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Item 8

Exhibit A

March 9, 2016

Land Conservation and Development Commission  
635 Capitol Street NE  
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Re: Metropolitan Transportation Planning & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets  
Agenda Item 8, March 10-11 2016 LCDC Meeting

1000 Friends of Oregon supports the staff recommendation to review metropolitan area transportation planning and to update the greenhouse gas reduction targets for these areas. We have been involved with both the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) and the requirements for planning for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions from the land use/transportation sector since both these efforts were initiated.

Planning for GHG reductions under HB 2001 and SB 1059 and carrying out transportation planning under the TPR and federal requirements for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) have significant overlapping areas in terms of geographies, objectives, and most importantly – the tools to achieve those objectives. They should be better coordinated and integrated, and the resources needed to implement these plans should be focused to achieve multiple benefits.

We appreciate being recommended for the Advisory Committee and look forward to serving if selected.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy  
Policy Director and Staff Attorney