

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 4, 2025
05:00 PM

Hearing Room F

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair
Sen. Bruce Starr, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Mark Meek
Sen. Khanh Pham
Sen. Suzanne Weber

Rep. Susan McLain, Co-Chair
Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, Co-Vice
Chair
Rep. Paul Evans
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich
Rep. Kevin Mannix
Rep. Nancy Nathanson

MEMBER(S) VISITING: Sen. Lew Frederick

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst
Isabel Hernandez, Sr. Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: Trains & Tracks 101: Effective Strategies for Investing in
Oregon's Rail Network – Informational Meeting
HB 3231 – Public Hearing
HB 3233 – Public Hearing

00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:05 Co-Chair McLain

00:00:12 [Trains & Tracks 101: Effective Strategies for Investing in Oregon's
Rail Network - Informational Meeting](#)

00:00:13 Co-Chair McLain

00:00:38 Bruce Agnew, Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Director, Pacific
Northwest Economic Region

00:09:50 Tom Lang, Regional Infrastructure Accelerator High-Performance Rail
Program Manager, Pacific Northwest Economic Region

00:20:13 Ross Lane, Board President, Oregon Rail Users League; Assistant Vice
President of Government Affairs, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad

00:27:37 Rep. Mannix

00:30:29 Sen. Meek

00:33:36 Rep. Evans

00:39:47 Co-Vice Chair Boshart Davis

00:42:25 **HB 3231 and HB 3233 - Public Hearing**
00:42:26 Co-Chair McLain
00:43:58 Rep. Nancy Nathanson, House District 13
00:49:02 Sen. Chris Gorsek, Senate District 25
00:51:20 Jon Nuxoll, President, Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates (AORTA)
00:58:27 Matt Krabacher, Eastern Oregon Vice President, AORTA
01:02:06 Shane Alderson, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Baker County
01:03:41 Peter Fargo, Environmental Justice Coordinator, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)
01:07:21 Douglas Allen, resident, Portland
01:09:40 Benjamin Fryback, resident, Salem
01:11:13 Charles Hamilton, Co-Executive Director, All Aboard Northwest
01:13:39 Allan Pollock, General Manager, Cherriots
01:15:57 Vinayaka Thompson, resident, Beaverton
01:17:50 Luis Moscoso, Government Affairs Director, All Aboard Washington
01:20:05 Dan McFarling, resident, Aloha
01:21:40 Suzanne Carlson, Administrator, Public Transportation Division, Oregon Department of Transportation
01:25:18 Co-Chair Gorsek
01:26:04 Sen. Pham
01:26:42 Co-Vice Chair Starr
01:28:27 Rep. Mannix
01:28:52 Meeting Adjourned