



The Honorable Greg Smith

Oregon House of Representatives
District 57

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Representative Greg Smith Votes to Pass Oregon Transportation Investment Package; Delivers for Eastern Oregon *Helps Include More than \$32 Million in Local Project Funding*

SALEM, Ore. – Today, [Representative Greg Smith \(GOP-Heppner\)](#) voted yes on [House Bill 2017-A](#), the Oregon Transportation Investment Package.

Representative Smith has been a long-time vocal supporter of transportation and infrastructure investment. He served as a member of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization which has spent the last year developing the package. The work included statewide tours of transportation corridors and congestion areas, public hearings, and hours of committee work sessions.

Representative Smith was successful in obtaining over \$32 million of funding for House District 57 projects. The projects Smith was successful in obtaining funding for are:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Dollar Allocation</u>
Arlington Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$1,500,000
Dufur Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project	\$400,000
Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center (EOTEC) Access Road Project	\$1,097,000
Heppner Pedestrian Safety and Road Improvements	\$3,000,000
Hermiston North First Place Project	\$4,500,000
Irrigon Pedestrian Safety and Road Improvements	\$3,000,000
Milton-Freewater Pedestrian Safety and Road Improvements	\$3,000,000
Port of Morrow East Beach Industrial Park Rail Expansion Project	\$6,550,000
Port of Umatilla Road Construction	\$2,000,000
Umatilla Army Depot Access Project	\$7,000,000
Total	\$32,047,000

“District 57 is a transportation reliant region,” said Representative Greg Smith. “Our rural communities are separated yet connected by hundreds and thousands of miles of city, county, and state roads. In addition, our five port districts, two interstates, and Union Pacific mainline and rail yard all move our agriculture and manufactured commodities throughout the world. When the public sector invests in infrastructure, private sector investment quickly follows which generates business and economic development.”

In addition to the above-mentioned projects, the Oregon Transportation Investment Package will do the following:

Safety, Preservation, Maintenance & Seismic

- Provides historic levels of investment to cities and counties for maintenance and local infrastructure.
- Raises funds to fix state bridges, highways and culverts, and make safety and seismic improvements.

Multimodal Transportation

- Provides funding in the first biennium to the ConnectOregon program and creates a funding mechanism to make ConnectOregon permanent.
- Directs funds for two transmodal facilities.

Public Transit

- Makes new substantial statewide investments in public transit to improve the connectivity and frequency of bus service in rural and urban communities.

Bicycle & Pedestrian

- Creates dedicated investments for bicycle and pedestrian commuter paths within ConnectOregon.
- Provides \$10 million per year for Safe Routes to Schools increasing to \$15 million in 2023, plus an additional 1% for bike and pedestrian projects on the highway system.

Marine Investment

- Provides funding for marine dredging and derelict vessel removal.

Congestion Relief & Freight Mobility

- OR-217: Makes a full investment in bottleneck relief.
- I-205: Widens northbound I-205 from Powell Boulevard. to I-84. Uses technology to ease congestion. Requires planning to widen the freeway from Stafford Road to the Abernethy Bridge.
- I-5 Rose Quarter: Invests in new plans to improve reliability and connectivity improvements across the freeway.

Electric Vehicles

- Provides \$12 million per year for rebates for electric and other zero emission vehicles to promote their use in Oregon.

Roadside Rest Areas

- Adds six rest areas and three state parks to the portfolio of rest areas managed by the Travel Information Council.
- Provides funds to upgrade facilities.

The package also addresses transportation policy issues such as fund investment and ODOT project accountability, use of salt for winter maintenance strategies, and cost containment for the clean fuels program.

In addition to Smith's membership on the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, he also serves as Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Smith represents House District 57, which includes Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wasco Counties.

