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Rick Gustafson, Executive Offices
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Dear Rick:

On November 22, 1978, the Metropolitan Service District was designated as the interim metropolitan planning organization for the cooperative state/local transportation planning program in the Portland urbanized area, the designation being effective from January 1 through September 30, 1979. As indicated in the letter of designation, it was hoped that agreements could be reached with the State of Washington to include Vancouver and relevant portions of Clark County, Washington in the program, with the Metropolitan Service District as the metropolitan planning organization for the entire Portland metropolitan statistical area.

Because the problems relating to transportation do not end at the banks of the Columbia, I reiterate the hope that the problems can be approached through a unified rather than a bifurcated effort.

I would appreciate a status report on the efforts to establish a unified interstate program under MSD. If there are any snags, and if there is anything this office can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Victor Atiyeh
Governor

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