**2019 OREGON LEGISLATURE**

**INTRODUCED BILLS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

(*of some interest to MPOs*)

**HB 2590**

Modifies existing ORS, changing OTC charge regarding development of 20-year long-range plan, changing “must include a list of projects needed to maintain and develop the transportation infrastructure of this state for at least 20 years in the future” to “plan must include a strategic investment strategy to inform future project selection within the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program”

Under the 50/30/20 distribution of funds in the state, modifies the 50 percent distribution to ODOT. Changes

“(a) $10 million for safety. (b) Of the remaining balance: (A) Forty percent for bridges. (B) Thirty percent for seismic improvements related to highways and bridges. (C) Twenty-four percent for state highway pavement preservation and culverts. (D) Six percent for state highway maintenance and safety improvements.”

to

“(A) Forty percent for bridges and seismic improvements. (B) Forty percent for state highway pavement preservation and culverts. (C) Twenty percent for state highway maintenance, operations and safety improvements.”

**HB 5039**

ODOT Budget Bill.

**SB 450**

Removes from conditions for increases in fuel taxes scheduled for 2022 and 2024 requirement related to compliance with laws requiring least cost for construction of public improvements by contracting agencies scheduled to receive fuel tax revenue from increases. Replaces removed condition with requirement that Department of Transportation withhold increased revenues from contracting agency that is materially noncompliant with least cost laws for construction of public improvements until contracting agency is found to be materially compliant with such laws or enters into agreement to remedy noncompliance.

**SB 58**

Technical corrections to HB 2017.

**HB 2083**

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to work in cooperation with Department of Transportation to allocate funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Repeals Department of Transportation’s authority to request reimbursement for funding bicycle and pedestrian projects within Connect Oregon program.

Each biennium, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall allocate up to $4 million of lottery revenues used for outdoor recreation improvement projects for bicycle and pedestrian projects to meet recreation and transportation needs.

**HB 2603**

Directs Department of Transportation to study train delays and report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation on or before September 15, 2020.

The Department of Transportation shall study train delays. As part of the study, the department shall: (a) Identify length of freight trains; (b) Identify length of sidings; (c) Identify train delays for freight trains that are caused by other slow or stopped

trains; and (d) Work with Amtrak Cascades to identify and track causes of passenger train delays due to freight train interference. The department shall provide information that details the causes of passenger train delays including but not limited to delays due to mechanical failure, timing of passage and following at low speeds. (2) The department shall present the results of the study, along with any recommended legislative changes, in a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020

**HB 2112**

Requires Department of Transportation to study development of uniform standards for speed bump height and markings.

**SB 518**

Provides that members of Oregon Transportation Commission are entitled to annual compensation of $20,000.

**HB 2309**

Directs Department of Transportation to develop and implement program to lend moneys to school districts for incremental costs of purchasing electric-powered school buses.

**SB 559**

Expands authority to operate fixed photo radar systems in high crash corridors to all cities.

**HB 2326**

Provides funding for grant program under which Department of Education awards grants to school districts for percentage of certain student transportation costs for which school district does not receive any amount in distributions from State School Fund or any amount related to transit activities.

In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $2,500,000, which shall be expended for the grant program established under section 2, chapter 62, Oregon Laws 2018.

**SB 413**

Authorizes governing bodies of cities and counties to jointly form district for purposes of acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair of limited-access public highway projects within district boundaries. Specifies powers of district. Provides civil penalty and collection mechanism for failure to pay toll established by limited-access public highway project district on tollway project. Requires county that receives application for limited-access public highway project submitted by limited-access public highway project district to review and approve application subject only to standards for construction of highways as prescribed by Department of Transportation. Prohibits county from denying application based on finding that project is inconsistent with local intergovernmental agreement or law limiting use or development of land designated rural reserve.

**SB 561**

Decreases amount of cash match applicants must provide to receive grants for safety improvement projects near schools.

*40% to 20%; 20% to 10%*

**SB 558**

Authorizes city to designate speed for highway under city's jurisdiction that is five miles per hour lower than statutory speed when highway is located in residence district and highway is not arterial highway.

**SB 560**

Authorizes all cities to elect to operate photo radar if city pays costs of operating photo radar.

**HB 2702**

Authorizes City of Portland to designate speed on highways city has jurisdiction of as road authority.

**SB 59**

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds for Connect Oregon. (*Note: Dollar amount is left blank in the draft bill, and is still to be determined.*)

*And one bill that is not directly transportation-related, but is one of the more interesting bills among a handful of bills introduced to deal with housing in the state, and could have an impact on the provision of transportation and mobility.*

**SB 529**

Defines “housing-limited city.” Allows housing-limited city to support housing construction and increased density by temporarily suspending or exempting properties from certain planning and zoning ordinances and by allowing expansion of its urban growth boundary without review by Land Conservation and Development Commission.

“Housing-limited city” means a city or metropolitan service district that has:

(A) A rental vacancy rate of less than four percent; or

(B) Experienced a decrease in the city’s or district’s population of ethnic and racial minorities of greater than three percent within a five-year period.