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RE: 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Garrett:

In accordance with *23 CFR 450.218*, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have jointly reviewed Oregon's 2008-2011 STIP, as transmitted by your November 19, 2007, letter. The submitted STIP includes the listing of projects, the required self certification statement, and an attachment with information on public involvement, air quality conformity, and financial constraint that support approval.

23 CFR 450.216 requires the state to submit the entire proposed STIP concurrently to the FTA and the FHWA, at least every four years for approval. Once approved by the FTA and FHWA, Oregon's 2008-2011 STIP will supersede the state's previously approved 2006-2009 STIP that was approved by FHWA and FTA on December 2, 2005 and any subsequent amendments to the 2006-2009 STIP.

The FHWA and the FTA, find that the FY 2008-2011 STIP is based on a transportation planning process that meets the requirements of *23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303 and 5305*. The finding is based on a review of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) self certifications and supporting documentation of statewide and metropolitan transportation planning process, Federal Certification of Transportation Management Areas and our involvement in the state and MPO transportation planning processes, including review, approval, and monitoring of the unified planning work program and the planning portion of the state planning and research work program. Based on our joint review, FHWA and FTA approve Oregon's 2008-2011 STIP subject to the following comments and conditions:

1. This action does not commit funds or serve as a federal approval action for any of the projects or programs included in the STIP. The eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the STIP does not constitute an eligibility determination for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects.
2. The Bend MPO's 2008-2011 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is excluded from this approval, because Bend MPO has not adopted their MTIP and thus has not received the Governor's approval of MTIP. It is anticipated that MPO will adopt their MTIP in


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February, 2008 and subsequently receive the Governor's approval for facilitating the MTIP amendment into STIP.

3. At our request the MPOs reviewed the STIP for its consistency with their respective MTIPs and shared their findings with the ODOT STIP Coordinators and the FHWA and FTA. Changes that are needed to correct these inconsistencies are included in the attachment to this letter (Table 1). Prior to future submittals, ODOT should review the STIP closely working with MPOs to ensure STIP / MTIP consistency.
4. Program changes made after the STIP is adopted/approved by the MPO and Governor and before this federal approval of the STIP shall be processed as an amendment to the STIP. We understand that this "transitional amendment" follows directly after the federal approval, and will be reflected in the final print version of the federally approved STIP, thus providing the most accurate snapshot of the STIP at the time of federal approval.
5. Much useful information was included as part of the November 19, 2007 STIP transmittal letter, including the status of MPO air quality conformity and financial plan documentation. This information is essential for federal approval and should be included into the STIP document.
6. FHWA and FTA are pleased with ODOT's STIP development process. We look forward to collaboratively working with ODOT and MPOs in an effort to continually improve the process in areas such as: reducing the number of non-administrative amendments, improving consistency between the STIP and MTIPs, and expanding financial plan documentation.
7. This action shall remain valid for a period of four years; however, ODOT may choose to update the STIP at more frequent intervals. Plans and programs (MTIPs) in air quality non-attainment or maintenance areas will expire earlier if any of the applicable regional air quality conformity determinations lapse at an earlier date.

We recognize the complexity of assembling this STIP and appreciate the hard work and outstanding efforts of your staff and the MPOs in this matter. We look forward to working with you to advance the projects and programs in the STIP, and to continue to provide the traveling public with a transportation system of the highest quality. If you have any questions, please contact Satvinder Sandhu, FHWA, at (503) 587-4723 or Ned Conroy, FTA, at (206) 220-4318.

Sincerely,



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Table 1: FY 2008-2011 STIP and MTIP Projects Consistency Review

Region	MPO	Project Key #	Discrepancy	Action
1	Metro	15068	Project NOT in the current MTIP	Amend MTIP and possible air quality conformity consultation
1	Metro	14849	Project NOT in the current MTIP	Administratively amend MTIP
1	Metro	12824, 15718, 15068, 12900, 15470, 14849, 14799, 14849	Modernization Reserve Projects	Add project to MTIP
1	Metro	13958, 15555, 13136, 14548, 12858, 13163, 14014,	Projects included in the 2006-2009 carried over to 2008-2011	Carry over projects into MTIP
1	Metro	11421, 12460, 14636, and 14637	Projects requiring financial plan adjustment	Amend MTIP/STIP as necessary to reflect latest numbers
2	CLMPO	12836	RW amount entered twice	Correct STIP
2	CLMPO	15371	Project in MPO shown as non-MPO	Correct STIP for MPO status
2	CLMPO	15330	Project cancelled	Remove from STIP
2	CLMPO	15574, 14559	Correct Program year	Correct MTIP
2	CLMPO	15267	Correct work type	Correct STIP
2	CLMPO	15677	Project in STIP but not in MTIP	Add project in MTIP
2	Corvallis MPO	15678, 14354, 14357, 14345	Hwy projects with incorrect Federal Share	Correct Federal Share in STIP
2	Corvallis MPO	15686, 15687, 15680, 15685, and 15707	Transit Project with Incorrect Federal Share	Correct Federal Share in STIP
2	Corvallis MPO	15709 and 15697	Duplicate projects	Delete from STIP
2	SKATS MPO	15172, 15526, and 15528	MTIP project missing from STIP	Add projects in STIP