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Mr. Tom Kloster
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SUBJECT: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Unified Planning Work Program Approval


Dear Mr. Kloster:

We have reviewed Metro's July 2015 – June 2016 Unified Planning Work Program jointly with Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Metro has provided responses to all FTA and FHWA comments on the draft UPWP and has effectively resolved them to our mutual satisfaction. This letter constitutes approval of Metro's July 2015-June 2016 UPWP in the amount of \$5,424,722 of federal funds.

The effective dates of this approval are July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and all eligible work should be completed by June 30, 2016. This authorization does not constitute commitment of Federal Funds not yet appropriated, nor shall it be construed as creating an obligation on the part of the Federal government to provide further Federal funds for any project. As has been the practice in previous SPR authorizations, should it be necessary to continue work beyond the authorized period, a request should be made to either release unspent balances and re-obligate them to a later year work program or extend the completion date of this agreement to accommodate the completion of specific work.

We appreciate Metro's receptiveness to the refreshed approach of the annual UPWP meetings, including a focus on priority issues and core federal planning requirements. FHWA and FTA look forward to working with you and ODOT to further develop the UPWP review processing preparation for next year's UPWP reviews and approvals. We appreciate the warm hospitality extend to us during our visit.

Sincerely,


Nick Fortey
Senior Planner

cc: ODOT (Arlene Santana, TGM Program Coordinator)
FTA (Jeremy Borrego, Transportation Program Specialist)