Pavement and Bridge Condition Standards and Reporting Under HB 2017

General

What does HB 2017 require on reporting pavement and bridge conditions?

HB 2017, also known as Keep Oregon Moving, required the Oregon Transportation Commission to work with counties and cities to develop uniform standards to describe and report the condition of pavement and bridges owned by ODOT, cities and counties. Each jurisdiction must use these standards to report on the condition of their pavement and bridges.

Each city and county must report to ODOT on the conditions of their roads and bridges by February 1 of each odd-numbered year starting in 2019. ODOT must post these reports on a transparency and accountability website.

What accountability mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance?

Keep Oregon Moving requires ODOT to suspend State Highway Fund payments to any jurisdiction that does not file their report on time; payments will be reinstated once the agency submits their report. In addition, gas tax increases included in the bill will not go into effect unless the commission has developed the uniform standards; cities, counties and ODOT are following the standards and reporting; and the reports are posted online.

How did the commission undertake this work?

ODOT worked with cities and counties to develop these standards. A workgroup with representatives of cities, counties, and ODOT made recommendations to the commission on what the standards should be, which roads they apply to, and how data will be reported to ODOT. We sought to make these standards useful and meaningful while developing simple reporting methods.

Do cities under 5,000 population have to report on their roads and bridges?

Yes. Every incorporated city must report, regardless of size or population. Any city with a paved road on the federal-aid system must report pavement conditions, and any city with a bridge in the National Bridge Inventory must report on its condition. Even cities without either roads on the federal-aid system or bridges in the NBI must still complete the online reporting form and indicate that they don’t have qualifying roads or bridges.

How will local governments report their data to ODOT?

ODOT is developing an online form for local governments to submit their data. The form is expected to be ready to use in early December.
Pavement Reporting

What pavement data do local governments have to report to ODOT?
For pavement, local governments will report the number of centerline miles on federal-aid roads that are in good, fair, and poor condition. Local governments must collect and report pavement conditions on all miles of paved federal-aid roads that they own. Agencies that do not own any paved federal-aid roads must report that they own zero miles and that they have submitted their certified public road mileage totals to ODOT.

Is this the same as reporting certified public road mileage?
No. Bridge and pavement condition reporting is a requirement of HB 2017 Keep Oregon Moving. Submitting Certified Public Road Miles is an annual, federal requirement of all local jurisdictions and is not related to HB 2017.

ODOT’s Road Inventory Section collects Certified Public Road Miles data by mailing a form and instructions to each local agency annually. The deadline to report Certified Public Road Miles is Feb. 1 each year. ODOT then compiles the data and submits a report to Federal Highway Administration on behalf of the State of Oregon.

For additional information, visit ODOT’s Road Assets and Mileage web page.

What roads are we required to report on?
Local agencies must report on paved, federal-aid roads that they own. Cities and counties are not responsible for reporting state highway conditions. Cities report on city-owned roads. Counties report on county-owned roads.

The federal-aid system is shown in blue on ODOT’s interactive mapping tool. This Excel file can also be used to help identify qualifying roads. Be sure to coordinate with neighboring cities and counties to confirm ownership of any federal-aid roads in question. City and county maps may be used as an additional reference.

What length of road segment should local governments use to survey pavement conditions?
Each local government can decide what length of road segment to use to survey and record information on pavement conditions. Conditions will be reported to the nearest whole mile.

Bridge Reporting

What bridge data do local governments have to report to ODOT?
Each local government will report the number of bridges they own that are in good, fair and poor condition.

What bridges do cities and counties have to report on?
Counties and incorporated cities must report on all bridges in the National Bridge Inventory that they own, whether or not they are on the federal-aid road system.
How do I determine the condition of our bridges?
Every two years, ODOT inspects all bridges in Oregon. The most recent data is available online. Agencies may use this information in compiling their report.

Where can I get more information?
Check out ODOT’s webpage on Keep Oregon Moving for local governments for the latest information on this and other topics. You can also sign up for email updates. If you have questions, you can email Transparency@odot.state.or.us.