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DATE: June 26, 2014

TO: Paul Mather, P.E.
Highway Division Administrator

FROM: _____ Date: 6/27/14
Region Manager

_____ Date: 6/30/14
~~Tom Lauer, P.E.~~ Paul Mather
~~ODOT Technical Services Manager~~ HWY Div. Admin.

Reviewed by OPL *(OPL use only)*: _____

SUBJECT: PD-02 / PS&E Exception Letter **(REVISED)**
Project Name: OR99W: N Victory Blvd – N Argyle St
Highway: Pacific Highway West
County: Multnomah
Key Number: 15190 Estimated Construction Cost: [redacted]
PS&E Date: June 9, 2014 Bid Date: July 24, 2014

Per PDLT Operational Notice PD-02, we are requesting your approval for an exception to the requirement for the Final PS&E Submittal Checklist to be 100% complete prior to submitting the project package PS&E for review.

Project Description – *Give a brief description of the project including the name, project purpose, general location and other key details.*

The Project will improve safety and operations for vehicles at the intersection of Denver Avenue (Highway 99W) and N. Schmeer Road in the I-5 Victory/Lombard interchange area. It will also improve the bicycle/pedestrian connection under Denver Avenue that connects 40-Mile Loop Trail to Schmeer Road, and improve safety for walkers and cyclists along Denver Avenue between N. Argyle Way and N. Victory Boulevard. The project will also rehabilitate the bridge deck and rail on the Denver Avenue Viaduct and Slough Bridge.

Description of Items from PS&E Checklist – *What is the name of the outstanding item?*

Item 4a. Railroad Plan Approval

Brief Explanation – *Why was the item not completed by PS&E?*

Item 4a. Railroad Plan Approval: Final plans were submitted to UPRR on 5/9/14. They were submitted to Omaha for review on 5/15/14. The standard review time is 30 days. The project work includes bridge work over RR facilities, so there is no direct impact to the RR. Earlier reviews by UPRR indicated no concerns with the project. The previous plans were approved with the exception of final plan submittal. As of 6/26/14, ODOT's UPRR contact has a meeting scheduled in Omaha (UPRR HQ) for next week to get updates on this and numerous other ODOT projects.

Anticipated Completion Date – *For example the Friday prior to advertisement, two weeks prior to bid opening.*

Item 4a. Railroad Agreement: Two weeks prior to bid opening (July 10, 2014).

Person Responsible for Completion of Item – *Name and contact information.*

Item 4a. Railroad Plan Approval: Heather Howe, State Utility and Railroad Liaison, 503-986-3658 and Matt Freitag, Project Manager, 503-731-4851.

Request permission to go to PS&E, printing, or advertisement – *Printing is non-participatory by FHWA if you have to do it more than once (i.e., State/Agency funds will have to pay for second printing).*

Item 4a. Railroad Plan Approval: We request that the project be permitted to go to advertisement.

☒ Concur ☐ Do Not Concur

Paul Mather
Highway Division Administrator

Date: 6/30/14

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