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Oregon Legislators to Meet in Ontario

ONTARIO—Approximately 14 Oregon Legislators (7 from the Senate, 7 from the House)—the members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation & Modernization (“JTPM”)—will meet in Ontario on Tuesday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m. (MDT) at the Four Rivers Cultural Center (676 College Blvd) to hear concerns about Eastern Oregon’s transportation systems (roads, bridges, interchanges, speed limits, self-serve fuel, intermodal hubs, etc).

“If you are concerned about the condition of our city, county, state, or federal roads, or our freight systems, or fuel prices, fuel taxes, or legislation concerning fuel blending, you should attend this meeting,” said Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario).

“There are just eight of these meetings being held across our state asking for input from Oregon citizens. At my request, one of these meetings is being held in Ontario, providing members of this community an opportunity that most people of Oregon will not enjoy. If you think the condition of our roads is important, you should appear and express your thoughts regarding funding, maintenance, improvements, etc.”

Some of the Legislators will be flying in (Sen. Betsy Johnson, Sen. Brian Boquist (Co-Vice Chair), Sen. Lee Beyer (Co-Chair), Sen. Rod Monroe, Rep. Caddy McKeown (Co-Chair)) for the meeting, others will be driving (Sen. Fred Girod, Sen. Chris Edwards, Sen. Jackie Winters, Rep. Susan McLain, Rep. John Lively, Rep. Andy Olson, Rep. Greg Smith, Rep. Barbara Smith-Warner), and of course Rep. Cliff Bentz (Co-Vice Chair) is from Ontario.

This is the third meeting of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation & Modernization (JTPM). The first two were in the Woodburn area and the Southeast Portland Metro area. Other future meeting dates for the JTPM Committee include:

June 29, 2 p.m. (PDT)

Hermiston High School Auditorium
600 South First Street, Hermiston

July 20, 5 p.m. (PDT)

University of Oregon, Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, Room 180
1415 Kincaid Street, Eugene

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August 18, 5:30 p.m. (PDT)

Central Oregon Community College, Wille Hall, Coats Campus Center
2600 NW College Way, Bend

August 31, 5 p.m. (PDT)

Jackson County Library, Medford Branch
205 S. Central Avenue, Medford

September 15, 5 p.m. (PDT)

Embarcadero Hotel, Ballroom
1000 SE Bay Blvd, Newport

September 19, 5 p.m. (PDT)

Hillsboro Civic Center, Shirley Huffman Auditorium
150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro

September Legislative Days

To Be Determined

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Salem

Members of the JTPM Committee were appointed by the President of the Senate, Sen. Peter Courtney, and the Speaker of the House, Rep. Tina Kotek. Rep. Bentz serves as Co-Vice Chair of the Committee.

“I cannot count the number of times I have heard people say: ‘No one listens to us over here in Eastern Oregon.’ This is your chance to be heard. This is an opportunity for you to speak directly to Oregon Legislators without having to drive the 400 miles to Salem!” said Rep. Bentz.

The JTPM Committee meetings are open to the public, and all those interested are encouraged to attend.

More information can be found regarding the committee and these statewide meetings on the Oregon Legislative Information System at:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015I1/Committees/JTPM/Overview>

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