### BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN	)	RESOLUTION NO. 05-3544
UPDATED 2005 REGIONAL POSITION ON	)	
REAUTHORIZATION OF THE	)	Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder
TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE	ĺ	•
21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)		

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was adopted by Congress in 1998; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 expired at the end of federal Fiscal Year 2003 (September 30, 2003) and an extension will expire before May 2005; and

WHEREAS, Congress will be considering reauthorization of TEA-21 during 2005; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 has a significant policy effect on transportation planning and decision-making and funding in the Portland region; and

WHEREAS, reauthorization results in the "earmarking" or identification of specific projects and establishes the amount of federal funding eligible to be appropriated to those projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 03-3271 was adopted in January 2003 providing an analysis of possible legislative issues and options and an initial regional position on these issues; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 04-3409A was adopted in February 2004, providing an analysis of specific bills under consideration by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, further review of proposed legislation will lead to possible amendment and refinement to this policy postion; now therefore

### BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

- 1. Endorses the summary of regional priority policy issues on reauthorization of TEA-21 as reflected in Exhibit A.
- 2. Endorses the projects identified in Exhibit B as the region's priority projects for TEA-21 reauthorization earmarking.
- 3. Endorses the regional analysis of issues reflected in legislation under consideration in Exhibit C.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this	day of February 2005
Approved as to Form: Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney	David Bragdon, Council President

# Portland Regional Position On the Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21)

### **Priority Policy Issues**

The 109<sup>th</sup> Congress has the opportunity to take a fresh look at the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (TEA-21). At this time, it is unclear whether the work performed by the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress will be the "jumping off point" for these discussions.

Since January 2003, the Metro region, through JPACT and the Metro Council, adopted policy statements establishing priorities for the reauthorization of TEA-21 (Resolutions No. 03-3271 and 04-3409A). The region provided a detailed analysis of issues of concern to the region as well as identified the highest priorities for policy and project funding.

The Metro region then analyzed the three bills introduced in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress and provided our Congressional delegation with a specific analysis of all three. These were:

- Senate Bill 1072 the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003" (SAFETEA);
- House Bill 3550 The "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (TEA-LU); and
- Senate Bill 3011 The "Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004".

Should the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress pursue the basic outline provided in these bills, we have included as Exhibit "B" our detailed analysis of these bills with specific recommendations for support, opposition or amendment as a reference. However, the situation will change and there will be a need to evaluate new proposals. It is our intent to react quickly and provide our analysis to the delegation. In the meantime, this policy position is intended to establish a short list of the major concepts to support.

### **HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES:**

- 1. Increase Funding Levels
- 2. Retain the TEA-21 Program Structure
- 3. Support the Multi-State Corridor Program
- 4. Support Projects of National and Regional Significance
- 5. Retain and Improve the New Starts Program
- 6. Support the House version of the Small Starts Program
- 7. Support a Freight Program
- 8. Retain Trust Funds and General Funds In the Transit Program
- 9. Retain the CMAQ Apportionment
- 10. Ensure federal legislation does not limit the use of toll revenues
- 11. Support Planning Funds as provided for in the Senate Bill

### **HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES:**

- 1. Increase Funding Levels Both the House and Senate Bills proposed an increase in transportation funding. It is essential that the reauthorization be finalized with these increases. There is enormous demand for highway and transit investment to maintain and expand our transportation systems. Falling behind will cost our region more in the future. If the funding levels do not reach the \$299 billion mark, the Congress must consider a concomitant shortening of the lifespan of the reauthorization act. There are few infrastructure investments as important to our nation's economy and quality of life as transportation.
- 2. Retain the TEA-21 Program Structure In general, the Portland region supported SAFETEA and TEA-LU because the basic program structure of TEA-21 was retained. Also, in general, it is preferred by the Portland region that new discretionary programs not be created. Historically the state has faired better through formula programs than through discretionary programs (there are several very important exceptions noted below). The principal program categories in the Highway Title of Interstate Maintenance (IM), National Highway System (NHS), Highway Bridge Program (HBR), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ and in the Transit Title of Urban Formula Grants, New Starts and the newly created Small Starts are the most important to the region and the most critical to provide at an increased funding level.
- 3. Support the Multi-State Corridor Program Both House and Senate bills from the last Congress provided for an expanded Corridor Program, separated from the Border Program. However, the Portland region supported both the funding level in the House Bill (@ \$5 Billion) and the 70/30 division between Corridors and Borders. This would make this a viable funding source to continue to pursue discretionary grants for the I-5 Trade and Transportation Improvement.
- **4. Support Projects of National and Regional Significance** The Portland region supports the discretionary funding category for Projects of National and Regional Significance that was proposed in the earlier TEA-LU as long as revenue increases can accommodate the program without a negative impact on the formula programs. It is essential that the program be implemented through a rigorous evaluation process similar to the transit New Starts Program.
  - The region supports the efforts of **Congressman Peter DeFazio** to seek an earmark for the state's cracked bridge program under this new category. If the program is created, there are two prospects for this program as part of the next authorization: the I-5 Trade Corridor/Columbia River Crossing, which could be incorporated into the I-5 "cracked bridge" program and the Sunrise Corridor.
- **5. Retain and Improve the New Starts Program** The New Starts Program is among the most important for the Portland region, allowing us to continue to make progress on implementing an effective regional light rail system. It is important to retain the rigorous integrity under which these funds are awarded while increasing the funds in recognition

of increased national demand. Of particular concern is that the rating process for candidate New Start projects should be transparent, should take into consideration multiple measures of effectiveness rather than a single cost-benefit type rating and should retain the evaluation factor relating to the importance of the land use affects of the project. At a minimum, the current C-E evaluation measuring should be revised to reflect the inflation that has occurred since the number was established.

- 6. Support the House Version of the Small Starts Program (with adjustments) The region supports the creation of a "Small Starts" category intended to provide a streamlined program for new rail and fixed-guideway transit projects under \$75 million, such as Commuter Rail and Street Car. However, it is difficult to appreciate the impact of establishing a new program on existing Section 5309 programs. If the funding levels approach those included in the earlier Senate bill, then establishing a new program will enable funding for a broader range of projects, including Small Starts. The region prefers the House version because it specifies evaluation factors appropriate to Small Starts while the Senate version is silent on these factors and delegates rulemaking to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). We would urge the Congress to direct FTA through report language to develop a simplified project rating and review process that is commensurate with the size and nature of these projects. The region also believes that Small Start investments should include a "fixed-guideway" component to ensure the permanence of the federal investment while shaping land use and economic development in a project corridor.
- 7. Support a Freight Program It is vital to Oregon's economic future to retain our strength as a distribution point within the global trade network. Both the earlier House and Senate Bills recognized the importance of federal programs to enhance the nation's infrastructure for freight movement. The Portland region supports funding for intermodal connectors and multi-state corridors. In addition, the region urges approval of provisions that would make publicly owned intermodal freight transportation projects eligible for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and TIFIA assistance.
- 8. Retain Trust Funds and General Funds in the Transit Program Historically, the Transit program has been funded through both Trust Funds dollars and General Fund dollars, spread across the entire program. The House Bill (TEA-LU) proposed to shift the General Fund dollars to the New Starts category and the Trust Fund dollars to the balance of the transit program. This would place New Start dollars at considerable risk and the region supports use of Trust Fund dollars. Similarly, the Senate Bill put transit funding at a significant risk due to the lack of the same "firewall" guarantees as highway funding.
- 9. Retain the CMAQ apportionment Of critical importance to the Portland region is to maintain apportionment of CMAQ funds to the region with the change in the standard for ozone from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard (a detailed amendment is included as Attachment 1 to Exhibit "A"). Under current provisions, the Portland region would be penalized by attaining federal Clean Air standards for ozone even though CMAQ funds are needed to continue to maintain these standards.

- **10.** Ensure federal legislation does not limit the use of toll revenue Current legislation provides for tolling under certain circumstances of existing and proposed highways. These could take the form of new tolls to rehabilitate existing facilities or build new facilities. It could also take the form of peak period pricing to enable facilities to be better managed for their optimum use. Tolling provisions that maintain or increase flexibility are good. Any attempts to repeal existing tolling authority should be opposed.
- 11. Support Planning Funds as provided for in the Senate Bill The Senate Bill provided for a funding level for planning commensurate with the mandates that are placed upon metropolitan planning organizations and in recognition of the increased number of metropolitan planning organizations that have been formed as a result of the 2000 Census.
- **12. Support Adequate Funding for AMTRAK -** Funding levels for AMTRAK are proposed to be cut, potentially threatening continued West Coast service. In the past several years, the states of Washington and Oregon have contributed funds to increase AMTRAK service between Eugene and Vancouver, BC, resulting in dramatic increases in ridership. As we approach the 2006 Winter Olympics in British Columbia, it is important to retain and expand West Coast AMTRAK service, not cut back.

In addition to High Priority Projects, the reauthorization of TEA-21 will include earmarking for specific transportation projects. The region hereby provides the Congressional delegation with candidate projects to select from in certain discretionary funding categories. Certainly, a very high priority for the Portland region is to authorize projects for funding through the New Starts and Small Starts Program. Whether other discretionary categories are created that could be earmarked remains to be seen, but some of these categories could be used for earmarking some of the Portland area projects. The project list reflects possible categories to be considered for earmarking, depending on the outcome of their status in the Bill. See Exhibit B for the project priorities.

# Proposed CMAQ apportionment formula amendment to correct the unintended consequence of the change in the 1-hour to an 8-hour standard for ozone.

