

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 06/26/18 **Approx. Start Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Approx. Length:** 1 hour

Presentation Title: Road Maintenance Funding Update

Department: Transportation & Development, Public & Government Affairs

Presenters: Dan Johnson, Director, DTD; Gary Schmidt, Director, PGA

Other Invitees: Randy Harmon, Transportation Maintenance; Mike Bezner, Assistant Director-Transportation; Diedre Landon, DTD; Shelly Parini-Runge, PGA; Ellen Rogalin, PGA/DTD

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Discussion; no action at this time. Staff will provide an update on road maintenance funding needs and possible next steps, and will prepare the Board for a discussion on road maintenance needs at the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) retreat on June 29-30.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As we reported to you last January, the transportation bill – HB 2017 – approved by the State Legislature in 2017, is resulting in a significant increase in transportation funding for the county by raising state fees and taxes. The increase is occurring in steps over 10 years, with funding of approximately \$3 million in 2018 growing to \$13 million by 2027, and staying at that level in following years.

In response, the Department of Transportation & Development has reviewed its programs, its needs and strategies, and committed the additional funds to road maintenance, bridge maintenance, contract paving, ADA ramp retrofits and transportation safety.

However, with the extend of our transportation system and the growing maintenance needs, even these additional funds will not allow us to provide the level of service to our residents that is needed and deserved. We still need what the other Portland area counties already have -- a consistent source of local funds for our roads so we can improve safety and ease congestion throughout the county, and provide much-needed maintenance to our local roads.

A countywide vehicle registration fee is one option for obtaining these needed funds, for both the county and cities in the county. (VRF revenue, by law, must be split with 60% going to the county and 40% going to cities in the county, unless all parties come to a different agreement.)

Transportation needs, goals and funding options will be the focus of the retreat planned for Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) members at the end of this month. To help inform that discussion, we have met individually with a number of business and community leaders throughout the county to gather their opinions about transportation priorities, funding options and related issues. While the detailed results are still being compiled for the C4 retreat, it is clear that there are shared transportation priorities (congestion relief, safety and local roads), a common interest in local control of local funds and a general willingness to consider a local VRF in order to obtain the funds needed to meet the needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO N/A

What is the cost? \$ _____

What is the funding source? _____

Explain the fiscal impacts to the County and your department as well as to the public and businesses, both in the short and long term.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- **How does this item align with your Department’s Strategic Business Plan goals?**
 - DTD goals:
 - By 2022, maintain the average condition of paved county roads at 70 PCI (Pavement Condition Index) or higher
 - By 2022, improve the average condition of urban local county roads to a PCI of 70 or higher
 - PGA goal: By 2019, the \$17 million road maintenance funding gap will be addressed

- **How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?**
 - By 2019, improve the average condition of paved county roads to a PCI rating of 70

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Road funds from HB 2017 may only be used for road purposes, in accordance with the Oregon Constitution.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

In addition to the individual meetings referred to earlier in this staff report, for many years there has been extensive outreach to the general public, business community and others about road maintenance needs.

OPTIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval s/Gary Schmidt

County Administrator Approval _____

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