

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Transportation Warm Springs Commercial Corridor Safety**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Hansell

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On February 20th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$15 million to improve a three-mile section of U.S. 26 near the southeastern boundary of the reservation at the Deschutes River crossing.

This three-mile section of U.S. 26, recognized as the Warm Springs Commercial Corridor, is a two-lane Backcountry Principal Highway with turn lanes at the major intersections and no continuous sidewalks or bicycle lanes provided. If awarded, the grant will be used to add better lighting and paths for pedestrians and cyclists, and implement access management measures that improve connectivity and enhance highway safety.

The grant application is due on February 28th. Matching funds are not required.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.