The current CMAQ apportionment formula (the excerpt below is the section of Title 23 dealing with CMAQ apportionment) provides for the distribution of CMAQ funds to states based upon the population of the areas designated as "non-attainment" and "maintenance" with a factor weighted for the severity of the pollution in the area [subsections (i) through (vii) are the weighting factors]. The Portland region historically was in "non-attainment" of the 1-hour standard for ozone and in 1996 was redesignated as a "maintenance" area. Maintenance areas have met the ozone standard and have an approved 10-year plan to continue to maintain the standard. In 2003, EPA changed the ozone standard from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard. Under the new 8-hour standard, the Portland area is redesignated to "attainment" status, making the area no longer eligible for distribution of CMAQ funds on the basis of ozone.

### **Current CMAQ authorization:**

"Title 23 – Highways; Chapter 1 – Federal Aid Highways; Subchapter 1 – General Provisions; Section 104 Apportionment; Subsection (2) Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program.--

- (A) In general.--For the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program, in the ratio that--
  - (i) the total of all weighted nonattainment and maintenance area populations in each State; bears to
  - (ii) the total of all weighted nonattainment and maintenance area populations in all States.
- (B) Calculation of weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population.--Subject to subparagraph (C), for the purpose of subparagraph (A), the weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population shall be calculated by multiplying the population of each area in a State that was a nonattainment area or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide by a factor of--
  - (i) 0.8 if--
    - (I) at the time of the apportionment, the area is a maintenance area; or
    - (II) at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a submarginal ozone nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et eq.);
  - (ii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a marginal ozone nonattainment area under subpart 2 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7511 et seq.);
  - (iii) 1.1 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a moderate ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;
  - (iv) 1.2 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;
  - (v) 1.3 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a severe ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

- (vi) 1.4 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as an extreme ozone nonattainment area under such subpart; or
- (vii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone, but is classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide.
- (C) Additional adjustment for carbon monoxide areas.--
  - (i) Carbon monoxide nonattainment areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.
  - (ii) Carbon monoxide maintenance areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was at one time also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide but has been redesignated as a maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.1.
- (D) Minimum apportionment.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, each State shall receive a minimum of 1/2 of 1 percent of the funds apportioned under this paragraph.
- (E) Determinations of population.--In determining population figures for the purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall use the latest available annual estimates prepared by the Secretary of Commerce.

### **Proposed CMAQ amendment:**

In paragraph (1) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by changing the weighting factor for "maintenance" areas from 0.8 to 1.0 thereby having the affect of removing the disincentive of a 20% funding reduction for areas that have cleaned up their air and met federal ozone standards. This is a significant improvement and should be supported.

In paragraph (2) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by adding two more subsections [(viii) and (ix)] with weighting factors to apportion funds to areas previously <u>not</u> designated under the old 1-hour ozone standard but now designated under the new 8-hour ozone standard and to apportion funds to areas with violations to the particulate standard. **Inserted** into subparagraph (2) below is a new section (x) proposed for inclusion by the Portland region to recognize areas like the Portland region that were previously designated under the 1-hour standard.

SAFETEA: SEC. 1611. ADDITION OF PARTICULATE MATTER AREAS TO CMAQ. Section 104(b)(2) of title 23, United States Code, is amended--

- (1) in subparagraph B--
- (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking `ozone or carbon monoxide' and inserting `ozone, carbon monoxide, or fine particulate matter (PM2.5)';
- (B) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:
- `(i) 1.0, if at the time of apportionment, the area is a maintenance area;';
- (C) in clause (vi), by striking `or' after the semicolon; and
- (D) in clause (vii), by striking `area as described in section 149(b) for ozone,' and inserting `area for ozone (as described in section 149(b)) or for PM-2.5';
- (2) by adding at the end the following:
- '(viii) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, any county that is not designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard is designated as nonattainment under the 8-hour ozone standard;
- `(ix) 1.2 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide, but is an area designated nonattainment under the PM-2.5 standard.'
- "(x) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 8-hour ozone standard but was designated as a nonattainment area or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard."
- (3) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:
- '(C) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR CARBON MONOXIDE AREAS- If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment or maintenance area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the county, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) or clause (viii) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.';
- (4) by redesignating subparagraph (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F) respectively; and (5) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:
- '(D) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR PM 2.5 AREAS- If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone or carbon monoxide, or both as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also designated under the PM-2.5 standard as a nonattainment or maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of those counties shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.'.

### Metro Area Reauthorization Request List (\$million)

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Project Type/ Name	A	uthorization Request	Source	Purpose		House &I Mark	Page		
Regional Highway Projects									
I-5 Trade Corridor (ODOT Share)									
* I-5: Delta Park to Lombard Widening	\$	32.800	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	10.000			
* Highway/Transit Columbia Crossing	\$	15.000	Hwy Demo	PE/EIS	\$	6.000			
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* Highway/Transit Columbia Crossing	\$	35.000	Significance <sup>1</sup>	PE/EIS/Final Design					
I-5/99W Connector	\$	15.000	Hwy Demo	PE/ROW					
Hwy 217:Tualatin Valley Highway to US 26	\$	26.900	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	6.250			
Sunrise Project 1-205 to Rock Creek	\$	32.000	Hwy Demo	PE/ROW	\$	3.000			
Columbia Intermodal Corridor									
* Ramsey Railroad Yard	\$	11.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	12.000			
* Air Cargo Access Road	\$	9.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	Ψ	12.000			
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SUB-TOTAL	\$	176.700			\$	37.250			
Regional Transit Priorities	This	assumes that rail p	projects will not be dollar earm	arked					
South/North LRT Project Segments		thorization							
Interstate MAX	11000	Reauthorize	5309 New Starts	Construction	\$	23.293			
South Corridor/I-205		Reauthorize	5309 New Starts	Construction	-	uthorized			
Milwaukie Light Rail		Reauthorize	5309 New Starts	PE	A	u			
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North: Expo to Clark County		Reauthorize	5309 New Starts		<u> </u>	dia di			
Wilsonville-Beaverton Commuter Rail Proj.		Reauthorize	5309 New Starts	Construction	Αι	uthorized	<b></b>		
TriMet Bus and Bus Related	\$	41.000	5309 Bus	Buses					
SMART Bus - Wilsonville	\$	1.900	5309 Bus	Buses/Bus Facility	\$	0.800			
Portland Streetcar					Αι	uthorized	l		
Segment 1: to Lloyd District		Authorize	Small Starts	Construction					
Segment 2: To Central Eastside District		Authorize	Small Starts	Construction					
Segment 3:To South Waterfront		Authorize	Small Starts	Construction					
Segment 4:To Lake Oswego		Authorize	Small Starts	Construction					
SUB-TOTAL	\$	42.900			\$	24.093			
Local Project Priorities									
Wilsonville: Boeckman Road -Urban Village	\$	3.000	Hwy Demo	Constuction	\$	3.000			
Wilsonville: Barber Street Urban Village									
Connection	\$	3.700	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	1.000			
Milwaukie: Lake Road	\$	6.000	TCSP/Safe Routes to Schools	Construction	\$	3.000	1		
Gresham: Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station	\$	2.700	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	1.500	l		
Gresham: Rockwood Town Center	\$	2.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	2.000			
Oregon City: I-205/Hwy 213 Interchange	\$	5.600	Hwy Demo	PE/EIS					
Portland: I-5/North Macadam Access	\$	15.000	Hwy Demo	Construction					
Portland: North Macadam Access	\$	9.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	9.000			
Portland: Gateway 102nd	\$	4.800	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	7.800			
Portland: East Burnside/Corridor Street Improvements	\$	5.000	Hwy Demo	PE	-	,.000			
	\$		-		-				
Multnomah Co.: Sellwood Bridge		25.000	Bridge/Hwy Demo	Construction					
Washington Co.: Beaverton Hillsdale/Scholls	\$	25.000	Hwy Demo	PE/ROW	<u> </u>				
Metro TOD Revolving Fund	\$	10.000	TCSP	Construction		,			
Metro Regional Trail Program – Next Phase	\$	5.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	\$	4.500	ļ		
Metro Regional Culvert Retrofit – Phase 1	\$	5.000	Hwy Demo	Construction	<u> </u>				
SUB-TOTAL	\$	126.800			\$	31.800			
Research									
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Designated Portland State University			University Transportation	University Research			I		
as Federal University Transportation Research Center	\$	2.500	Centers Program	Ctr.	L	anguage	l		
SUB-TOTAL	\$	2.500							
Support for Other Priorities					-				
I-5 Trade Corridor <sup>2</sup> (WSDOT Share)	\$	50.000	Hwy Demo	PE/EIS/Final Design		10.000	<b></b>		
Civ. CO. L.T		± = =	5200 B	Veh. Maintenance &					
City of Sandy Transit	\$	1.200	5309 Bus	Storage Facility		40	<del></del>		
SUB-TOTAL	\$	51.200			\$	10.000			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Subject to creation of this category of funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Request to Washington Congressional Delegation.

### TEA-LU (HR 3550) HIGHWAY TITLE ONLY

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee.. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only TEA-LU. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating								
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS									
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae  (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)									
$\searrow$		If revenue is enhanced, TE 16% less IM funding than			6% high	ner Inter	state Ma	intenan	ce funding tha	n TEA 21;
	Interestate Maintenance	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL	
	Interstate Maintenance Program	TEA-21	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81	
	SAFTEA §1101(a)(1)	EPW Bill	\$5.50	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$38.00	
	Amends 23 USC 119	House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50	
		In FY2003, Oregon rece Maintenance funds; the hi Priority Projects.								

