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Dear Colleagues,

I urge your Commissions and agencies to combat the impacts of climate change by implementing the Statewide Transportation Strategy (STS) as adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

One of the most cost effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector in Oregon is to integrate land use and transportation planning in ways that reduce the frequency and distance that people must drive. Compact, mixed-use cities with plenty of options for walking, cycling, and public transit not only reduce per capita GHG emissions but also provide the most equitable transportation access for every resident.

By adopting the STS in 2018, the Oregon Transportation Commission provided the tools that every metropolitan jurisdiction needs in order to develop and implement land use and transportation plans that will reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector. It is now time for your four agencies to organize an implementation plan for the STS.

Like the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Energy, DLCD and ODOT are climate change agencies, and going forward all state and metropolitan transportation planning work needs to be designed to support achieving the state's GHG reduction goals.



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As you begin this work, I would like to propose the following:

- The establishment of GHG emissions reduction performance measures.
- Implementing a Transportation Planning Rule that directs transportation plans of metropolitan jurisdictions to meet their GHG reduction targets.
- That ODOT identifies options for financial and technical assistance to the metropolitan jurisdictions to utilize in crafting transportation/land use scenario plan(s) that meets their GHG reduction target.
- That responsibility for the implementation and integration of the STS be at the highest level of the agency, with regular and direct reporting to the Governor's Office and respective commissions.

Please be assured that the Governor's office will be closely involved in this effort. I welcome your feedback and appreciate the enthusiasm you and the agencies you oversee have expressed to begin this work. Now is the time.

Sincerely,



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