

**Joint Policy Advisory
Committee on
Transportation**

JPACT Multi-Modal Transportation Funding Concept

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JPACT intends to seek support from the Governor and the Oregon Legislature for development of a multi-modal transportation finance legislative package, including:

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1) Road Package:

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JPACT recommends the adoption of a state road finance package to fund operations and maintenance of the existing system as well as modernization of the road system to address congestion and foster business expansion and economic development. While there has been significant progress through the adoption of OTIA I, II and III, urgent needs remain unfunded. In particular, maintenance and operation of the existing city, county and state road systems have fallen behind, threatening the condition of the existing system. In addition, urban road investments are vital to support economic development and recovery and reduce the backlog of congestion.

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Even with the new revenues generated by OTIA I, II and III, Oregon still ranks lowest among western states in per capita and per mile transportation funding. Nationally, Oregon now ranks 46th in registration fees, 34th in title fees and 13th in gas taxes. In addition to considering these traditional funding sources, we support ODOT’s efforts to explore more creative options for meeting our outstanding Highway Fund needs. Such options might include bonding against increased federal funds, indexing the gas tax or instituting a title fee for vehicles added to the statewide fleet.

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2) Non-Road Package:

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As all modes of transportation are critical in providing a healthy transportation network and a healthy economy, JPACT also recommends the adoption of a funding package to support non-Highway Fund modes of passenger and freight transportation improvements as well as additional investments in transit. While other states have aggressively invested in rail, marine, aviation and transit infrastructure, these modes have received relatively small investments here in Oregon in recent years.

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We are therefore encouraged that the Governor, under the banner of “Connect Oregon,” has recently asked the Oregon Transportation Commission to undertake an assessment of the state’s need for investment in its multi-modal transportation system. Because there are multiple projects in each of these modes that would significantly benefit the public and provide economic returns for the state and region, JPACT supports identification of passenger and freight rail, transit, marine and aviation projects that merit public investment. The region and the state have benefited significantly from past investments in light rail and passenger and freight rail infrastructure, marine terminals, and airports. Additional funding for future projects that support a diverse, efficient and healthy transportation network, including the next leg of the Portland region’s light rail system, is essential in order to address both short-term and long-term economic and livability needs.

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3) JPACT recommends continued funding within the ODOT budget for elderly and disabled transit service, bus replacement and transportation demand management.

Bill Wyatt
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