National Highway System	If revenue is enhanced, TEA-LU provides 36% higher National Highway System funding than TEA 21; 15% less NHS funding than SAFETEA.										
	Rill	Vear 1	Vear 2	Vear 3	Vear 4	Vear 5	Vear 6	TOTAL			
Amends 23 USC 103								\$28.571			
								\$46.100			
								\$38.998			
	House Bill	ψ3. <del>1</del> 01	\$5.760	Ф0. <b>¬</b> Э1	Ψ0.054	\$1.037	Ψ1.201	ψ36.776			
		In FY2003, Oregon received 1.24% (\$68M) of the nationwide apportionment of NHS funds.									
	If revenue is enhanced, TEA-LU provides 37% higher Highway Bridge funding than TEA 21, and										
	Bill:			Year 3	Year 4			TOTAL			
	TEA-21			\$3.427	\$3.495			\$20.429			
								\$32.500			
TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144	House Bill	\$3.862	\$4.280	\$4.599	\$4.901	\$5.033	\$5.211	\$27.886			
	In FY2003, Oregon	received	1.22% (\$4	16M) of	the nation	nwide ap	portionm	ent of Bridge funds.			
	are eased. Bridge Di	scretionar	y Program	levels re	emains at	\$100M p	per year,	as in TEA-21. From			
						ects by 5	51%, <u>if re</u>	venue is enhanced; a			
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Amends 23 USC 133											
	House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147	\$8.440	5 \$45.236			
	TEA-LU adds to the list of STP-eligible projects incident response, technology deployment,										
	emergency response, traveler information, etc. activities. The STP program is Oregon's largest										
	Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(2) Amends 23 USC 103  Highway Bridge Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112	Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(2) Amends 23 USC 103  Bill: TEA-21 EPW Bill House Bill  In FY2003, Oregon re 14% less Highway Br Bill: TEA-21 Senate Bill House Bill  In FY2003, Oregon re 14% less Highway Br Bill: TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144  In FY2003, Oregon TEA-LU makes few are eased. Bridge Di 1998-2002 Oregon re TEA-LU removes fro a separate, highly-fur account, TEA-LU inc notably greater increa  Surface Transport. Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(5); §1202(c) Amends 23 USC 133  Bill: TEA-LU adds to the emergency response, federal road program.	Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(2) Amends 23 USC 103  Bill: Year 1 TEA-21 \$4.112 EPW Bill \$6.650 House Bill \$5.401  In FY2003, Oregon received 1.2  If revenue is enhanced, TEA-L1 14% less Highway Bridge funding Bill: Year 1 TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144  Highway Bridge Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144  In FY2003, Oregon received TEA-LU makes few changes to are eased. Bridge Discretionary 1998-2002 Oregon received no TEA-LU removes from the STF a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF a separate highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU increases fur notably greater increase than for STF as a separate, highly-funded safet account, TEA-LU adds to the list of emergency response, traveler in federal road program. FY2003,	21; 15% less NHS funding than SAFETE.	21; 15% less NHS funding than SAFETEA.						

		Consistent with other excompared to TEA-21.	xisting fun	ding sour	ces, TEA	-LU prop	oses to in	crease CM	MAQ funding by 59%
		1	<b>3</b> 7 4	¥7. A	<b>V</b> . 2	<b>3</b> 7 4	<b>3</b> 7 =	<b>T</b> 7	TOTAL
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
		TEA-21	\$1.193	\$1.345	\$1.358	\$1.385	\$1.407	\$1.434	\$ 8.122
$\leq \chi$		Senate Bill	\$1.900	\$2.150	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$12.950
37		House Bill	\$1.530	\$1.696	\$1.822	\$1.942	\$1.994	\$2.065	\$11.049
	CMAQ Program	CMAQ is the lowest of t							
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(6);	share of the nationwide							
	Amends 23 USC	Council. In FY2003, Or							
	104(b)(2); 149	is also the most restrictive							
		Portland an "attainment a			maintenar	ice area."	As a resu	lt, <u>Portland</u>	will get a lower share
		of CMAQ funds in the fu	ture. Acco	ordingly:					
									ending TEA-LU to add
		23 USC 104(b)(2	2)(B)(viii)	as follows	s: <u>"(viii)</u>	1.0 if, at t	<u>he time o</u>	f apportion	nment, the area is not
		<u>designated as a</u>	nonattain	ment or n	<u>naintenar</u>	nce area i	inder the	8-hour oz	one standard but was
		<u>designated as a r</u>	ionattainn	ient area (	or mainte	nance are	a under tl	he 1-hour d	ozone standard."
		(b) Support the char	ge of the	apportion	ment facto	or from .8	to 1.0 for	areas ach	ieving a "Maintenance
		status.							
		The total TCSP authoriza	tion under	TEA-LU	is roughly	y double T	EA-21. N	o other cha	nges are proposed.
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	ear3 Year4	4 Year5 Y	ear6 TOTA	L	
		TEA	1	\$0.020 \$0	0.025 \$0.025	5 \$0.025 \$	0.025 \$0.120		
		Senate	<b>Bil</b> \$0.050	\$0.050 \$0	0.050 \$0.050	\$0.050 \$	0.050 \$0.300		
$\langle - \rangle$		House	<b>Bill</b> \$0.030	\$0.035 \$0	0.040 \$0.045	5 \$0.050 \$	0.050 \$0.250		
	Transportation &								
	Community & System	However, the authorization	on levels a	nd selectio	on criteria	under TE	A-21 had l	little to do	with actual grants.
	Preservation Program	TEA-21 A		998 1999	2000	2001 200		TOTAL	William Branco.
	TEA-LU §1113		ary Grant	\$0.013	\$0.009	2001 200		\$0.022	
	Amends 23USC101 note	Cong Ea	•	φο.015		\$0.047 \$0.2	73 \$0.089	\$0.431	
	112 Stat 223	Total	ПИК	\$0.013	\$0.022	\$0.047 \$0.2 \$0.047 \$0.2		\$0.453	
		Oregon C	irante	\$0.013	\$0.001	\$0.007 \$0.2		\$0.003	
		Oregon F		8.46%	1.81%	0.80% 0.00		0.73%	
		<u> Gregoria</u>	acci	0.40/0	1.01/0	0.00/0 0.00	/0 1.45/0	0.75/0	
		Overall, Oregon/Portland	has not do	me ac wal	1 with TC	SP as othe	r nrogram	c	
		overan, oregon/rortiane	1105 1101 UC	nic as wel	ı wıuı IC	or as onle	i program	ა.	

		TEA-21, "Border" and "Callocated to "Corridor" prand increases funding by with past practice. A secticlear how the funds will be	"Corridor" funds are available to the I-5 Trade Corridor. Oregon is not eligible for "Border" funds. TEA-21, "Border" and "Corridor" funds were authorized as one program. About 80% of these funds allocated to "Corridor" projects. TEA-LU establishes independent funding authorizations for both program increases funding by about eight-fold. TEA-LU's split between Border and Corridor funds is conswith past practice. A section has been reserved in TEA-LU for the operations of the program; so it is y clear how the funds will be allocated.  Borders and Corridors Programs  In TEA-21 Programs Combined, in SAFETEA/TEA-LU Separate Programs											
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL					
		TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840					
	Multi-State Corridor	Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011					
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(10); §1301	Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011					
	Border Planning,	Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022					
	Operations, Tech.	House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000					
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(11);	House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975					
	§1302	House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975					
		Corridor funds were inte TEA-21 had little to do vibeen about the same as for Hill:  B&CFund Amount to Percent to Unlike other targeted prograbout 80% of total, because	with the a r NHS fun s Allocated Oregon Oregon grams, thi	uthorized nds, but mo 1998 199 \$123 \$20 1.62 s program	funding leader erratic (29) 2000 (360 \$121.80 (20) \$0.00 (2%) (300%)	2001 \$123.08 \$ \$0.88 \$ 0.71% 1	<b>2002 2003</b> 479.98 \$255.0 \$4.86 \$6.50 1.01% 2.55% d by JPAC	TOTAL  0 \$1,103.46 \$14.23 5 1.29%  CT, so long	21, Oregon's share 1					
$\searrow$	Interstate Discretionary Projects TEA-LU §1111 Amends 23USC118(c)	In TEA-LU, the \$100M p from the Interstate Discr \$1.765M, or 0.3%. Elin Oregon.	er year In	nterstate D Program.	iscretional Of the	ry Prograr \$560M al	n is elimin located du	nated. Ore	egon has received li \(\delta\)-21, Oregon received					

<u>NEW</u> FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)										
	TEA-LU repeals the 10% (\$649M in FY03) safety set-aside in the STP program and replaces it with a new, formula program with a 90% federal share.									
	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	TEA-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900		
	House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500		
Highway Safety Improvement Prog. TEA-LU §1101(6); §1401; Amends 23USC130; 23USC152	of these funds are a railroad crossings. T 23USC152 based on Project requirements priorities. This new (HSTSA) and Motor Generally, JPACT strestrictive programs Safety Program becauset-aside for safety p	pportioned wo-thirds the STP for s do not a program Carrier Sa hould supply with new muse it mal rojects.	d to states of these a cormula.  appear on is in additured to the cort increase administrates more to the cort increase administrates more to the cort increase administrates administra	erous, but ion to constance Prograses in flexible ST	do not k tinuing the gram (MC) kible programirements. TP dollars	formula a to states now how e Nat'l Hi SAP). rams, such However available	they comghway Trans STP, as sthis is me with the electric street of the	m in 23USC130. One-half if based on the number of ard elimination program in apply with Oregon/Portland affic Safety Administration and be wary of targeted or nitigated somewhat in the limination of the 10% STP		
Safe Routes to Schools TEA-LU §1101(a)(23) §1118(b)	the vicinity of prima per year minimum a activities to encou	ry and mid pportionm rage wall and enfor	ddle schoo ent (proba king and	ols. Apport ably would bicycling	ionment to l be Orego to school	states ba on's share ol, includ	sed on sch ). 10%-30 ing publi	ag, bicycle facilities, etc. in ool enrollment with a \$2M 0% of funds to be used for c awareness campaigns, sessions on bicycle and		

