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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PRESENTED BY:** Michael Bufalino, Freight Mobility Unity Manager, Oregon  
Department of Transportation  
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**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** DISCUSSION/BRIEFING ON OREGON DRAFT FREIGHT PLAN

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I. **MOTION**

No motion is proposed.

II. **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The purpose of this work session is to provide an opportunity for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to present the Oregon Freight Plan to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. According to ODOT's website, The Oregon Freight Plan (OFP) is a resource designed to guide freight-related decisions in the nation's ninth most trade-dependent state. Oregon Department of Transportation staff, guided by stakeholders on the Freight Plan Steering Committee, developed the draft Oregon Freight Plan scheduled for public hearing and adoption at the June 2011 meeting of the Oregon Transportation Commission. The draft plan received extensive review through public meetings held statewide along with distribution of the draft plan for comment to public and private sector stakeholders. Written comments resulted in plan changes contained in the June 15 Hearing Draft of the Oregon Freight Plan posted at:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT\\_PLAN.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT_PLAN.shtml).

III. **BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

A. **Board Action and Other History**

None

B. **Policy Issues**

The following goal and policies from the Lane County Transportation System Plan (TSP), page 46, are relevant to this item:

- **Goal 11: Support efforts to maintain rail transportation and to promote high speed rail development**  
*Policy 11-a: As feasible, Lane County will participate in efforts to plan, develop, and maintain rail-related infrastructure for high-speed and other passenger rail service.*

*Policy 11-b: Lane County will coordinate with and support state efforts to comply with federal and state rail transportation requirements by consulting adopted versions of the Oregon Transportation Plan and Rail Plan when making transportation or land use decisions involving rail facilities.*

**C. Board Goals**

The following goal from the Strategic Plan, page 18, is relevant to this item:

- *Contribute to appropriate community development in the areas of transportation and telecommunications infrastructure, housing, growth management, and land development.*

**D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations**

This is an informational item only.

**E. Analysis**

The purpose of the Oregon Freight Plan is to improve freight connections to local, state, tribal, regional, national and international markets with the goal of increasing trade-related jobs and income for Oregon workers and businesses. The plan documents the economic importance of freight movement in Oregon, identifies transportation networks that provide the most utility to freight-dependent industries and recommends multimodal strategies to increase strategic freight system efficiency. In Chapter 8, sixteen freight issues are discussed along with related strategies and action steps to address the identified issues. Upon adoption by the OTC, one of the first implementation tasks will be identification of freight bottlenecks throughout the state.

**IV. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

This is an information item only.

**V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

None at this time.

**VI. RECOMMENDATION**

None at this time.

**VII. FOLLOW-UP**

None at this time.

**VIII. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Executive Summary of the Oregon Freight Plan (entire plan with appendices available at: [http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT\\_PLAN.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/FREIGHT/FREIGHT_PLAN.shtml)).



