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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Policy Board

**FROM:** Karen M. Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director

**DATE:** October 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** 2023 State Legislative Priority Issues

**PURPOSE**

To discuss potential priority issues for the 2023 State Legislative Session.

**Summary:**

- Each year, with the input of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB), the Council develops a list of priority issues to bring to our state legislative delegation for funding, legislative assistance, or other remedies.
- In September the Council and TPB formed a Subcommittee to discuss issues of importance to the region. The subcommittee will bring their proposed slate of issues to the Policy Board for recommendation in October and to the Council for action in November.
- Some issues under discussion:
  - I-5 - Funding for Hard Shoulder running and keeping our place in line for larger I-5 funding.
  - Location of new Regional Airport.
  - Broadband Expansion.
  - Rural Project Package.
  - Clarification of Public Meetings requirements.
  - Broadening of eligibility for the Regional Mobility Grant Program to include Tribes and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (such as TRPC.)

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Discuss issues identified by the Legislative Subcommittee. Council action in November.

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EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

Ultimately, the state legislature is the decision-maker for these issues. However, when setting priorities, the TPB and TRPC will consider equity as part of the criteria. Since the Council and the Policy Board represent a broad range of interests (local government, transit, libraries, schools, geographic diversity), the priorities are viewed through a number of lenses.