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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Related to the ODOT Fund Exchange Program**

Clackamas County supports improvements to the Fund Exchange Program that gives the Oregon Department of Transportation more flexibility and reduces infrastructure costs for local governments to deliver local projects.

Clackamas County manages over 1,400 paved road miles, 180 bridges, and hosts the largest urban unincorporated population in Oregon, which demands increased local improvements to address safety and mobility concerns. Our ability to fund maintenance and improvements to those numerous facilities requires predictable revenue with the least amount of barriers.

For over 40 years, the Fund Exchange Program allowed our county to de-federalize dollars, allowing the roads program to use the dollars more effectively for smaller projects such as sidewalk and mobility improvements. When projects like those become federalized, they become significantly more expensive, and consequently we are able to deliver less projects to the public.

HB 2017 created restrictions that limited ODOT's ability to implement a fund exchange program, thus removing a long-standing program that enabled local governments the flexibility to deliver more projects and more affordable costs.

We urge the state legislature to reconsider those limitations, and to use HB 2101 to reestablish a flexible fund exchange program at no less than \$0.90 on the dollar.

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