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To Whom it May Concern:

President Obama recently signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, HR 1), which will provide Oregon over \$400 million to preserve and improve the state's highways, transit systems, and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

The legislation requires that each state allocate 30 percent of its total highway program funding to local governments following the Surface Transportation Program (STP) formula. Under this formula, Oregon's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), cities with populations over 5,000 that are not in an MPO, and counties will each receive an allocation of funds. In addition, \$5 million has been set aside for cities under 5,000 that are not in an MPO to apply for through a competitive process.

I want to make you aware of this competitive process and provide you an opportunity to apply for funding. Many local governments have already submitted potential projects to Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Local Government Section. If you have submitted a prospectus for the project(s) for which you would like to seek stimulus funding, your project will be considered in this process. If you have not yet submitted a prospectus for one or more projects, please submit one by way of the ODOT Local Government Section website at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus\\_prospectus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/LGS/stimulus_prospectus.shtml). To ensure that we are able to allocate these funds quickly, please provide this information *no later than March 27, 2009*.

I have included a brief explanation of this process. Funding under this process will generally be subject to the requirements of the ARRA and the federal-aid highway program, and we ask that you review the explanation of requirements we have posted at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/docs/ProgramRequirements.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/docs/ProgramRequirements.pdf) before you propose a project. ODOT is working with the League of Oregon Cities and Oregon Local Programs Committee to determine the final criteria and process for selecting projects, and this information will be posted to ODOT's economic stimulus website, located at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic\\_stimulus.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/economic_stimulus.shtml), as soon as it is available. To receive a copy of this information once it is available, please contact Dave Galati at [david.a.galati@odot.state.or.us](mailto:david.a.galati@odot.state.or.us).

Throughout this process, ODOT will provide information to help local governments use stimulus funding to deliver projects. ODOT will regularly post information to our economic stimulus webpage to help local governments understand the transportation funding provided under the ARRA, and we will also host a series of informational events. ODOT is hosting a conference



call on Monday, March 16, 2009, from 9:30 to 11:00 am to provide basic information to local governments on how to access stimulus funds. To receive call-in information, please RSVP to [travis.brouwer@odot.state.or.us](mailto:travis.brouwer@odot.state.or.us). ODOT will also be hosting a day-long Federal Stimulus Local Agency Orientation on March 31st at OSU's La Sells Stewart Center C&E Auditorium in Corvallis to provide local governments in-depth information about delivering stimulus-funded projects. My staff will seek to accommodate people who cannot attend this workshop in person to participate through video or teleconferencing technologies. Additional information about this event will be provided as soon as it is available.

The Oregon Department of Transportation looks forward to working with our local government partners to demonstrate that we can effectively use this infusion of funding to deliver important transportation projects that put Oregonians back to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Garrett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew L. Garrett  
Director