		Creates a "New Starts-like" dis of \$500M or 75% of the sponso							
		Bill: TEA-21 Senate Bill House Bill Criteria for competitive grant	Year 1 NA NA \$2.900	Year 2 NA NA \$2,900 le: gene	Year 3 NA NA \$2,900 erate nat	Year 4 NA NA \$2,900 ional ber	Year 5 NA NA \$3.000	Year 6 NA NA \$3.000	TOTAL \$ - \$ - \$17.600  congestion, improve safety,
?	Projects of National and Regional Significance TEA-LU §1101(a)(12); §1304	Criteria for competitive grants include: generate national benefits, reduce congestion, improve s leverage non-federal investment, etc. Projects would be evaluated and rated in manner similar to New program. Projects funded through a Full Funding Grant Agreement. One can anticipate that this pro will operate similarly as the New Starts program; highly competitive, congressionally earmarked, etc.  On its merits, the I-5 Project would be eligible and competitive for "mega" project funds. Perhaps Starts competitive in a national process. Oregon has done well with New Starts funds, but no other discreti program. Without members that are Committee Chairs, in leadership positions or on Appropriations, is be unrealistic to count on concurrently securing FFGAs and appropriations for a New Starts project Mega project.  If the amount of funds authorized for mega projects were made available through a formula program we apportionment similar to NHS, Oregon would be allocated about \$220M over six years. A "bird in," We should determine whether Oregon would be better served with funds in a formula program the this mega project program. The exception may be I-5, where with help from State of Washington, the project program could be beneficial.							n anticipate that this program ionally earmarked, etc.  roject funds. Perhaps Sunrise on depends on our ability to be ads, but no other discretionary is or on Appropriations, it may for a New Starts project and a legh a formula program with an er six years. A "bird in hand is in a formula program than in
$\longrightarrow$	High Priority Projects TEA-LU §1101(a)(17) Amends23 USC 117	This program is a placeholder foregon has done well with dethat is about 50% higher than TEA-21 levels.  Bill: TEA-21 Senate Bill House Bill	mo proje	ects. Ui funds.	Year 3 S	<b>Year 4 Ye</b> <b>Year 5 Year 4 Ye</b>	egon reces to income ar 5 Year 778 \$1.7	eeived crease <b>r6 T</b> 778 \$	1.85% of such funds; a share demo funding by 60% above  OTAL 9.360

			of the natio	nal tota	al num	ber of	freight			ttes on basis of one third each of (i) onnectors, (ii) the state's percentage
\/			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL
			<b>TEA-21</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
	Freight Intermodal		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
	Connectors TEA-LU §1101(a)(18);		House Bill	\$0.300	\$0.400	\$0.500	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$3.000
	§1303	Funds must be use	d for cons	tructio	n of p	ublicly	owne	d inter	modal	connectors and related operational
										Funds can be used for other road
		projects if state c	ertifies the	ere are	no i	ntermo	dal co	nnecto	need	s. While program is a formula
										formula produces lower share than
										rograms, such as STP, and be wary
		of targeted or restric								
		TEA-LU includes a	uthorized fi	unding,	but do	es not	define 1	the prog	gram (s	ection reserved for this purpose).
$\langle \rangle$	<b>Dedicated Truck Lanes</b>		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
15	TEA-LU §1101(a)(22);		<b>TEA-21</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00
	§1305		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00
			House Bill	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$2.00
	Congestion Relief TEA-LU §1202	Requires that a portion of STP, NHS, CMAQ and Interstate Maintenance funds be dedicated for congestion relief activities. The portion to be dedicated is 10% of these funding categories times the percent of the state's population in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000. Each year 40% of the dedicated revenues must be allocated to congestion relief projects than can be implemented in one year, 35% to congestion relief projects that can be implemented in three years, and 25% to any congestion relief activity. This program is not a new funding source, but rather a limitation on flexibility and an additional administrative burden, and should be opposed.								
	OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES (Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)									
	TIFIA TEA-LU §1303 Amends 23 USC181-189	Threshold for eligible The maximum annu					// per y	ear for	six ye	ears authorized to support program.

	TSM TEA-LU §1202 Amends 23 USC 133, 23 USC 149	Expends list of eligible projects for STP and CMAQ funds to include transportation system management and operations activities.
	ITS TEA-LU §1205 Adds 23 USC 150	Requires States to obligate a portion of their annual NHS, Interstate Maintenance, STP and CMAQ funds on ITS projects. The portion of a state's federal funds that must be spend on ITS is \$500M times the percent of federal road funds that state receives compared to the national total. For Oregon, this means about \$6M per year. This program is not a new funding source, but rather a limitation on flexibility and an additional administrative burden, and should be opposed.
	Tolling	Nothing proposed.
?	Public Private Partnerships TEA-LU §1503	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.
?	<b>Design Build Contracts</b> TEA-LU §1501	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.

## TEA-LU (HR 3550) TRANSIT TITLE ONLY New Start and Small Start Programs Reviewed Separately

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only the transit elements of TEA-LU, except for the New Start and Small Start provisions that are reviewed separately. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 49USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating									
EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS											
Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)											
			TEA-LU provides an 87% increase in §5307 funds over TEA-21. Year 1 of TEA-LU only provides a 4% increase over Year 6 of TEA-21, but it includes a 13% per year increase each year thereafter.								
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	Urban Area Formula	TFA-21	\$2.30	\$2.55	\$2.78	\$3.00	\$3.23	\$3.45	\$17.31		
	Grants	Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	TEA-LU §3008	House Bill	\$3.60	\$4.31	\$4.87	\$5.48	\$6.06	\$6.72	\$1.03		
	Amends 49USC 5307	There are no other notable changes in the urban grant program. The Portland region receives about 0.8%-0.9% of the national appropriation of 5307 formula funds. Over its six years, the increased proposed by TEA-LU results in an additional \$120M for the Portland region compared to TEA-21.									

		TEA-LU increas	es JARC funds	s by 14	10% co	mpared	l to TE	A-21.			
			Bill:	•	Year 2	•			Year 6	TOTAL	
			TEA-21		\$0.05	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.50	
?	Jobs Access Reverse		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
•	Commute (JARC)		House Bill	\$0.175	\$0.185	\$0.195	\$0.205	\$0.215	\$0.225	\$1.200	
	TEA-LU §3017										
	Adds 49USC5316	-								-	became one of federal
	11445 19 65 65 510										would be apportioned to
											e of low-income persons
		and welfare recipients. 20% would be apportioned to states and 20% to urban areas with less than									
		200,000 population based on same factors. Not enough information to know impact on Oregon.  TEA-21 authorized specific amounts for Clean Fuels, but each year appropriators merged Clean Fuels									
								-			C
		authority into §5									Fuel Program by 140%.
					ear 2 Ye						
			TEA-21							125	
1 33						VA N 20.10 \$				1.00 1.60	
	Clean Fuels Formula		House Bill	\$0.10	20.10 2	80.10 \$	310 30	110 30	10 \$0	100	
	Grant Program	However TriMe	t would no lor	oger he	المنتمناه	la for f	ormula	annort	ionman	te unde	er the program. A recent
	TEA-LU §3009										her than a "maintenance
	Amends 49USC5308, 5338										for non-attainment. My
											TriMet's eligibility, add
		the following to		-	_						,,,
		•				ent, th	ie area	is no	t desig	nated	as a nonattainment or
											nonattainment area or
		maintenance are									
		TEA-LU increas	es E&D Formi	ula fun	ds by 9	90% co	mpared	to TE	<b>A-21</b> .		
			Bill:		Year 2	Year 3				TOTAL	ı
			TEA-21	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.46	
	Elderly and Disabled		Senate Bill	NA	M	NA	NA	NA	M	WA	
$  \prec >$	Formula Funds		House Bill	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.14	\$0.15	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.87	
	TEA-LU §3011										<b>=</b> 00/
	49USC5310, 5338										t a 50% match ratio. A
		requirement to certify coordination with non-profits is added. Also requires that projects be derived from a "locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan." The State of Oregon received on average 1.36% of E&D Formula funds from 1999-2003.									
		Oregon received	on average 1.3	36% of	E&D	Formu	a funds	strom	1999-20	JU3.	

