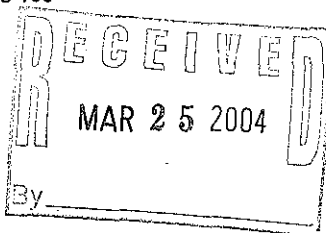


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RE: 2004-2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Amendment No.04-07-02 METRO-Region 1 - APPROVED

Dear Mr. Warner:

Your letter of January 28, 2004 transmitted Metro's 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for approval as part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) 2004-2007 STIP. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) jointly approved the STIP on February 6, 2004 but, because Metro's air quality conformity process was still underway, that approval was limited to projects in the Portland area that are exempt from conformity.

Conformity of the Metro 2004-2007 TIP was accomplished on March 5, 2004. On March 17, 2004 Ms. Judy Sherrard, ODOT STIP Coordinator, provided a letter and tables by email, which summarize the ODOT Region 1 and METRO projects included in the Metro 2004-2007 TIP. A table was also provided which identifies Metro TIP projects that will not appear in the printed 2004-2007 STIP document because they have already advanced as part of ODOT's 2002-2004 STIP. It is our understanding that these tables have been fully coordinated with Metro staff.

Based on the above, approval is given to amend the Metro 2004-2007 TIP into ODOT's 2004-2007 STIP as outlined in the tables provided with Ms. Sherrard's March 17, 2004 letter.

Please distribute a copy of this letter to appropriate ODOT staff.

Sincerely,

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