

HB 2756 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/16/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Boshart Davis, Helfrich, Mannix, McLain, Nathanson, Pham K

Exc: 1 - Evans

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Frederick, President Wagner, Woods

Nays: 1 - Findley

Exc: 1 - Boquist

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) 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. Specifies that once upgrades are completed, ODOT is to transfer 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety concerns on Hall Boulevard, including youth and wheelchair use
- Examples of traffic related deaths on Hall Boulevard
- Estimated cost of improvements required for transfer

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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, eventually only to see communities built up around them through development and population growth. In other cases, development can lead to local streets that, in time, are used as significant connector routes. Local governments and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) 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 A directs ODOT to

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upgrade the portion of Hall Boulevard within the Tigard city limits and, once complete, directs ODOT to transfer the upgraded portion to the City of Tigard. The measure appropriates \$50 million to ODOT from the General Fund to pay for the upgrades.