		TFA-LU increases	New Start	funds	for "m:	aior" n	roiects	hv 87%	6 comps	ared to TEA-21, and that is on
		top of the "small st		Tulius .	101 1110	ajoi p	rojects	by orr	o compe	area to 12/1 21, and that is on
			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	New Start Funds		TEA-21	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1.214	
	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2,002	\$2.197	\$2.426	\$11.362
		Programmatic issues are discussed in a separate review.  TEA-LU increases Bus Discretionary funds by 87% compared to TEA-21. No other notable changes are								
		TEA-LU increases proposed.	Bus Discre	tionary	funds l	by 87%	6 comp	ared to	TEA-21	. No other notable changes are
۸ .			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Bus Discretionary Funds		<b>TEA-21</b>	\$0.400	\$0.451	\$0.490	\$0.529	\$0.568	\$0.607	\$3.045
	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	NA	M	NA	NA	NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$0.675	\$0.798	\$0.896	\$1.001	\$1.099	\$1.213	\$5.681
		percentage compar	red to other f	federal	transpo	ortation	n progra	ıms. Th	e Portla	grants from 1999-2003; a high and region received 0 4%.
		proposed proposed	s Rail Mod	Tunas	by 8/	/% CO1	mparea	to 1E	A-21. I	No other notable changes are
			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
			<b>TEA-21</b>	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1.214	\$6090
	Rail Modernization Funds		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	TEA-LU §3010		House Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2002	\$2.197	\$2.426	\$11.362
	49USC5309, 5338	Portland only receives about 0.37% of Rail Mod funds, although that percent will increase slightly as more rail lines reach Rail Mod eligibility. The way the apportionment formula works, Portland's share of this program will continue to be small. Because Rail Mod funding levels are directly tied to New Start funding levels, JPACT must be supportive (or not opposed to) these funding levels, even though the Portland share is low.								
NEW FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)										

		New formula pro	_											-
9			<b>BIII:</b>	Year1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL				
•	New Freedom Program		TEA-21	M	M	M	M	M	M	M				
	TEA-LU §3018		Serate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
	Creates 49USC5317		House Bill	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$0.82				
		60% of funds we on relative share less than 200,000	of disabled population	l perso n base	ons. 2 d on s	0% wo	ould be ectors.	appor Not er	tioned lough	to state data to l	es and know	20% to impact	o urban on Ore	areas with gon.
		New discretionar clear where project				idewa	y proje	cts bet	ween \$	\$25M-\$	75M i	in feder	al assis	tance. Not
			Bill:	Yea	r1 Y	/ear2	Year3	Year 4	Year 5	5 Year	·6 TO	<b>JIAL</b>		
-	Small Starts Funds		TEA-21	N	A	NA	NA	NA	NA	N <sup>4</sup>	<b>\</b> .	M		
$ \mathcal{M} $	TEA-LU §		Senate Bil		A	NA	NA	NA	NA			M		
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$0.	.15	\$0.18	\$0.21	\$0.24	\$0.2	7 \$0.3	0 \$	1.35		
		Small Starts pro New Starts funds		ersa.	Progr	amma	tic issu							not access
		_	rch not Ad			_								
?	Metropolitan/State Planning TEA-LU Title VI Amends 23USC134, 135 49USC5303-5305	Title reserved to planning for high								sions fo	or me	tropolit	tan and	statewide
?	Planning Programs TEA-LU §3005 49USC5303-5305		of planning	g fund	ls und	er 49U	JSC533	38(c) a	ıs 82.7	2% for	MPO			
?	Contract Requirements TEA-LU §3025 Amends 49USC5325	Changes rules of projects or important proposes that all Allows states with LU to be exempted.	Establishes split of planning funds under 49USC5338(c) as 82.72% for MPOs and 17.28% for States. State and MPOs devise formula for allocating MPO funds within the State.  Changes rules on competition. TEA-21 only required of non-competitive contract awards for capital projects or improvements that records be provided to DOT and Comptroller General. TEA-LU proposes that all procurements be done in "full and open competition, as determined by the Secretary."  Allows states with a formal state procedure for procuring A&E services that is in effect prior to TEA-LU to be exempt from TEA-LU requirements for A&E procurement. Allows design-build contracts. Changes some administrative requirements relating to indirect rates, establishes certain confidentialities.											

### TEA - LU New Start/Small Start Program Issues

This analysis examines Section 3010 (Capital Investment Grants) of HR 3550 (Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), which primarily amends Section 5309 of the Transit Act, Section 3037, which authorizes fixed guideway projects for Final Design and Construction, and Section 3034, which authorizes funding for such capital grants. The <u>changes</u> proposed to the provisions of TEA-21 in TEA-LU are described in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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	SECTION 3010 OF H.R. 3550									
Rating	Section: Issue	Summary of Issue/Rating								
	§5309(a)(1) General Authority	Loans of §5309 Funds no longer permitted, does not affect Portland region projects.								
	Major (>\$75M) Fixed Guideway Projects									
	§5309(c): Establish Category for Major Capital Investment Grants	\$75M threshold for full new starts evaluation process allows streetcar projects to proceed without onerous criteria.								
	Deleted from TEA-21: Exemption from New Starts Criteria for Entirely Flexible Funded Projects	TEA-21 exempts from the New Starts review "part of a project financed completely with amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account)." Thus, a MOS entirely funded with STP funds is exempt from New Starts criteria under TEA-21. Under TEA-LU such an MOS would be subject to New Starts review. This would affect a small streetcar project funded entirely with MTIP funds.								
	§5309(c)(2)(B): Justification Criteria for Major Projects	The factors considered in FTA's "comprehensive review" are expanded to include "transit supportive policies" and "existing land use." While "transit supportive policies" helps Portland region, "existing land use" helps mega-cities like NY, Chicago, etc. and hurts Portland. A preferable factor is "land use policies."								

'Small Starts' (<\$75M) Program									
$\searrow$	§5309(d)(1): \$75M "Small Starts" Threshold	Overall, the small starts program much more supportive of streetcar projects than the major fixed guideway program. But some specifics, discussed below, are troublesome.							
	§5309(d)(1): \$25M "Exempt" Threshold	TEA-LU does not proscribe any processes or criteria for "exempt projects" (i.e. <\$25M). Congress should set parameters for exempt projects rather than leave it entirely to FTA.							
	§5309(d)(2) and (3): Alternatives Analysis Required	§5309(d)(2) and (3) require that the evaluation of small starts be based on the results of Alternatives Analysis (AA). AA requires consideration of non-streetcar project alternatives, probably including a baseline alternative for cost effectiveness rating. Unless narrowed by statute, this will lead to considerable FTA involvement and interference. Thus, amend §5309(d)(2)(A) as follows "(A) based on the result of planning and alternatives analysis (as used in this subsection, alternatives analysis requires a comparison only to the no build alternative).							
$\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$	§5309(d)(4)(A) and (C): Project Justification Factors	While the justification of "major" projects must consider "operating efficiencies," "environmental benefits," "mobility" and "existing land use," these factors are not considered in evaluating small start projects. This helps because small starts would not be competitive with regard to these factors. Paragraph C establishes "positive effect on local economic development" as a key criterion. This helps Portland streetcar projects.							
	§5309(d)(4)(B): Cost Effectiveness	Grant approval requires consideration of "cost effectiveness at the time of the initiation of revenue service." FTA is provided 120 days after bill passage to develop regulations on how cost effectiveness (CE) will be evaluated. If history is an indication, FTA will propose a CE that compares the small start project with a baseline alternative. This begins to drag the "streamlined" small starts process into the same issues that delay "major" projects. Also, CE is evaluated when operations start, rather than the normal 20-year basis; making "cost per rider" and "cost per new rider" measures worse for small starts than for "major" projects. Bill should define parameters for CE calculation, rather than leaving to FTA discretion, as follows: "B. determine cost effectiveness based on the amount of development leveraged by the transit investment (compared to the no build alternative) at the time of the initiation of revenue service."							
?	§5309(d)(5): Local Financial Commitment	The bill excludes for "small starts" certain financial evaluation factors required of "major" projects, such as "the extent to which … local financial commitment exceeds the required non-Federal share …," and "local resources are available to operate the overall proposed public transportation system …without … a reduction in existing … services …" These are very helpful exclusions. However, their absence in the bill does not necessarily mean they will not be part of FTA's ratings Congress should clarify that rating factors required in the bill of "major" projects but not "small starts" establish legislative intent to exclude such factors for "small start" ratings.							

	\$5309(d)(7) and (8): Construction Grant Agreements \$309(d)(10): Eligible Projects in Small Starts Program	In lieu of Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGA), "small starts" receive Construction Grant Agreements (CGA). The content of a FFGA and CGA appear similar. But a FFGA requires 60-day congressional review, and a CGA does not. FTA requires 60% Final Design completion before starting FFGA negotiations, and up to 1 year to complete the FFGA approval process. To avoid this aberrant delay, add to the end of §5309(d)(8) "Construction Grant Agreements may be issued at the start of Final Design and cover the cost of Final Design and construction.  Small starts include "corridor-based public transportation bus capital projects if the majority of the project's corridor right of way is for exclusive use by public transportation all or part of the day." This limits small start program funding for BRT projects to only those with substantial bus-only lanes.								
	Other New Start Provisions in Sec. 3010 of H.R. 3550									
	§5309(e): Grandfather Provisions	Only projects with a FFGA or Letter of Intent (LOI) before enactment of the bill are exempt from the provisions for "major" projects and "small starts." This is a serious problem for Commuter Rail, which will not have a FFGA in time. Commuter Rail will be subject to the small start provisions and await enactment of "small start" rules before proceeding – undoubtedly a year delay. Also, Commuter Rail will be re-evaluated based on "small start" factors; reopening discussions with FTA on the merits of the project. A non-bill fix is to obtain a LOI for Commuter Rail prior to bill enactment (recall an LOI requires 2-month congressional review). Alternatively, amend provision as follows: "Subsections (c) and (d) do not apply to projects for which the Secretary has issued a letter of intent or entered into a full funding grant agreement before the date of enactment Subsection (d) does not apply to projects for which the Secretary has approved Final Design before the date of enactment [of the bill]"								
?	§5309(f)(4)(A): Limitations on Amounts that can be Obligated	Section is hard to decipher, but looks like the amount that can be contingently committed to projects is raised from 2-years worth of authorization under TEA-21 to 3-years under TEA-LU.								
	§5309(f)(5): Notification of Congress	Eliminates House and Senate Appropriations Committees from notice of intent to issue a FFGA. Doubt that this stops Istook-like problems.								
?	§5309(g)(2): Remainder of Net Project Cost	Do not know what this means.								
?	§5309(g)(3): FTA Not Authorized to Require Local Match in excess of 20 percent	Sounds good, but hard to reconcile with other provisions. §5309(c)(3)(D)(iv) states that the amount of overmatch shall be considered in evaluating local financing. §5309(c)(4) states that the degree of local financial commitment is a basis for determining the rating of a project. §5309(g)(3) may mean that FTA cannot <u>automatically</u> rate projects Not Recommended because they have only 20% match, but can rate projects with >20% local match higher.								

