



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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Gail Achterman  
Oregon Transportation Commission  
355 Capitol Street NE, Room 135  
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Dear Ms. Achterman:

First, I want to thank you and your fellow commissioners for the dedicated service you provide to the citizens of Oregon. Your hours of deliberation and commitment help make this state a special place.

The Oregon Transportation Commission fulfills a critical role in the development of Oregon's transportation and economic development investment strategy. Your close and frequent engagement with transportation stakeholders has positioned the Commission to provide valuable insight on potential investments throughout the state.

By using your expertise, I am asking you to assist the legislature in developing a list of strategic investments in the state highway system for the next few years. I would like you to provide to the legislature a list of highway projects for their review that improve freight mobility, reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety and promote economic development.

As you know, we are past the mid-point of the legislative session and time is of the essence. In order to ensure that a legislative package has time to make it through both Chambers and arrive on my desk, I would ask that this list be expedited and given to the legislature as soon as possible.

While I truly wish funding could be available to fulfill all of Oregon's transportation needs, today's economic climate will allow us to take the first step to restore the transportation system so critical to Oregon and the economy. Thanks for your help ensuring that the transportation package in which so many stakeholders have invested so much time is successful this session.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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