approve letter to OTC for signature by MPC Chair Alan Zelenka.

Attachments

1. Letter to OTC addressing HB 2001 and Transportation Funding