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Legislative Update – Coba's Capitol Comments

The third and possibly final night for the Joint Transportation Committee on Preservation and Modernization to discuss the concepts that may end up in the final bill is tonight at 5:30 P.M. at the Capitol. You can watch the discussion here by clicking on the camera icon on the right side of the page under "meetings" at 5:30 P.M.:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Committees/JTPM/2017-05-17-17-30/Agenda>

Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, has been a very impressive in leading the discussion and his depth of understanding of all the proposals as well as how they interact with each other in the package. He has stated several times that his newness to the issue has allowed him to look at it with a new vision and not to be encumbered with old and limiting thoughts on implementation. So far he's pushed the boundaries on the who, what, how and how much compared to previous packages. His preparation and commitment to getting to YES has been noticed and appreciated by all parties genuinely interested in a bold transportation package.

The Joint Committee may be holding a public hearing on May 31 but they need a bill draft in order to hold a quality hearing. This date may move into the next week but the staff of bill drafters in legislative counsel are working overtime to get the policies written into legal language.

Project delivery is a key question/concern for ACEC members and it has been touched on some in the committee but more specifically in meetings with ODOT and others. Key considerations will include ODOT staffing levels depending upon the package size and percentage of outsourced design work. No decisions have been made but we are involved in the discussions and will stay engaged through the final deliberations.

The Joint Transportation Committee was dealt a jolt when Co-Chair **Rep. Caddie McKeown**, D-Coos Bay announced she was taking leave to deal with an early diagnosis of breast cancer. Rep. McKeown is also a strong advocate for a major package and has been a great supporter of all things ACEC. We wish her well in her treatment and a return to the Capitol when it is appropriate.

The newly formed Joint Tax Reform Committee is digging deep into a gross receipts tax concept to help close the \$1.4 billion deficit for state government to remain at current service levels. This work was helped by the \$200 million in additional funds expected from yesterday's revenue forecast for the 2017-19 biennium.

**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

Surfin' Safari & All Committee Dinner



COME SUPPORT YOUR COMMITTEE!

Join us for fun, food & festivities!

Catch up on ACEC Oregon news, hear brief committee reports and vote on the 2017-18 budget.

The newly elected board of directors also will be inducted.

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June 21 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms



UPCOMING

- Sept 14-16 – [ACEC OR + WA Fall Conference, Sunriver Resort, Central Oregon](#) – Reserve your room today!

ACEC Washington Upcoming Events – ACEC Oregon members receive the member rate!

- June 7 – [The Internet Age of Criminals](#) – ACEC WA Business Practice Breakfast
- June 13 – [ACEC WA & WSDOT Annual Joint Meeting](#)

- June 20 – [ACEC & SAME “Meet the Chiefs”](#)
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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 18 – [Meet the Affordable Housing Developers](#), presented by Portland Housing Bureau
 - June 7 – **SAME “Meet the Chiefs”** - RSVP to same.pdx.rsvp@gmail.com or call (503) 643-8710.
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