

Please Support

The -1 Amendment to HB4017

Fiscally Responsible / Common Sense / Responsible Transportation Management



Let's Build Something & Solve One of Oregon's Chronic Transportation Bottlenecks

The I-205 Expansion/Abernethy Bridge Reconstruction/Seismic improvement project is almost design complete and will soon be construction ready. It has unanimous regional and community support. Now with more than \$50 million in investments from ODOT, I-205 could be construction ready by 2021. But no construction funding has been identified. <u>Each year</u> <u>that we wait, the estimated cost of this project increases by \$15-20 million</u>. We can't rely on tolling (which won't be approved for at least 2-3 years) to get this project started. We must begin right away. Common sense also suggests that ODOT STAGE its major projects. Start the one ready to go now (205), and work towards the other major projects (Rose Quarter/Columbia River Crossing/217) as they gain local support and get closer to completion of design.

Key facts about I-205:

- Every year of delay adds \$15-20 million in inflationary costs. *We must act now*.
- 155,000 to 165,000 vehicles use this section of I-205 each day
- 10-12% daily freight traffic; more than 16,000 trucks per day use the corridor
- I-205 is currently on the state's top 5% of the Safety Priority Index System for crashes
- Bridge repairs now will ensure the state's residents and visitors are protected from a bridge collapse in the event of a catastrophic earthquake
- Taking advantage of the EXISTING penny a gallon approved in 2017 for the now-delayed Rose Quarter project makes sense. 205/AB is ready to go. The Rose Quarter project is delayed, lacks community support, and won't be ready for at least 3 years. The 2021, 2022 or 2023 Legislature will have plenty of time to re-assess this project & allocate needed funding.

Please VOTE Yes on the Common Sense / Fiscally Responsible Prusak Amendment!

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