

# 2015 Legislative Update

## January 28, 2015

### TriMet Legislative Agenda

- **E-fare/Gift Card legislation** - TriMet is implementing a new electronic fare collection system. Current law would consider an E-fare card a gift card and thus subject to the unclaimed property statute (requiring TriMet to return unused value either to the rider or remit to the State). TriMet will be pursuing an exemption to this requirement.
- **OPEB Trust Investment change** - Current law restricts investment of OPEB funding in higher yielding funds. TriMet is pursuing legislation to allow the agency to invest in the OPEB trust like a pension trust.

### Other Potential Legislative Issues

- Legislation targeting TriMet operations and service area – i.e. withdrawal from district, etc.
- Police body camera bills
- Implementation of marijuana ballot measure
- Collective bargaining changes and changes to workplace laws
- Low carbon fuel standard sunset repeal

### Oregon Transportation Forum Transportation Package Proposal

#### HIGHWAY

- **Index gas taxes** to increases in fuel efficiency of the automobile fleet.
- **Highway Maintenance and Preservation** (“Fix-It”) Tax Increase \$ \_\_ (*intentionally left blank*)
- **Highway Modernization** (“Enhance”) Tax Increase \$ \_\_ (*intentionally left blank*)
- **“Orphan highways”** and freight corridors: 1-cent gas tax for a pilot program to facilitate the transfer of roads from ODOT to local governments.

#### NON-HIGHWAY

- Restore the **Connect Oregon** multi-modal funding level to \$100 million in lottery bonds.
- Provide \$22.6 million per biennium for operation of **Amtrak Cascades service**.
- Provide \$75 million per biennium to cover the cost of **elderly and disabled transit** service.
- Provide up to \$20 million per biennium for **Youth Transit Passes**

#### POLICY

- Develop a **10-year multi-modal transportation needs assessment** to establish and quantify the need to operate, maintain and improve the system on a consistent statewide basis.
- **State Transportation planning efforts** should determine how each mode best interconnect with other modes to maximize system resources.
- **Co-location of facilities:** Encourages ODOT and local government to co-locate facilities to save costs.