

HB 2756 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers jurisdiction of Hall Boulevard from the Oregon Department of Transportation to the City of Tigard.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Creates new provisions. Requires the Department of Transportation to upgrade the portion of Hall Boulevard located within the city limits of the City of Tigard to a state of good repair, including multimodal enhancements. After upgrades are completed, transfers jurisdiction of the upgraded portion to the City of Tigard. Appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation for costs related to upgrading the portion of Hall Boulevard located within the City of Tigard, and the transfer. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Like many states, Oregon is home to a number of prominent roads that were developed for significantly different purposes than they currently serve. Some were originally highways connecting rural areas to markets, only to see communities build up around them through development and population growth. In other cases, development can lead to local streets that come to be used as significant connector routes. Local governments and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have studied a number of potential transfers for years. However, the transfer process can be complicated, because it is often necessary to make significant and costly upgrades to a given highway facility prior to the transfer.

House Bill 2017 (2017) directed a number of jurisdictional transfers, now codified within ORS 366.483, from ODOT to the cities of Eugene and Springfield and to Lane County. In addition, that measure directed Multnomah and Washington counties to transfer portions of Cornelius Pass Road to ODOT.

State Highway 141 spans just over 10 miles and connects Wilsonville to the south with Beaverton in the north. The highway's route runs through Tigard along Hall Boulevard. Historically, the route was part of the original Oregon-217 from the 1930s until construction of US-26 and Interstate 5. House Bill 2756 transfers the section of State Highway 141 encompassed by Hall Boulevard from ODOT to the City of Tigard.