



**REPRESENTATIVE RICH VIAL  
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**Transportation Package Advances Through the Legislature**

SALEM, OR — On Tuesday afternoon, State Representative Rich Vial (R-Scholls) voted in favor of HB 2017, the Legislature’s transportation funding bill, which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. The bill will raise approximately \$5.3 billion over the next decade through a variety of new and innovative funding mechanisms to fix Oregon’s crumbling roads and bridges, address congestion, and invest in transit, bike, and pedestrian projects around the State. The bill also contains a number of accountability measures designed to ensure that the Department of Transportation spends these newly-generated dollars effectively and responsibly.

“I am grateful to my legislative colleagues on the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization for the tremendous effort that they put into crafting this legislation, and I was proud to cast my ‘Aye’ vote in support of moving it forward,” said Rep. Vial. “The fact of the matter is that, while HB 2017 will not solve all of our State’s transportation problems, it is a first step in addressing many of them—in particular by establishing a framework through which our State can move toward a user pay system that has proven successful in many other parts of the country and around the world.”

Rep. Vial has attended as many meetings as possible of both the Joint Committee itself and its work group on congestion relief to develop a comprehensive understanding of the legislation’s various elements and the public input that the committee collected before drafting and amending the bill. “Representative Vial has been instrumental in decision making behind the scenes,” said State Senator Brian Boquist (R-Dallas), Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization.

HB 2017 now moves to the Senate for consideration, where Representative Vial looks forward to its passage and subsequent approval by Governor.

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