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Mr. Rick Gustafson
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RE: Renewal of Federal Planning Designations

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Your September 12 letter asked me to make permanent six interim federal planning designations. As you recall the reason for a nine month interim designation was to give your agency time to address State concerns growing out of the transition process. Chief among these were: (1) program coverage in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties outside the MSD boundary; and (2) development of mechanisms to adequately involve city and county elected officials in Metro's decision-making process.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that these concerns have been substantially satisfied. However, each of the designations requires slightly different handling. A discussion of each follows:

(1) Metropolitan Planning Organization for Transportation Planning
for the Portland Urbanizing Area

Fred Klaboe, Director of the Department of Transportation, informs me that you have addressed my concerns. He recommends permanent designation as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for cooperative state/local transportation planning in the Portland urbanized area. You are to be congratulated for prompt action to: resolve the issue of transportation planning funding, realign planning area boundaries, develop Tri Met/Metro agreements, form local policy advisory committees and execute an ODOT/Metro agreement.

I accept Mr. Klaboe's recommendation and Metro is so designated by agreement of the units of general purpose local government and the

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Governor of the State of Oregon. This designation is made pursuant to my authority under recent amendments to Title 23, USC 134. I look forward to soon being able to review the regional transportation plan that you are developing in conjunction with the state, local governments and Tri Met.

(2) A-95 Clearinghouse for Oregon Administrative District 2

Mr. Bob Montgomery, Administrator of the Intergovernmental Relations Division of the Executive Department, advises me that under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, as amended, I am not responsible for the designation of metropolitan clearinghouses. This is the responsibility of the Office of Management and Budget. However, OMB must consider the Governor's recommendation and that of the Federal Regional Council.

Mr. Montgomery favors a positive recommendation. I concur subject to two conditions. Metro shall utilize the Local Officials Advisory Committee in the review process and expand its membership to include city representatives from the areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties outside the Metro Boundary. Attached is a copy of my letter of recommendation to Mr. James T. McIntyre, Jr., Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(3) Air Quality Planning Lead Agency for the Portland Urbanized Area

On December 12, 1978, Governor Straub designated MSD as the lead agency for preparing revisions to Oregon's State Implementation Plan for carbon monoxide and photochemical oxidants in the Oregon portion of the Portland-Vancouver air quality maintenance area effective January 1, 1979. This designation was permanent, not interim. Since I concur, no action is necessary at this time.

(4) "208" Water Quality Agency for the Portland Urbanized Area

On December 12, 1978, Governor Straub designated MSD as the agency in the Portland area to carry out the planning and management responsibilities of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (40 CFR Parts 25 and 35) effective January 1, 1979. This designation was permanent, not interim. Since I concur, no action is necessary at this time.

(5) "701" Areawide Planning Organization for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties

Mr. Bob Montgomery, Administrator of the Intergovernmental Relations Division of the Executive Department advises me that no governor's designation is involved. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sets out the requirements to be an areawide metropolitan planning organization in its regulations. There is no explicit designation

process. Since Metro receives §701 Comprehensive Planning Assistance funds, you are, in effect, designated. Mr. Montgomery recommends no action, and I concur.

(6) Criminal Justice Planning Agency for Oregon Administrative

District 2

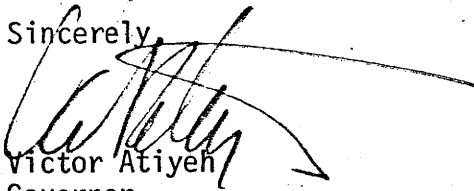
Mr. Keith Stubblefield, Administrator of the Oregon Law Enforcement Council, informs me that permanent designation at this time is problematical. You have resolved state concerns by agreeing to serve the whole district and by adequately involving city and county elected officials in your process. However, I am told that reauthorization legislation for this program is due out of Congress shortly.

Both of the bills being considered will significantly change the criminal justice planning program. One way it will be changed is to allow cities and counties which meet certain criteria to do their own planning (instead of participating in regional approaches). Mr. Stubblefield suggests that permanent designation would be futile until the effects of the proposed changes are known. In addition, Columbia County wishes to develop its own program.

Therefore, he recommends that I continue the interim designation until the effects of the new law work their way through the system. I concur, but will support Columbia County's effort to establish its own planning capability.

I hope this meets your needs. If you have questions, or if you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,



Victor Atiyeh
Governor

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Enclosure: as cited

cc: Fred Klaboe, ODOT
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