



February 23, 2023

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Kelly Clarke, Paul Thompson  
Subject: MPC 6.b: Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium  
(OMPOC) 2023 Legislative Priorities

**Action Recommended:** Information and discussion; provide direction to OMPOC Members

### **Background**

OMPOC is a forum for Oregon's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to work together on matters of mutual interest and statewide significance including:

- The growing complexity of transportation planning in Oregon's rapidly growing metropolitan regions.
- The evolving role of the State of Oregon in making transportation investments in metropolitan areas.
- The connection between land use and transportation that drives investment in our metropolitan regions.
- Innovative approaches for meeting the increasing demands of a modern, multimodal transportation system.

Oregon currently has eight MPOs: Portland Metro, Salem-Keizer, Corvallis Area, Central Lane, Bend Area, Albany Area, Middle Rogue (Grants Pass area), and Rogue Valley (Medford area). Each MPO has two OMPOC representatives.

### **Discussion**

OMPOC developed a preliminary list of priority legislation during its February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The preliminary list is attached and reflects the House and Senate Bills and themes OMPOC members elevated to supporting and advocating for. The intent is for OMPOC members to review the preliminary list with their respective MPO boards and reconvene March 20<sup>th</sup> to 1) discuss and finalize the list; and 2) determine OMPOC's approach to advocating for priority legislation. Each piece of legislation OMPOC supports must be supported by all of its members.

The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) discussed the preliminary list of priority legislation during its February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and provided the following feedback:

- HB 2095 which would authorize all cities to elect to operate photo radar if city pays costs of operating photo radar: This bill was brought forth by the League

of Oregon Cities (LOC). Staff is in contact with LOC to for confirmation on whether or not this bill is explicitly referring to mobile radar or if it is intended to also refer to permanent radar equipment.

- HB 2301 (and others such as HB 2658, HB 3131) would impose tax on use of electricity to charge battery of electric vehicle at rate equivalent to rate of license tax imposed on first sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel. The intent of these bills is an effort to have electric vehicles pay their share for their wear and tear and other impacts on the transportation system. TPC questioned how this tax would be levied and how effective this tax would be in light of the state's goals for widespread electric vehicle adoption.
- Overall, TPC supported OMPOC's preliminary list of priority legislation.

### **Action Recommended**

Provide feedback and direction to Central Lane MPO's OMPOC members.

### **Attachments**

1. OMPOC 2023 Preliminary Priority Legislation
2. Summary of Legislation