

**Oregon Transportation Commission
Report to the Oregon Legislature:
Unused Funds from the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA)**

The 2009 Oregon Legislature passed the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA). The JTA identified 37 specific projects and allocated funding to 12 local governments in eastern Oregon, for a total of 51 projects.

During the 2012 Legislative Session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 1543. SB 1543 requires the Oregon Transportation Commission to submit a report by November 1 of each year to the interim legislative transportation committees identifying funding available as a result of completing projects for less than amounts allocated in the JTA. The bill also requires the OTC to provide the interim transportation committees with a prioritized list of projects that require additional funding to be completed.

Section 64 Projects Completed for Less than JTA Allocation

Project Name	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Unused Funds
Interstate 5 at the Interstate 205 Interchange	1	\$11 million	\$8 million	\$3 million – already reallocated
U.S. Highway 26: 185th Avenue to Cornell Road	1	\$20 million	\$17.053 million	\$2.947 million – already reallocated
Chico Road Reconstruction in Baker County	5	\$1 million	\$621,084.56	\$378,917.44
State Highway 207 and State Highway 206 intersections	5	\$500,000	\$499,851.14	\$48.86
Monroe Street and U.S. 20 Intersection in Harney County	5	\$900,000	\$898,288	\$1,712

Section 64 Project Anticipated to be Completed for Less than JTA Allocation

Project Name	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Unused Funds
Interstate 5 at Beltline Highway, Units 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	2	\$80 million	\$70 million	\$10 million (estimated)
Chandler Lane Reconstruction in Baker County	5	\$4.6 million	\$3.6 million	\$1 million (estimated)

Prioritized List of Projects that Require Additional Funding to Meet Legislative Intent

Project	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Funding Gap
Interstate 5 at the State Highway 214 Interchange (Woodburn)	2	\$43 million	\$78 million ¹	\$10 million
Baker County (Resort Street and Best Frontage Road projects)	5	\$4.5 million	\$5.9 million	\$1.4 million

¹ Other funding sources include: City of Woodburn, Region 2 STIP funds, and federal funds

Legislative Action Taken in 2012 (SB 1543)

Senate Bill 1543 also directed the Oregon Transportation Commission to make two reallocations of funds when projects are complete.

Project	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Unused Funds	Reallocation
Interstate 5 at the Interstate 205 Interchange	1	\$11 million	\$8 million	\$3 million	SB 1543 directed funds to be transferred to Interstate 84 at 257 th Avenue Interchange. Transfer has been made.
U.S. Highway 26: 185 th Avenue to Cornell Road	1	\$20 million	\$17.053 million	\$2.947	SB 1543 directed funds to be transferred to U.S. Highway 26 at the Shute Road Interchange. Transfer has been made.

Recommended 2013 Legislative Action

The Oregon Transportation Commission recommends the legislature make the following reallocations during the 2013 Legislative Session. The recommendation retains the allocation within the ODOT region it was originally designated.

Project	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Unused Funds	Recommendation
Interstate 5 at Beltline Highway, Units 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	2	\$80 million	\$70 million	\$10 million	Reallocate \$10 million to the Interstate 5 at the State Highway 214 Interchange (Woodburn)
Chico Road Reconstruction in Baker County	5	\$1 million	\$621,084.56	\$378,917.44	Reallocate \$378,917.44 to Baker County for completion of Resort Street and Best Frontage Road projects
Chandler Lane Reconstruction in Baker County	5	\$4.6 million	\$3.6 million	\$1 million (estimated)	Direct the Oregon Transportation Commission to transfer unused funds to Baker County for completion of Resort Street and Best Frontage Road project

Discussion

Interstate 5 at Beltline Highway, Units 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

It is anticipated there will be a surplus of at least \$10 million once the Interstate 5 at Beltline Highway Units 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 project is complete. The JTA originally allocated \$80 million to the Beltline project; however, as designed, the original project could not have been completed with funds allocated by the JTA.

Original project plans and estimates called for the ramp from I-5 southbound to merge with the existing flyover bridge. This would have required construction of a long bridge to reach the height of the flyover bridge, and the length would have required the northbound bridge over Game Farm Road to be widened. Through a practical design review of the project, design staff determined the existing temporary ramp could be altered to accomplish the same movement without constructing a new bridge or widening an existing bridge.

This and other modest changes to the project resulted in a reduction to the total project cost, including \$10 million in JTA funds that will not be needed for the project. Although the second phase of the project isn't expected to be completed until 2016, ODOT has high confidence that \$10 million could be reallocated to another project.

The Interstate 5 at the State Highway 214 Interchange project in Woodburn has an unfunded need of \$10 million. A recent \$3.3 million federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary grant was awarded from the U.S. Department of Transportation; however, it was not sufficient to complete the funding gap. The project must be fully funded prior to going to bid in 2013. Reallocating anticipated unused dollars from the Beltline project would keep the original JTA allocation within the region it was originally designated.

Recommendation: Reallocate \$10 million from Interstate 5 at Beltline Highway Units 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to the State Highway 214 Interchange project.

Chico Road Reconstruction in Baker County

The Chico Road Reconstruction project in Baker County was completed for less than the original JTA allocation.

Baker County received a \$4.5 million allocation in the JTA. The county planned two projects within the JTA allocation: Resort Street and Best Frontage Road improvement projects. Completing all aspects of the Resort Street project has been a priority for the county. However, they will not be able to complete the planned improvements to Best Frontage Road within the \$4.5 million allocation; \$1.4 million is needed to complete the projects.

Reallocating funds from the Chico Road reconstruction project will help to fill the gap to allow Baker County to complete the planned improvements to Best Frontage Road, while keeping the original JTA allocation within the same county it was originally designated.

Recommendation: Reallocate \$378,917.44 from the Chico Road Reconstruction project in Baker County to the Resort Street and Best Frontage Road improvements in Baker County.

Chandler Lane Reconstruction in Baker County

As Baker County developed the Chandler Lane project, they found the original estimate to be greater than needed to complete the project. Although the project is not yet complete, the county estimates approximately \$1 million will remain at completion.

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Reallocating funds from the Chandler Lane reconstruction project will help to fill the gap to allow Baker County to complete the Best Frontage Road improvements, while keeping the original JTA allocation within the same county it was originally designated.

Recommendation: Since the Chandler Lane project is not yet complete, the OTC recommends the legislature direct the OTC to transfer unused funds from the Chandler Lane Reconstruction project in Baker County when the project is complete to the Resort Street and Best Frontage Road improvement projects in Baker County.

No Action Recommended

Project	ODOT Region	JTA Allocation	Project Cost	Unused Funds	Recommendation
State Highway 207 and State Highway 206 intersections	5	\$500,000	\$499,851.14	\$48.86	No action
Monroe Street and U.S. 20 Intersection in Harney County	5	\$900,000	\$898,288	\$1,712	No action

Discussion

State Highway 207 and State Highway 206 intersections

The OTC recommends not reallocating the \$48.86. Small amounts could be held in contingency in the event there is a need for additional funds for other projects in the future.

Recommendation: The OTC recommends the legislature take no action.

Monroe Street and U.S. 20 Intersection in Harney County

The OTC recommends not reallocating the \$1712. Small amounts could be held in contingency in the event there is a need for additional funds for other projects in the future.

Recommendation: The OTC recommends the legislature take no action.