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MEMO

To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation
From: Anneliese Koehler, Legislative Affairs Manager, Metro
Re: State Transportation Package
Date: April 8, 2025

Background

The Oregon State Legislature is contemplating a transportation package in the 2025 legislative session. In preparation for the package, and knowing that the region is more successful at achieving its priorities if the region speaks with one voice, JPACT developed and adopted [regional priorities](#) for the transportation package in 2024.

In preparation for the package, in the summer of 2024, the Joint Transportation Committee held listening sessions throughout the state, hearing about the transportation needs in local communities. In the fall of 2024, the Committee convened a series of workgroups to further discuss the various topics and needs raised in the listening sessions. During the first half of session, the Committee has held a series of informational meetings on possible components to the package.

Draft framework

In early April, a draft package framework was released. It is attached to this memo. The framework is high level and reflects a number of JPACT's agreed upon priorities. In addition, there are some pieces missing and/or funding levels that are inadequate.

Two truths to hold simultaneously:

- While the draft framework package funding total is unclear, it's likely significantly more than HB 2017. There are multiple additional funding streams in this draft framework, and it increases gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees more than HB 2017.
- The total funding amount will fall short of the transportation system needs described by our state and local governments partners.

Next Steps

As outlined in the framework, the draft is a starting point. Staff is certain that a final package will be different than what is outlined in the framework, but anticipates that the broad strokes are likely to remain intact. Over the course of the next few months, there will be public hearings, private negotiations and additional opportunities for input.

In addition, accountability provisions are not outlined in this framework. This was deliberate – there is a current, simultaneous [process](#) lead by Senator Starr to develop an accountability proposal. This proposal will be released in the coming months.