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Mr. Bob Parker  
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111 SW Oak Street  
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Re: "Metro" numbers as transmitted  
by Bob Hart to Keith Gilbert

Dear Mr. Parker:

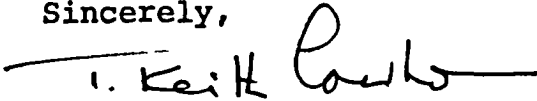
Following discussions held in detail with Keith Gilbert, it was decided that a set of highway numbers based on the same population, employment and transit assumptions used in the updating of the Banfield transit ridership would be useful to Transpo in their work, offering a consistent base for analysis. This was decided on by Keith Gilbert of Transpo given the following stated and obvious shortcomings of the forecasts:

1. First and foremost, the population and employment numbers do not represent either the Gresham or the ERA assumptions, but are old, outdated Metro forecasts that are currently under significant revision.
2. There is no regional shopping center assumption.
3. The zone size in the Gresham area leaves the assignment of trips within Gresham extremely suspect. We would not recommend the use of these figures for micro-analysis in that area.
4. The highway improvements noted in Rick Walker's letter are far more applicable in the case of the redistribution and increase in growth which is being assumed in your project. Further, the impact of projects of this scale would not be well reflected in assignments unless the zone size were much smaller.
5. We have questions about the assumptions we are currently using for "external" traffic growth on U.S. 26, which would affect the Gresham area the most.

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The main point of this letter is to reiterate that the appropriate use of the highway data is to set the order of magnitude of traffic along the transit corridor with increasing confidence in the values with distance from the external corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Keith Lawton", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

T. Keith Lawton  
Principal Planner

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