	§5309(g)(4): Project Cost can Include Previously Purchased Vehicles	Permits the cost of a project to include vehicles purchased for the project before FTA approved the project. Requires that no federal funds were used to purchase such vehicles. May be way to get reimbursement for 10 "option" LRVs. Do not know what last sentence in provision means.
$\searrow$	§5309(m)(1): Small Start Funds Allocated "Off-the-Top" of Capital Funds	Funding for small start program is carved out of capital funding program before the 40-40-20 split to new starts, rail mod and bus capital. This mitigates the hit on New Starts. This will be further addressed below in explanation of Section 3034 of HR 3550.
$\sim$	§5309(m)(1)(B): Small Starts cannot access funds for "Major" New Starts	Provides that 40 percent of funds remaining after allocation to "small starts" are for "major new fixed guideway capital projects." §5309(c)(5) defines "major" as costing over \$75M. Thus, this category is not available for small starts; ensuring that "small starts" projects, such as FTA-favored BRT projects, cannot use-up funding for LRT projects.
	§5309(m)(4): New Start funds must be derived from General Fund	Puts full onus of General Fund appropriations on "major" fixed guideway projects. Rumor is that General Funds are guaranteed, but there is nothing apparent in bill that provides guarantee. Small starts do not appropriation risk because a specified amount of funds is annually allocated; and the full amount will come from Trust Fund if General Funds are not appropriated. Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related do not share in risk because they are funded with Trust Funds. Creates need for small constituency of congresspersons with LRT interests to secure large, annual general fund appropriations. Need to get New Starts on Trust Fund rather than General Fund, or, at least, spread General Fund risk to broader constituency. One option is to delete §5309(m)(4), which would cause appropriations risk to be spread among all capital investments (New Starts, small starts, Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related). A broader fix would be to change allocations in §5338 (see Section 3034 of HR 3550) to have General Fund applied to formula grants and allocate only Trust Funds to capital program.
		SECTION 3034 OF H.R. 3550
	§5338(b)(2)(C): Allocation to Small Starts is Only for Small Starts	States that "the Secretary shall make available for capital investment grants of less than \$75,000,000 under section 5309(d)." Ensures that "major" projects do not have access to small start funds.
		SECTION 3037 and 3038 of H.R. 3550
\[ \lambda_{\text{\tint{\text{\tint{\text{\tin}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{\tex	§5309(m)(I)(B): Portland Projects Not Yet Authorized for Final Design and Construction	Other than IMAX, Portland projects are not yet authorized in bill. Must get Commuter Rail and I-205 LRT authorized in this section for Final Design and Construction. Also, need Portland Streetcar, and I-5 LRT authorized; although they can, if necessary, at first be authorized for alternatives analysis and preliminary engineering and later for Final Design and construction. Also, should think about earmarking bus/bus-related projects in Section 3038 of HR 3550.

### SAFETEA (S. 1072) by EPW Committee As Amended November 9, 2003

The Senate's Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of three committees. The Finance Committee is responsible for raising revenues that support the transit and highway titles. The Banking Committee proposes the transit title, and the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee proposes the highway title. At this time, neither the Finance Committee nor the Banking Committee has produced a draft bill. Thus, this review of the EPW bill addresses only highway provisions. Only changes to TEA-21 are reviewed in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

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Rating	Program/Issue SAFTEA Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating										
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)											
$\searrow$		If revenue is enhanced, SA 21, and 17% higher IM fun				nigher In	nterstate	Mainter	nance funding than TEA			
	Interstate Maintenance Program	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL			
	SAFTEA §1101(1)	TEA-21	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81			
	Amends 23 USC 129	EPW Bill	\$5.50	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$38.00			
		House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50			

Λ		If revenue is enhance	d, SAFET	ΓEA prov	ides 61%	higher N	National I	Highway	System funding than
		TEA 21, and 18% high	TEA 21, and 18% higher NHS funding than TEA-LU.						
	National Highway System	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Program SAFETEA §1102(2)	TEA-21	\$4.112	\$4.749	\$4.793	\$4.888	\$4.968	\$5.061	\$28.571
	Amends 23 USC 103	EPW Bill	\$6.650	\$7.650	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$46.100
	Amends 23 USC 103	House Bill	\$5.401	\$5.986	\$6.431	\$6.854	\$7.039	\$7.287	\$38.998
		If revenue is enhance					National I	Highway	System funding than
		TEA 21, and 16% high	ner NHS f	funding tha	an TEA-I	.U.			
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Highway Bridge Program	TEA-21	\$2.941	\$3.395	\$3.427	\$3.495	\$3.552	\$3.619	\$20.429
	SAFETEA §1102(3); §1808	Senate Bill			\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$32.500
	Amends 23 USC 144	House Bill	\$3.862	\$4.280	\$4.599	\$4.901	\$5.033	\$5.211	\$27.886
		SAFETEA revises sev bridge discretionary pro- funds for bridges off of preventative maintena	rogram by f the Fede nce and h	50% (\$15 eral system istoric reh	50M per yn and (c) jabilitation	vear); (b) provides g ns.	does not s greater fle	set an upp exibility in	per limit on use of a using funds for
$\nearrow$		Both SAFETEA and TEA-LU create a highly funded highway safety program and remove from the STP program the 10% set-aside requirement for safety projects. However, SAFETEA adds a 2% set aside for stormwater mitigation projects. Taken both of these adjustments into account, SAFETEA increases funds for non-safety, non-stormwater projects by 56%, <u>if revenue is enhanced</u> ; a slightly lower increase than for other funding programs.							
	Surface Transport. Program SAFETEA §1102(4);	STP Funds Not Set Aside for Safety Projects Excludes funds Set Aside for Stormwater in SAFTEA							
	§1401(g)(2); §1620	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		6 TOTAL
	Amends 23 USC 133(d)	TEA-21	\$4.318	\$4.986	\$5.033	\$5.133	\$5.216		
		Senate Bill	\$6.811	\$7.791	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.085		
		House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147		
		If the new or expanded safety programs are not funded, it is likely that the 10% STP set aside for safety projects will be continued or expanded.							

	Consistent with other excompared to TEA-21.	kisting fun	ding sourc	es, SAFE	TEA prop	oses to in	crease CN	MAQ funding by 59%
	Bill: TEA-21 Senate Bill House Bill	Year 1 \$1.193 \$1.900 \$1.530	Year 2 \$1.345 \$2.150 \$1.696	Year 3 \$1.358 \$2.225 \$1.822	Year 4 \$1.385 \$2.225 \$1.942	Year 5 \$1.407 \$2.225 \$1.994	Year 6 \$1.434 \$2.225 \$2.065	<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 8.122 \$12.950 \$11.049
CMAQ Program SAFETEA §1102(5); §1611 Amends 23 USC 104(b)(2); 149	However, several factors work to make the proposed increase in CMAQ funds unattractive EPA recently issued a rule changing the ozone standards, which results reclassifying attainment area" rather than a "maintenance area." This results in Portland losing its eligible related CMAQ funds. Also, SAFETEA incorporates an apportionment factor relating to "find This has the affect of spreading CMAQ funds to more areas, resulting in decreased CM "attainment" areas like Portland. Accordingly:  (a) (b) Allow Portland to retain its eligibility for ozone-related CMAQ funds \$1611(2) of SAFETEA to include: "(x) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, the designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 8-hour ozone standard designated as a nonattainment area or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard Support the change in the apportionment factor from .8 to 1.0 for areas achieving statys							ifying Portland as an seligibility for ozone-to "fine particulates." sed CMAQ funds for funds by amending ment, the area is not one standard but was exone standard."
Transportation & Community & System Preservation Pilot Prog SAFETEA §1814 Adds 23 USC 175	This is a revision to Sen doubling the amount in year) for planning, developed. TOD, impact mitigation green corridors, etc. Fun	TEA-21. Ropment an and jobs a	Remains a dimpleme ccess proje	competitive ntation of ects. Prior	e progran communit rity given	n (assumin ty and syst to applicar	ig it is not em preser nts have po	fully earmarked each vation projects such as olicies, such as UGBs,

