



# 2024 Legislative Session Recap

Transportation Policy and Budget  
Impacts

Tom Powers  
Office of Government Relations

# Session Summary

Convened February 5, Adjourned March 7

- Top Priorities of Gov. & Legislature: Addressing the Drug Addiction Crisis & Increasing Housing Production and Affordability.
- Positive budget outlook.
- Bipartisan, business-like focus on top priorities.
- The Revenue Forecast projected an additional \$550 million for the biennium.
- County achieved most of the priorities identified in the agenda.

County Agenda Item relevant to Transportation:

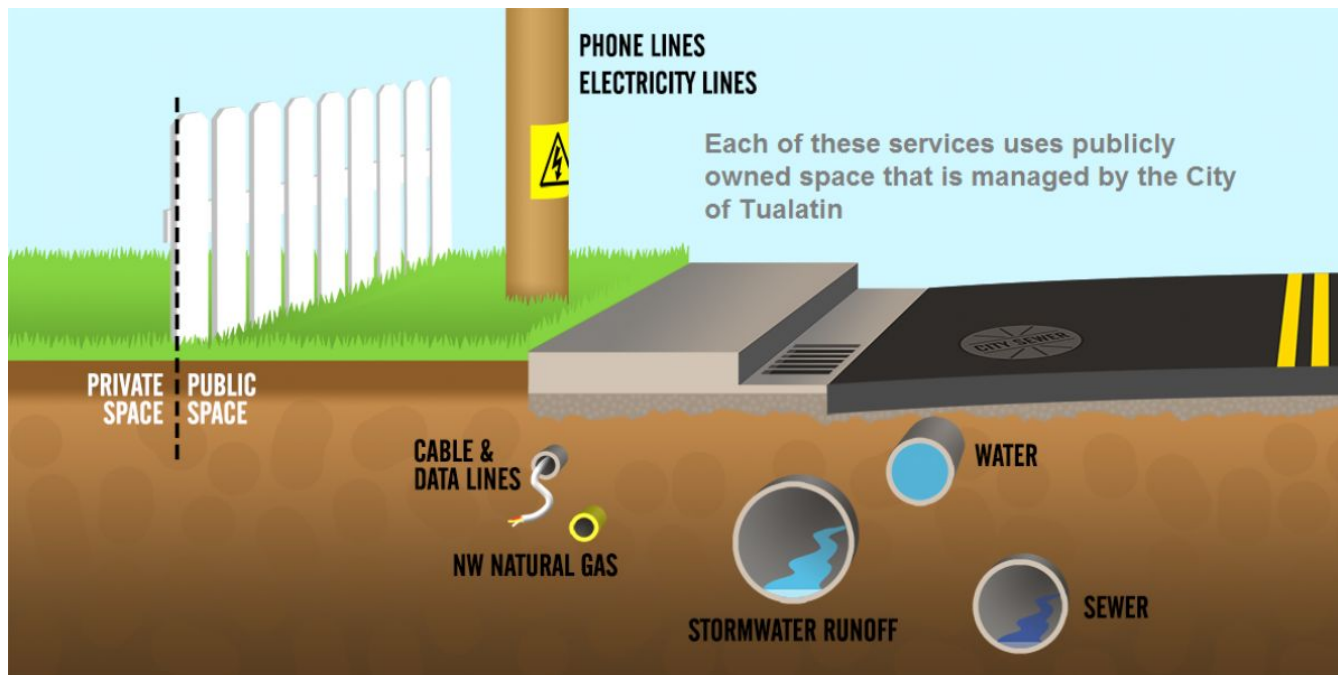
- **Sustainably Fund Transportation and Infrastructure**



# County Transportation Priority Bill

## Allowing Counties to Seek Permit Cost Recovery for Work in the Right-of-Way

- **SB 1566** allows counties to charge fees for permits associated with utility work in county-owned right-of-way.



# Transportation Bills We Tracked

## **Contracting Responsibility Retainage Surety Bonds**

HB 4006 impacts county contracts by limiting the option to require contractors to use a 'retainage' system. Passed.

## **Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing and Motor Vehicle Rentals**

HB 4066 was requested by car-sharing company Turo. The bill would have impacted Multnomah County's ability to assess a tax on rental cars. Did not pass.

## **Transportation Omnibus**

HB 4109 contains multiple wide-ranging provisions updating Oregon's transportation laws. Sections of the bill include an update to photo radar use by municipalities, electric vehicle rebates, Eastern Oregon rail feasibility, and family placards for disabled parking. Passed.



# Transportation Bills We Tracked Pt 2

## **Vehicle Taxation Equity Related to the Highway Cost Allocation Study**

SB 1519 and SB 1543 proposed to lower weight-mile taxes for heavy vehicles like semi-trucks to bring Oregon's transportation tax system into compliance with the Constitution.

## **Eliminating 'Duty to Defend' Provisions in Contracts with Design Professionals**

SB 1575 puts significant restrictions on public works contracting and the county's ability to ensure design professionals are accountable for their work. Multnomah County requires significant professional liability insurance policies for all design professionals on public contracts.



## Transportation Investments

**\$19 million to ODOT** for winter maintenance and overtime authorization

**\$20 million to ODOT** to support graffiti and trash clean up on highways

**\$6 million to Port of Cascade Locks** for design work related to Bridge of the Gods



## Gearing Up for 2025

Transportation Package expected in the next long legislative session. Joint Transportation Committee Tour & Package Development



## Questions, Comments?

