May 15, 2020

Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Transmittal of the Statewide Transportation Strategy (STS) Multi-Agency Implementation Work Plan

Dear Governor Brown,

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Department of Energy (DOE), and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are pleased to submit the attached DRAFT STS Multi-Agency Implementation Work Plan. This document represents a collaborative approach to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation and is an important piece of overall efforts we are engaged in to support transportation decarbonization in Oregon.

Your Office has called on our four agencies to identify specific, near term actions to implement Oregon’s Statewide Transportation Strategy: A 2050 Vision for Greenhouse Gas Reduction (STS). Accordingly, we have created a joint two-year work plan (June 2020-June 2022) to implement the STS. The STS Multi-Agency Implementation Work Plan focuses on actions that involve more than one agency, can be implemented quickly and efficiently, and that are likely to result in meaningful pollution reductions. While additional actions will be needed over time and by other partners, the ones we prioritized will be an important first step in enabling carbon reductions and helping to address Oregon’s Climate crisis.

The Work Plan is the start of an ongoing initiative we are committing to around this effort, which we are calling “Every Mile Counts.” Every Mile Counts focuses on reducing vehicle miles traveled, increasing use of cleaner vehicles and fuels, and integrating consideration of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions into decision making. All of these goals focus on reducing transportation GHG emissions and implementing the STS. The immediate result of this work is the 2020-2022 STS Multi-Agency Work Plan.

The agencies intend the work plan to be a living document and adapt to changing circumstances and new opportunities. We will revisit it quarterly and track progress regularly. At the end of the two-year period, the agencies will develop a new work plan to include additional and continuing actions to reduce transportation’s carbon footprint.

The enclosed STS Multi-Agency Implementation Work Plan is a draft, and we welcome all comments and questions relating to the plan. We will post the document to our joint Every Mile Counts website, hosted by ODOT. In addition we have set up a survey to collect initial public comments on these near term prioritized actions. The comment period will be open from May 15, 2020 to June 15, 2020. Our four agencies will review the comments and turn around a final Work Plan to you by June 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

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