

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Transportation SE Powell Boulevard Improvements

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

On February 20th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25 million to construct safety and mobility improvements along approximately 3.5 miles of SE Powell Boulevard in Portland.

This federal grant application is one of four revenue sources that comprise \$108.2 million of estimated resources in the current project finance plan. The project aims to improve urban mobility and safety. It includes adding protected and raised bike lanes, elevated sidewalks, mid-block crossings, upgraded traffic signals and lighting, a two-way center turn lane, protected transit waiting areas, and improving the stormwater system. Once completed, ownership of outer Powell Boulevard will be transferred from ODOT to the City of Portland.

The grant application is due on February 28th. Matching funds are available through previously authorized bond proceeds.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.