	Multi-State Corridor SAFETEA §1101(10); §1810. Creates 23USC171	"Corridor" funds are a key discretionary source for PE/EIS work for the I-5 Trade Corridor. Oregon is no eligible for "Border" funds. Under TEA-21, "Border" and "Corridor" funds were authorized as one program. About 80% of the funds were allocated to "Corridor" projects. SAFETEA establishes independent funding authorizations for both programs, as does TEA-LU. SAFETEA also revises the eligibility requirements, but this may be of little consequence because funds have historically beer earmarked by Congress. While SAFETEA increases Border & Corridor funds by 141%, it splits the funds evenly between the Border and Corridor programs. This has the affect of substantially increasing Border funds and only marginally increasing Corridor funds. The House Bill (TEA-LU) is illustrative of a Border-Corridor apportionment that is consistent with past practice. Also, many projects eligible for Border Program funds are also eligible for Corridor Program funds; allowing them to "double dip."  Borders and Corridors Programs  In TEA-21 Programs Combined, in SAFETEA/TEA-LU Separate Programs									
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	Border Planning,	TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840		
	Operations, Tech. SAFETEA §1101(11); §1811 Creates 23USC172	Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
		Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
		Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022		
		House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000		
		House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975		
		House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975		
		To resolve these issues:  (a) Amend §1101(10) an authority, as in TEA-2 the size of the pool of  (b) In §1811, make project	21, or (ii) eligible p	revise the rojects for	relative furthese pro	inding leve grams.	els betwee	n these pro	ograms to better reflec		
	Interstate Discretionary Projects SAFETEA §1805 Amends 23USC118(c)(1)	The set aside from the Interstate Maintenance Program for Interstate Discretionary Projects is raised \$100M per year for six years (up from \$50M).						y Projects is raised to			

	NEW FUNDING PROGRAMS									
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae  (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)									
	SAFETEA repeals the safety set-aside as part of the STP program and replaces it with a new, formula									
		program with a 90%	federal sh FETEA. F	are. This unds are for	new, highl ormula allo	ly funded socated to s	safety prog states base	gram is in d on road	tes it with a new, form addition to safety programileage, VMT and amount TOTAL	ıms
	Highway Safety Improvement Prog.	TEA-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	SAFETEA §1101(6);	Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900	
	§1401;	House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500	
	Replaces 23 USC 148	A pre requisite for f	unding is	o Stata Str	ntagia Uia	throny Sof	atu Dlan n	rangrad ir	compliance with statute	oru
									ith statutory requiremen	
									aply with Oregon/Portla	
		priorities. Generally	, JPACT s	should sup	port incre	ases in fle	exible prog		ch as STP, and be wary	
		targeted or restrictive	e program:	s with new	<u>administr</u>	ative requ	<u>irements</u> .			
	Safe Routes to Schools SAFETEA §1405 Adds 23USC150	Creates a \$70M per year, six-year set-aside from Highway Safety Improvement Program (above) for sidewalks, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, etc. in the vicinity of schools.								
		New program focus	sed on hi	ghway pr	eservation	and ope	rational in	nproveme	nts, only limited capac	ity
							ojects with	nin 180 da	ys of appropriation or lo	ost.
<i>\$\frac{1}{2}</i>	Bill does not specify criteria or an apportionment formula.									
15	Performance and	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL	
	Maintenance Prog.	TEA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
	SAFETEA §1101(13);	Senate Bill	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$0.500	\$11.500	
	§1201 Adds 23 USC 139	House Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
			s to be a l	arge progr	am that is	intended t			v how much Oregon wornd/Oregon objectives bet	

	Freight Intermodal Connectors to NHS SAFETEA §1203(c) Amends 23USC103(b)	Of the NHS funds allocated to Oregon, the greater of (i) 2% or (ii) the percentage of NHS miles connecting to intermodal terminals of total NHS miles in the State must be set aside for intermodal freight connector projects. State can seek exemption from set aside each year, if State certifies intermodal connectors are in good condition and there are significant NHS needs. Set aside funds have only 10% local match requirement.  OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES							
	(Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)								
	TIFIA SAFETEA §1303 Amends 23 USC181-189	Eligible projects expanded to include intermodal freight facilities, private rail facilities "providing public benefit," etc. State and regional planning and programming requirements do not have to be met until contract to receive federal credit instrument is executed. Threshold for eligibility reduced to \$50M or 20% of federal highway assistance apportioned to State (down from \$100M or 50%). Maximum assistance under TIFIA limited by the amount of senior debt – makes clearer that TIFIA is not to be the primary borrowing. \$130M per year for six years authorized to support program.							
	Freight SAFETEA §1203 Adds 23 USC 325	In addition to Freight-NHS connector program discussed above, SAFETEA includes several policies and programs related to freight. Intermodal connectors and transfer facilities are made eligible for STP funds. Requires creation of State Freight Transportation Coordinator and integration of freight issues into State and Regional Transportation Planning.							
	Tolling HOV Lanes SAFETEA §1606 Amends 23 USC 102 Tolling Programs SAFETEA §1609(a)	Allows states to establish toll program to charge non-carpools to travel in HOV lanes. Criteria for eligibility for Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot program made more flexible. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor. Variable Toll Pricing Program extended, with favorable provisions. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor.							
$\sim$	MPO Funding SAFETEA §1102(b) Amends 23 USC 104(f)	Requires a 1.5% set aside of highway funds (after deduction for DOT administrative expenses) for metropolitan planning. TEA-21 had a "not to exceed 1%" requirement.							
1?	Local Match SAFETEA §1301 Amends 23USC120(d)	Expands ability to increase federal share of highway funding above 90% (for interstates) and 80% (for other roads) based on percent of State land in national parks, national forests, tribal lands, etc. Authority already exists for some states. Do not know affect of change on Oregon.							

	Transportation Funding Study SAFETEA §1305	Establishes 11-person <i>National Commission on Future Revenue Sources to Support the Highway Trust Fund</i> to study alternatives to replace or supplement the fuel tax as the principal source to support the Highway Trust Fund.
$\searrow$	RTP and TIP SAFETEA §1615 Amends 23 USC 134	Changes interval that MPO is required to update RTP from "periodically as determined by Secretary" (every 3 years) to five years. TIP program extended from every three years to every four years.
S. Comments	Historic Site SAFETEA §1604 Amends 23 USC 103(c)	Section aimed at generally exempting the interstate system from being considered an historic site for purposes of 23 USC 138 or 49 USC 303. However, in doing so it states that a "portion of the Interstate System that possesses an independent feature of historic significance, such as a historic bridge that would qualify independently for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places shall be considered a historic site" This affects the ability to replace the I-5 Bridge to Vancouver.

### Memorandum

Date: February 9, 2005

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From: Steven M. Siegel, Siegel Consulting

Subject: Section 3011 of Senate Transit Bill: Proposed Amendments to §5309 in the

**Transit Title** 

This memorandum reviews amendments to Section 5309 "Capital Investment Grants" proposed in Section 3011 of the Senate Bill (SB) received on January 27<sup>th</sup>. No other sections of the bill have been reviewed, so impacts of cross-referencing Sec. 5309 in other sections of the bill, if any, are not accounted for. Also, the Senate Bill does not yet specify funding authorization levels, so it is not possible to determine changes in the amounts of available funds.

### A. Major Issues

The major issues discussed below are highly detrimental to the transportation agenda of the Portland region and others. The numbering is for reference, no priority is intended.

#### Major Issue 1: New Starts funds Opened to BRT Projects

**Issue:** Sec. 3011(j) of SB amends the former 49USC5309(m), which is redesignated §5309(i) by the SB, to allow non-fixed guideway projects access to former New Start funds (now Major Capital Project funds). TEA-21 made New Start funds available for "capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions to existing fixed guideway systems". The SB makes these funds available for "major capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions and corridor improvements, in accordance with subsections (e) and (f)". The term "and corridor improvements" makes BRT and other bus projects eligible for New Starts funds. FTA is already on record favoring BRT projects over LRT and Streetcar. So, not only will be more competition for LRT and Streetcar projects, there will not be an even playing field for such projects. This will severely damage the ability to achieve the Portland region's transportation agenda.

**Solution**: The first two following statutory amendments help clarify, the last amendment is required:

- Amend Sec, 3011(e) of SB as follows "(e) Major <u>Fixed Guideway</u> <u>Capital Investment</u> Grants of \$75,000,000 or More"
- Amend Sec, 3011(f) of SB as follows "(e) Major <u>Fixed Guideway</u> <u>Capital Investment</u> Grants Less than \$75,000,000"
- Amend Sec. 3011(j) of SB as follows: "(A) 65 percent shall be allocated for major capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions and corridor improvements, in accordance with subsections (e) and (f)".

### Major Issue 2: Criteria for Small Starts Program Left Wide Open for FTA Discretion

**Issue**: The genesis of the Small Starts program grew from undue planning and procedural burdens placed on less expensive projects by the New Start regulations. The SB does not

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specifically establish a reduced justification or streamlined process for small starts. Instead, in Section 3011(f) it states: "if the amount of a grant ... for a major capital project is less than \$75,000,000, (A) the project shall be subject to the requirements under subsection (e) to the extent the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and (B) the Secretary shall not make a grant for such a project unless the Secretary determines that the project is cost effective." The subsection (e) referred to in the previous sentence is the project rating and grant approval criteria for major New Start projects. Thus, other than cost effectiveness, which is required, the SB does not establish any specific criteria for Small Starts and leaves it to FTA to determine which, if any, New Start factors will not apply to Small Starts.

In comparison, the House Bill (HB) includes specific criteria and procedures to facilitate the project development process for small starts. For example, TEA-LU excludes for "small starts" certain financial evaluation factors required of "major" projects, such as "the extent to which ... local financial commitment exceeds the required non-Federal share ...," and "local resources are available to operate the overall proposed public transportation system ... without ... a reduction in existing ... services ...". These and other factors in TEA-LU will facilitate project development of Small Starts, but improvements are needed to the HB, as well.

