MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION and

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PURPOSE

The Oregon Health Authority's mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division ("OHA-PHD") aims to promote health and prevent the leading causes of death, disease and injury in Oregon. The mission of the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") is to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians.

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** is hereby made and entered into between OHA-PHD and ODOT hereinafter referred to as "parties." The purpose of this MOU is to guide the parties in working collaboratively to identify, develop and promote the connections between public health and transportation.

The parties voluntarily enter this MOU under the authority granted in the Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 190.010 which provides that State of Oregon agencies may enter into agreements with units of local government or other state agencies for any or all functions and activities that those agencies have the authority to perform.

AGREEMENT

The parties agree to communicate, coordinate and collaborate on activities that support their mutual goal to improve the link between public health and transportation policies and programs in Oregon.

OHA-PHD and ODOT recognize that social determinants of health, such as living conditions and travel behaviors, are a key factor in the overall health of the population and transportation is intrinsically linked with human health. ODOT and OHA-PHD will work together to meet Oregonians' mobility and health needs, while balancing the state's other complex interests.

OBJECTIVES

I. Ongoing Communication and Planning

OHA-PHD and ODOT will strive to improve communication and enhance relationships between the parties and between the transportation and health communities in Oregon. The parties will

hold regular meetings and coordinate initiatives. Periodic updates will be provided to the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Public Health Advisory Board. The parties will conduct outreach to local communities and stakeholders about the connection between health and transportation for the purpose of creating a shared understanding. OHA-PHD and ODOT will aim to connect key local partners across the State of Oregon, such as members of ODOT's Area Commissions on Transportation and the Coalition of Community Health Clinics.

II. Encourage Safe and Active Transportation

OHA-PHD and ODOT have a shared interest in improving safety while increasing the physical activity of all Oregonians. The parties will work toward decreasing injuries and fatalities for all users and all modes of the Oregon transportation system. In addition, they will promote active transportation – biking, walking, and transit and passenger rail – as means of improving the health and mobility of Oregonians. Active Transportation also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants associated with vehicle trips.

III. Collaborative Research and Data Analysis

OHA-PHD and ODOT conduct research and collect data on injuries, deaths, physical activity and other related areas of interest. The parties will work together to combine research work, and share data sources, where appropriate. Together, they will work to identify the best tools available for analyzing the link between transportation and health on a state, regional or project scale. This effort will include an assessment of forecast models and Health Impact Assessments.

IV. Leverage Opportunities

OHA-PHD and ODOT will identify potential resources and leverage funding to support this collaboration. In addition, the parties will seek opportunities for joint funding by highlighting that health is a factor in transportation planning and vice-versa.

Going forward, OHA-PHD and ODOT will identify initiatives, programs and actions to implement the policy objectives outlined in this MOU (*see* appendix A). The parties will strive to create a foundation of shared understanding regarding the association between transportation and health and will involve and inform their stakeholders on the local, state and national level. The process to implement these objectives will be multi-faceted, iterative and will require flexibility and innovation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have through their respective duly authorized representatives, executed this MOU as follows:

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

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