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### COURTNEY ENDS SENATE TRANSPORTATION EFFORT

(SALEM) – Senate President Peter Courtney said Thursday efforts to pass a package of transportation improvements in the Senate have ended and he does not expect the Legislature to consider a package this session.

“Everyone worked hard. We made a lot of progress. The votes just aren’t there,” said Courtney (D-Salem/Gervais/Woodburn) “We’re out of time in this session, but the Senate won’t give up. The needs aren’t going away. Bridges still need to be fixed. Highways still need to be repaved. Culverts still need to be replaced. Buses need to run. We’re going to keep working. We’re going to keep looking for the right road to get us there.”

Courtney said lawmakers now need to focus completing the state budget and the last few remaining measures to ensure sine die adjournment before the Constitutional deadline July 11.

