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ODOT NAMES NEW REGION MANAGER

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has named Jason Tell as the new manager for Region 1. Jason has been with ODOT for 10 years serving most recently as the Region 1 Policy and Planning Manager.

Between 1996 and 2005 Jason was responsible for ODOT's federal government relations program. In that role he worked closely with members of Congress and federal agencies to secure funding for Oregon transportation projects. He also directed relations with external stakeholders and the media and represented ODOT at regional, statewide and national forums. Prior to joining ODOT, Jason served as a legislative aid to Idaho Congressman Larry LaRocco.

"Jason brings a strong background in transportation policy-making at levels from local communities to the United States Congress," said Doug Tindall, ODOT Deputy Director for Highway. "Jason cares deeply about the transportation issues facing the state. His thorough knowledge of transportation planning and funding and his enthusiasm will be tremendous assets to Region 1 and all of ODOT."

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Tell. "Region 1 is filled with outstanding professionals, and I look forward to working with them to meet the region's transportation challenges."

A native of Boise, Jason lives in Portland with his wife and two young children.

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