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Dear Transportation Stakeholder,

ODOT, Metro and Clackamas County recently co-sponsored a transportation decision-making assessment project for ODOT Region 1 conducted by the Oregon Consensus Program at PSU's Hatfield School of Government. Together, we charged them with the task of conducting a neutral assessment of how transportation decision-making might be improved within the region. Oregon Consensus staff members conducted over sixty interviews of various transportation stakeholders throughout the four county area of Region 1. If you participated in one of those interviews, we greatly appreciate your candor and ideas. If you did not have an opportunity to be interviewed, there will be additional opportunities to offer your suggestions.

The Oregon Consensus assessment report is attached for your consideration. You will note that the report concludes with several specific recommendations for moving forward including the formation of a task force convened by the Governor's Office. We intend to expeditiously follow up on these recommendations and you can expect to hear more from us as these processes take shape.

Knowing that the initial phase of the 2017-2020 STIP process is already underway, the co-sponsors agree that it is essential to move forward without delay. In addition, there are other statewide planning initiatives, such as the Oregon Transportation Options Plan currently underway, where the areas outside of JPACT in ODOT Region 1 do not have a clear pathway for engagement. It is our hope that the formation of a region-wide task force and convening of a Region 1 Transportation Summit will result in significant improvements in how transportation priorities are determined and funded in the future.

Finally, we would like to thank the Oregon Consensus staff for their excellent work in conducting this assessment and for their insights on how we might best move forward.

Sincerely,

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