

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Transportation Congestion Management Technical Innovation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

On February 3, 2022 the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended approval, retroactively, of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$2,000,000 for development of a connected vehicle ecosystem.

The Department provided notice of intent to apply on August 9, 2021, and the grant was due on August 23, 2021. The Department has clarified information and sought to address concerns that were raised at the November 2021 meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means. If awarded, this Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant funding opportunity will leverage federal funds toward a project that enables information sharing between vehicles and roadside technology to improve safety and traffic flow. ODOT has stated that it has no plans to use the technology platforms that may be developed with this grant funding to implement tolling. With regard to privacy concerns, ODOT reports that data coming into the into the platform would be anonymized, so it couldn't be used to track individual vehicles.

Matching funds in the amount of \$2 million will be provided by State Highway Funds already included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan for implementing connected vehicle applications. No additional position authority or expenditure limitation will be necessary.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.