

366.215 Creation of state highways; reduction in vehicle-carrying capacity. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission may select, establish, adopt, lay out, locate, alter, relocate, change and realign primary and secondary state highways.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the commission may not permanently reduce the vehicle-carrying capacity of an identified freight route when altering, relocating, changing or realigning a state highway unless safety or access considerations require the reduction.

(3) A local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, may apply to the commission for an exemption from the prohibition in subsection (2) of this section. The commission shall grant the exemption if it finds that the exemption is in the best interest of the state and that freight movement is not unreasonably impeded by the exemption. [Amended by 1977 c.312 §2; 2003 c.618 §38]

184.611 Freight mobility projects; priority. (1) As used in this section, “freight mobility project” means a project that supports the safe, reliable and efficient movement of goods between and among local, national and international markets.

(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that investment in freight mobility projects will yield a return on the state’s investment in terms of improved economic opportunity and safety.

(3) In developing the STIP, the Department of Transportation shall give priority to freight mobility projects that:

(a) Are located on identified freight routes of statewide or regional significance;

(b) Remove identified barriers to the safe, reliable and efficient movement of goods; and

(c) Facilitate public and private investment that creates or sustains jobs. [2003 c.618 §37]