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TO: Albany Area MPO Stakeholders

RE: Designation of the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Federal regulations require that a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) be designated for every urbanized area with a population over 50,000. The 2010 U.S. Census has identified the greater Albany area as an urbanized area, including the City of Albany, the City of Jefferson, the City of Millersburg, the City of Tangent, and portions of Benton and Linn Counties.

In response to your request I am designating the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as the metropolitan planning agency responsible for carrying out the provision of Federal regulations (29CFR part 450) for the urbanized area. The regulations require metropolitan planning organizations to conduct a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

I want to thank you for all the hard work that has been completed by the MPO Coordinating Committee, including the work undertaken with key transportation entities and stakeholders to set up the Albany Area MPO. Your work is highly valued given that this new MPO will become the forum for making cooperative transportation decisions for your metropolitan planning area. I am also requesting that the Oregon Department of Transportation inform the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration of the designation.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.

Copies (w/attachments) to:

Sharon Konopa, Mayor, City of Albany
Ben Pickett, Mayor, City of Jefferson
Clayton Wood, Mayor, City of Millersburg
Seaton McLennan, Mayor, City of Tangent
Roger Nyquist, Commission Chair, Linn County

Jay Dixon, Commission Chair, Benton County
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