**Solution**: Add specific statutory language prescribing specific and a streamlined process criteria tailored to Small Starts. The HB provides a considerably better approach than the SB, so I suggest it as the base (although I do not include for sake of brevity). In a previous memo, I proposed statutory improvements and Report Language for the HB (TEA-LU).

### Major Issue 3: Funding for Small Starts (<\$75M) and Major Projects (> \$75M) is in an Amalgamated rather than Separated Program

**Issue**: Given FTA's disdain for LRT and the likelihood that Small Starts will be provided a streamline process and less burdensome justification criteria, Small Start projects will quickly advance ahead of LRT and other major projects, eventually squeezing them out of the funding queue. The HB addresses this problem by establishing mutually exclusive funding programs (after the initial allocation of capital funds) for Small Starts and Major New Starts. It further accommodated the higher costs of major new starts by funding the New Start program at a much higher level than Small Starts. Thus, while the HB provides the Portland region with a reasonable opportunity to pursue several projects in its transportation agenda, the SB forces regional projects to collide.

**Solution**: Amend proposal to fund Small Starts in SB to tack HB proposal by dividing New Starts program into two separate funding programs, and authorizing funding for Small Starts at 10-15% of Major New Start levels.

### Major Issue 4: Must Grandfather Commuter Rail from New Requirements

**Issue:** Under Sec. 5309(e), as amended by Sec. 3011(e)(6) of the SB, only projects with a FFGA or Letter of Intent (LOI) before enactment of the bill are exempt from the provisions for "major" projects and "small starts." This is a serious problem for smaller projects in Final Design or in the process of having Final Design approved, such as the Commuter Rail Project. If not clarified, these projects will be subject to the small start provisions and have to await enactment of "small start" rules before proceeding – undoubtedly a year delay. Also, these projects will have to be reevaluated based on "small start" factors; requiring new analyses to be submitted to FTA on the merits of the project.

Statutory Solution: Amend proposed §5309(e) as follows: "This subsection shall not apply to projects for which the Secretary has issued a letter of intent or entered into a full funding grant agreement before the date of enactment ... Projects for which the Secretary has received an application for Final Design before the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004 shall proceed under the rules in effect when the application was received."

**Report Solution**: Notwithstanding Sec. 5309(e), as amended, it is the intent of the Committee that projects for which an application for Final Design has been submitted to the Secretary before the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004 proceed under the rules in effect when the application was received.

Major Issue 5: SB Modifies the Criteria and Ratings Process for Major Projects, Requires New Rules to Set Criteria and Process and Allows FTA 240 Days

**Issue**: Unlike the Small Starts program, where new criteria and ratings procedures are required because it is a new program, there is no such requirement for the Major New Start program. While the industry is dissatisfied with the way FTA implements the process, this will not be fixed by a reinvention of the wheel. Rather, this will lead many projects in a lurch, unable to advance until new rules are issued and implemented. Undoubtedly this will cause these projects a year or more delay, during which costs will escalate and project agreements will require renegotiations.

**Solution**: The preferred solution is to avoid material changes to the statutory language regarding the justification and rating of major new start projects. Alternatively, grandfather projects that have advanced to, say, completion of DEIS to be grandfathered under rules in place prior to new act

### **B.** Moderate Issues

There are a number of moderate and minor issues that, due to time constraints, I do not address in this memorandum. Below are a few such issues that standout.

### Moderate Issue 1: New Unduly Burdensome Requirement for "Before and After" Study

**Issue**: Sec. 3011(g) of SB revises existing rules regarding the preparation of a "Before and After Study" for major new start projects. In the past this work occurred after a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) was executed. Under the SB, the preparation of a plan to do the study and collection of the "Before" data is a pre-requisite to construction. This will delay construction on projects that are ready and approved for construction, increasing costs and delaying service improvements for seemingly unnecessary reasons.

### **Statutory Solution:**

"(D) COLLECTION OF DATA ON CURRENT SYSTEM. To be eligible for a full funding grant agreement, recipients shall have collected data on the current system, according to the plan required, before the beginning of construction of the proposed new start project. Collection of this data shall be included in the full funding grant agreement as an eligible activity. Collection of

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data on the current system according to the required plan shall begin as soon as practical after the full funding grant agreement is executed."

### Moderate Issue 2: Ensure Transparency and Fairness in the New Start/Small Start Process

**Issue**: The New Starts process has been marred by controversy over FTA's implementation of TEA-21 evaluation criteria and procedures; in particular relating to the methodology and application of the user benefits (i.e. TSUB) requirements where FTA does not use the measure described in its rules. As a result the "transparency" and "fairness" of the process has been widely questioned by industry representatives and congress. The SB seeks to address these concerns through the creation of new criteria and processes and the mandate for new rules. This was previously discussed as a Major Issue, and, furthermore, will increase frustrations with FTA rather than decrease them. An alternative is to clarify the Committee's expectations under the current criteria and procedures.

**Statutory Solution**: None.

**Report Solution**: The Committee is concerned that FTA's user benefit measure has been applied without consideration of highway user benefits, user benefit thresholds have not been inflated commensurate with base year cost estimates, and ridership and user benefit estimates from FTA approved forecast models have been adjusted by FTA on an ad hoc basis. In establishing the process and criteria for rating projects under Sec. 5309(c) and (d), it is the Committee's intent that FTA applies its rules and criteria in a consistent manner that is open, clear and fair to potential grantees and consistent with FTA rules and guidance.

### C. Opportunities

There are several helpful amendments proposed in the SB, that I do not address in this memorandum due to time constraints. Some require modifications to be useful to the Portland region. Below are a few such issues.

### Opportunity 1: Reimbursement for Locally Purchased Vehicles used for Future Projects

**Issue**: Sec 3011(H)(5) of SB amends §5309(g)(4) to permit the cost of a fixed guideway project to include vehicles purchased with local funds for the project before FTA approved the project. This amendment may not cover TriMet's case where local funds were used to purchase vehicles for its eastside line, which is interlined with the I-205 LRT project between Gateway and Downtown. Passengers on the interlined section can use either line, and the number of vehicles in this section relate to the total demand. Thus, the cost of the locally purchased vehicles materially relates to the project, even though they do not operate on the Gateway to Town Center segment of the Project.

**Statutory Solution**: Amend the proposed §5309(g)(4) in §3010(d) of TEA-LU as follows: `(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR ROLLING STOCK COSTS-In addition to amounts allowed pursuant to paragraph (1), a planned extension to a fixed guideway system may include the cost of rolling stock previously purchased if the applicant satisfies the Secretary that only amounts other than amounts of the Government were used and that the purchase was made for use on the extension **or a segment of the system interlined with the extension**. A refund or reduction of the

remainder may be made only if a refund of a proportional amount of the grant of the Government is made at the same time.

**Report Solution**: It is the intent of the Committee that the term "for use on the extension" in Sec. 5309(g)(4) include vehicles purchased for use on an existing fixed guideway segment that is, in part, interlined with a project extension.

### **Opportunity 2: Allow Cross-Border Leasing**

**Issue**: Many transit districts have taken advantage of the tax benefits of sales-leaseback arrangements on their depreciable capital assets; resulting in millions of dollars for transit projects and operations. FTA approval for transferring the asset is a pre-requisite for such sales-leaseback arrangements on capital assets procured with Federal funds. Due to concern regarding the loss of tax dollars associated with sales-leaseback arrangements, FTA has ceased approving such arrangements. While domestic sales-leaseback arrangements impact tax collections, cross-border leasing does not. Thus, the ban on cross-border leases cost transit districts millions of dollars, without any benefit to the Treasury. The SB does not address this issue.

**Statutory Solution**: None.

**Report Solution**: The Committee encourages the Secretary to consider permitting cross border leasing as a way to provide private funding for public transportation projects and operations without the Federal tax impacts associated with domestic sales-leaseback arrangements.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3544, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN UPDATED 2005 REGIONAL POSITION ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), adopted by Congress in 1998, expired September 30, 2003 and an extension is scheduled to expire before May 2005. TEA-21 is the federal authorization bill for transportation projects and funding. The authorization bill establishes federal programs, identifies or "earmarks" some specific projects and sets the upper limits on the amount of federal funds the programs and projects are eligible to receive. The act also establishes rules for the distribution of federal transportation funds including apportionment formulas for those programs whose funds are distributed by such methods.

The reauthorization bill will have a direct effect on Metro and the region's jurisdictions in terms of how planning for transportation is performed and how much federal assistance to perform this planning function is made available. There is also a direct impact on which transportation projects are identified as eligible to receive federal funding.

Because the extension of the current reauthorization is set to expire before May 2005, Congress must choose to again extend the current bill or complete the next reauthorization of a federal transportation bill. To favorably influence the federal legislation, it is important to clearly articulate the region's positions during their consideration of the reauthorization bill language.

#### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. Legal Antecedents TEA-21 is the current federal transportation authorization authority providing Metro the authority to function as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). TEA-21 expired September 30, 2003 and was extended by Congress through May 2005. Congress will be considering reauthorization of transportation legislation during its 2005 session.
- **3. Anticipated Effects** This resolution will communicate the regional policy position for reauthorization of TEA-21. The policy paper will be used in the regions federal reauthorization activities in Congress.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** Reauthorization is a significant issue affecting Metro and the Portland region and, as such, this paper and efforts to influence its outcome are a significant work effort for the department. In addition, one of the issues directly affects funding to MPOs including Metro.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 05-3544.