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Legislative Update – Coba’s Capitol Comments

The long-awaited unveiling of the draft transportation package was, thankfully, worth the wait. Showing strong leadership and a willingness to look well beyond the usual and customary funding sources, amounts and limited durations, **Senators Brian Boquist**, R-Dallas and **Lee Beyer**, D-Springfield presented a transportation package long on aspiration and potential for making inroads on Oregon’s statewide transportation needs. Boquist and Beyer were representing the efforts of the two chairs and two co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization who have been holed up working on the proposal for the past couple of weeks. Both Senators were quick to point out this is the beginning of a negotiating process that must meet some quickly approaching timeframes to make it out of the session by sine die no later than July 10.

Citing the need for skin in the game for all roadway users the package increases or implements new taxes or fees on cars, trucks, bikes, payroll and new vehicle sales excise tax. The payroll tax would be used for statewide transit issues and the vehicle excise tax would be bonded and used for congestion relief. The total of nearly \$8 billion over ten years is financially similar to the Washington state plan of \$15 billion over 15 years with the difference in population factored in the equation.

The plan will require local match in the metro region to go along with state funds to get at the major bottlenecks at the Rose Garden, Highway 217 and on I-205 including the Abernathy Bridge expansion.

The proposal suggests continuing the Joint Committee with oversight of ODOT’s budget

and policy and to expand the Oregon Transportation Commission to include a more diverse geographic representation.

The Joint Committee will meet again tonight with legislators serving on the Joint Committee asked to be prepared to comment on the proposal and to identify areas of concern. Some legislators questioned this quick turnaround from the Monday hearing to fully comprehend what is actually in the package and to comment with full confidence. Timing moving forward is limited as they hope to vote on the House floor in early June and pass it to the Senate for a vote in late June. The proposal will be in one large bill, possibly more than 100 pages, and that is to deter the referral of certain segments of the package by interest groups who may find fault with that one certain provision.

The Powerpoint presentation is here:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Committees/JTPM/2017-05-08-17-30/MeetingMaterials> (Proposal for 2017 Tran. Pack. Sen. Beyer & Sen. Boquist presentation) (Overview of work group)

**THURS
May 25**

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SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M. – Social

6:00 P.M. – Dinner

6:30 P.M. – Taking care of business

WHERE

Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97205

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- June 7 – [The Internet Age of Criminals](#)

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- May 17 – [Changing Expectations in the Workplace](#), presented by SMPS
- May 18 – [Meet the Affordable Housing Developers](#), presented by Portland Housing Bureau

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