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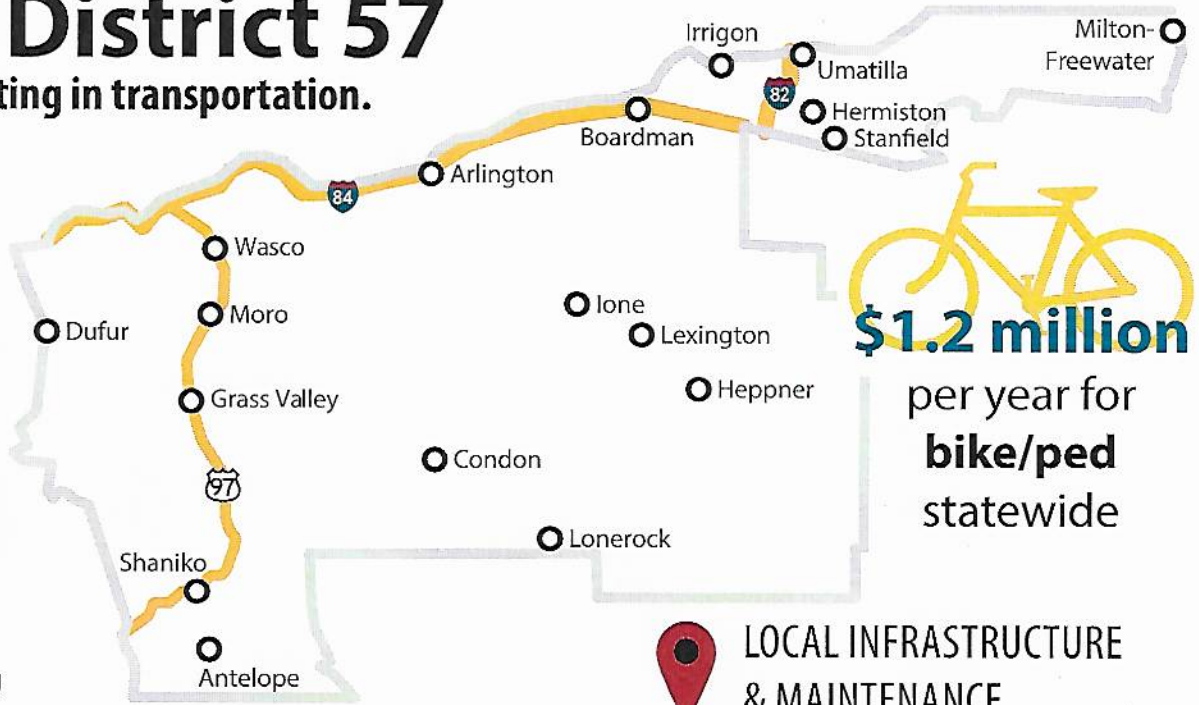
House District 57

Benefits of investing in transportation.



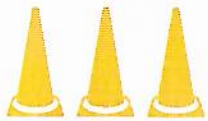
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
\$10 M
per year

statewide, increasing to **\$15 million** per year in 2023



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE & MAINTENANCE

With four fuels tax increases stair-stepped over six years **cities and counties get additional money each year:**

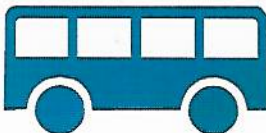


KEY PROJECT INVESTMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT HD 57

- Pedestrian safety improvements in the city of Arlington - **\$1.5 M**
- Pedestrian safety improvements in the city of Dufur - **\$400 K**
- Port of Umatilla Road - **\$2 M**
- Hermiston North First Place Project in the city of Hermiston - **\$4.5 M**
- Pedestrian safety improvements in the city of Milton-Freewater - **\$3 M**
- Columbia Development Authority – Umatilla Army - **\$7 M**
- Rail Expansion in East Beach Industrial Park at the Port of Morrow - **\$6.55 M**

- Antelope: **\$1 K**
- Arlington: **\$15 K**
- Boardman: **\$90 K**
- Condon: **\$17 K**
- Dufur: **\$15 K**
- Grass Valley: **\$4 K**
- Heppner: **\$33 K**
- Hermiston: **\$448 K**
- Ione: **\$8 K**
- Irrigon: **\$48 K**
- Lonerock: **\$500**
- Lexington: **\$6 K**
- Milton-Freewater: **\$179 K**
- Moro: **\$8 K**
- Rufus: **\$7 K**
- Shaniko: **\$900**
- Stanfield: **\$54 K**
- Umatilla: **\$182 K**
- Wasco: **\$11 K**
- Gilliam County: **\$713 K**
- Morrow County: **\$721 K**
- Sherman County: **\$744 K**
- Umatilla County: **\$2.3 M**

STATEWIDE TRANSIT



Transit districts and qualifying entities get new transit money each year:

\$130 M
per year

To improve the connectivity and frequency of bus service in rural and urban communities.

- Gilliam County: **\$100 K**
- Morrow County: **\$386 K**
- Sherman County: **\$100 K**
- Umatilla County: **\$1.5 M**
- Wasco County: **\$596 K**

Transit and local distribution dollars are all an average over ten calendar years (2018-2027).