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DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Oregon Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: **Agenda J - Approval of Recommended Projects**

Requested Action:

Review and approve the request to fund a list of projects that improve freight mobility, reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, and promote economic development that have been recommended by the Oregon Legislature.

Background:

The commission approved a list of projects totaling \$10 billion at its May 7, 2009, special meeting for consideration in the development of a 2009 transportation funding proposal.

A legislative working group developing the funding proposal recommends the attached list of projects be included in the proposed legislation for funding. The list includes 37 specific projects and 12 reservations of funding for certain jurisdictions in Region 5 (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Union, and Umatilla Counties; the Cities of Heppner, Milton-Freewater, Ontario and Nyssa; and the Ports of Morrow and Umatilla). Under the legislative proposal, jurisdictions with reservations will recommend projects to the commission through their respective Area Commissions on Transportation by July 1, 2010.

The projects will be funded through revenue bonds, and a portion of the proposed increases in fees and taxes included in the proposed legislation. The debt service for the revenue bonds will be paid with the proposed increases in fees and taxes.

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