



KATE BROWN
Governor

July 2, 2015

Tom Hughes, Council President
Metro
600 Northeast Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232 - 1930

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your work with respect to updating the Metro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning boundary. In response to your request forwarded by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), I am approving the updated Metro Metropolitan Planning Area boundary as shown on the map approved by the Metro Council. I am also requesting that ODOT submit the approved map and supporting documentation to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for their files.

Your work, and the work of your colleagues on the MPO, is highly valued. I know Metro will do an excellent job in conducting transportation planning for the larger geographic area.

Sincerely,

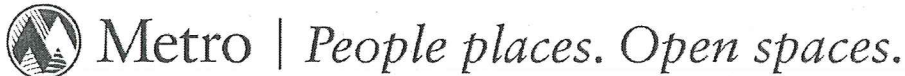
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July 18, 2014

Ms. Jerri Bohard
555 13th Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Designation of Portland Metropolitan Organization planning area boundary

Dear Ms. Bohard:

Enclosed are materials for the update to metropolitan planning area boundary for the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. We have worked with our local area partners develop an updated boundary proposal and materials consistent with the federal guidelines below.

- The determination of adjusted UZA boundaries is a State and local decision that should be made cooperatively between local MPO representatives, the State Governor and any adjacent MPOs. All boundary adjustments must be approved by the Governor and FHWA Division Office(s), and are subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation (23 USC 101(a)(36) -(37) and 49 USC 5302(a)(16) - (17)). The adjusted UZA boundaries must include the entire UZA boundary identified in the 2010 decennial Census.
- After the boundaries are approved, the State DOT(s) or the FHWA Division Office(s) should provide the boundary files electronically to the FHWA Office of Planning (HEPP-30) for inclusion into the FHWA Office of Planning Executive Geographic Information System (HEPGIS) database.

Please let us know if you need anything further to obtain approval by the Governor and for submission to the Oregon Division of the Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,

Elissa Gertler
Planning & Development Director

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