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RE: 2017 Transportation Planning Certification of the Portland-Vancouver urbanized area

Dear Ms. Gertler and Mr. Ransom:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a joint certification review of transportation planning processes in the Portland-Vancouver urbanized area by Portland Metro (Metro) and Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC). An on-site review took place from January 30 through February 2, 2017. Certification of the transportation planning process is required at least every four years per 23 CFR 450.336 (b).

FHWA and FTA find the transportation planning processes conducted by Metro and RTC substantially meet the applicable program and regulatory requirements of 23 CFR 450. We jointly certify both transportation planning processes, subject to the findings and conclusions that will be detailed in the certification report, which will be transmitted separately and may include specific commendations, recommendations, and/or corrective actions.

Overall, the Federal review team's impression of the area's transportation planning process is positive. We congratulate you on your accomplishments of the past four years in continuing to build a robust and proactive planning process that will serve the Portland-Vancouver region well into the future. We appreciate the time and assistance your staff provided during the course of this review and discussions with your board members. Please convey our thanks.

If you have any questions regarding this review or your certification, please contact Sharleen Bakeman of the FHWA Washington Division Office at (360) 753-9418, Rachael Tupica of the FHWA Oregon Division Office at (503) 316-2549, Ned Conroy of FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-4318, or Jeremy Borrego of FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-7956.

Sincerely,

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