

DATE: December 12, 2007

TO: Oregon Transportation Commission

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Director

SUBJECT: Adoption of the South Medford Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) – Exit 27

Requested Action:

Adopt the South Medford Interchange (SMI) Area Management Plan (IAMP), which is Attachment C. Adoption of the SMI IAMP implements Policy 3C of the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) and is consistent with the IAMP requirements of the Department's Access Management Rule (OAR 731-051-0155). Findings in support of this action are found in Attachment B, Findings.

Background:

The new South Medford single point urban interchange (SPUI) is under construction on Interstate 5, approximately one-half-mile south of the existing interchange at Barnett Road. Construction of the SPUI will replace the existing Barnett Road interchange. Existing on and off ramps will be removed but the Barnett Road overpass will remain as an east-west arterial.

The OTC approved Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) funding for the South Medford Interchange Reconstruction Project, which is listed in the 2006 to 2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), with a condition that the South Medford IAMP be completed. The IAMP was prepared in coordination with the City of Medford, Jackson County, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. The City of Medford has provided a letter dated October 22, 2007, affirming that the IAMP is consistent with the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the Land Development Code, and supporting OTC adoption of the IAMP.

Attachments: Location and Air Photo/Study Area Maps

- A: Staff report
- B: Findings
- C: South Medford IAMP
- D: Letter from the City of Medford
- E: Agency Comments & Department Response