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**TO:** Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 1020-1 – Lane Transit District grant

## INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 1020 with the -1 amendment directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to enter into a grant agreement with the Lane Transit District to provide \$30 million in lottery bond revenue to fund the expansion of its bus rapid transit and high-capacity transit systems.

## DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 1020 with the -1 amendment provides \$30 million to Lane Transit District to expand its bus rapid transit and high-capacity transit systems. The bill directs ODOT to enter into an agreement to provide the funds. It also allows ODOT to include terms and conditions in the grant that the department believes are necessary, and allows ODOT to include reporting or accounting requirements in the agreement.

ODOT anticipates its role in administering this grant would be administrative in nature. We would work with Lane Transit District to develop a grant agreement that clearly defined expectations and deliverables for the project that met the legislature's intent. Agency staff would monitor project progress to ensure Lane Transit District is delivering the project consistent with the mutually agreed upon scope, schedule and budget. We will also provide oversight to ensure that all reimbursements made as part of the grant met appropriate financial standards and laws around the use of lottery funds.

Our staff would not serve in a project management role in that we would not be involved in monitoring construction activities throughout the project or approving a final construction product.

## SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1020-1 directs ODOT to provide \$30 million in lottery bond revenue to Lane Transit District for the expansion of its bus rapid transit and high-capacity transit systems. ODOT would institute measures in the grant agreement to ensure the funds were spent appropriately.