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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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*THIS IS AN UPDATE TO THE FEDERAL
PORTION OF THE JULY 2002 TRANSPLAN.*

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the lead agency for Regional Transportation Planning for the Central Lane County Area. The MPO works with following jurisdictions and agencies in this capacity.



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RESOLUTION 2004-06
ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE CENTRAL LANE REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board has been designated by the State of Oregon as the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Lane region; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), a committee of officials from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, Lane Transit District, and ODOT; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to adopt a long-range regional transportation plan consistent with guidelines set forth by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require the MPO to update the regional transportation plan every three years and the Central Lane Regional Transportation Plan was last updated on December 12, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the regional transportation plan reflects a multimodal evaluation of transportation, socioeconomic, environmental, and financial impacts of the overall plan, including all major transportation investments; and

WHEREAS, the regional transportation plan also reflects land use, economic, and other community goals; and

WHEREAS, as a part of a coordinated regional planning effort the regional transportation plan references other types of documents, such as the TDM Refinement Plan, the Regional Intelligent Transportation Operations and Implementation Plan and the Congestion Management Plan Baseline Report, but the adoption of the regional transportation plan does not constitute adoption of these documents; and

WHEREAS, projects are listed in the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan as part of a long-range planning effort. To meet state requirements, additional action by local agencies may be required prior to programming and proceeding with implementation of projects. Listing of projects in the RTP does not necessarily constitute fulfillment of the requirements of the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule; and

WHEREAS, the primary purposes of the update are to adjust the jurisdictional area of the plan to include the City of Coburg and other parts of the urbanized area recognized by the 2000 Census, adjust the planning horizon out to 2025, and to update financial forecasts for revenue and costs; and

WHEREAS, public outreach activities associated with the proposed update to the Central Lane Regional Transportation Plan have included a press release and media notice in

WHEREAS, public outreach activities associated with the proposed update to the Central Lane Regional Transportation Plan have included a press release and media notice in October of 2004, display advertisements in the Register Guard and Springfield News newspapers in October, an open house held on November 4, 2004; an open house on December 1, 2004; and a public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2004.

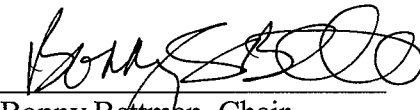
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metropolitan Policy Committee adopts the update to the Regional Transportation Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated within this resolution by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004, BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE.

ATTEST:


George Kloepfel
Executive Director
Lane Council of Governments


Bonny Bettman, Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee

RESOLUTION 2004-07

**ADOPTING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION
FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE
FY2004-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments Board has been designated by the State of Oregon as the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Lane region; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), a committee of officials from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, Lane Transit District, and ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determination is required to secure funding for transportation projects in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determination under OAR 340-252-0090 meets the financial constraint requirement complying with 40 CFR 93.108; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determination under OAR 340-252-0190 meets the emissions budget as set forth in the Federal Register, Vol. 58, No 232, page 64163, December 6, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determination under OAR 340-252-0060(4) meets the requirements for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Determination under OAR 340-252-0060 has met the requirements for interagency consultation complying with 40 CFR 93.105; and


WHEREAS, through the Air Quality Conformity Determination, the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY04-06 MTIP has been shown to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments and Oregon Conformity Rule.

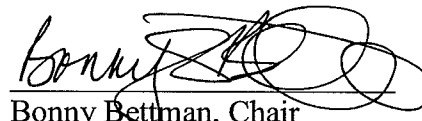
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metropolitan Policy Committee adopts the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Regional Transportation Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated by reference to this resolution, and for the FY04-06 MTIP, as currently adopted and incorporated by reference to this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004, BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE.

ATTEST:


George Kloeppel
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Bonny Bettman, Chair
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RE: USDOT Air Quality Conformity Determination
2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
2004-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Schwetz:

The Eugene/Springfield urbanized area is currently designated maintenance for carbon monoxide and non-attainment for particulate matter of less than 10 microns (PM₁₀). The Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1990 as amended, requires that transportation plans, programs and projects cannot create new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations, increase the frequency or severity of existing NAAQS violations or delay attainment of the NAAQS. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA) are required to make a transportation conformity determination for both the RTP and TIP in non-attainment or maintenance areas that are funded or approved by FHWA/FTA. Transportation conformity ensures that Federal funding and approval are given to those transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals, and do not worsen air quality or interfere with the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) conformity determination for the 2025 RTP and the 2004-2006 TIP. The 2004-2006 TIP is being re-conformed at this time to demonstrate that it is consistent with the 2025 RTP. A joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the RTP is required by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-252-0050, Section 93.104 of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) August 15, 1997, Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining: Final Rule, 40 C.F.R. Parts 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*) and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 C.F.R. 450. Our USDOT conformity determination is based upon the CLMPO's conformity determination analysis and documentation submitted to our office by your December 9, 2004 memorandum and attachments.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee adopted the 2025 RTP, and conformity determination on both the 2025 RTP and the 2004-2006 TIP on December 9, 2004. The conformity analysis provided by CLMPO indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2025 RTP and the 2004-2006 TIP conform to the state implementation plan in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Parts 51 and 93; the January 2, 2002, *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*; EPA's May 14, 1999, *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of the March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision*; and, the Oregon conformity state implementation plan.

This USDOT conformity determination has been developed in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 340 Division 252, Transportation Conformity, which defines the procedures and frequency for demonstrating conformity within the State of Oregon. This federal conformity determination was made after consultation with EPA Region X, pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the CLMPO's 2025 RTP and 2004-2006 TIP. If you have any questions regarding this conformity determination, please contact Michelle Eraut, FHWA, at (503) 587-4716 or Jennifer Bowman, FTA at (206) 220-7953.

Sincerely,



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Context of Transportation Planning in the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Area

There are four adopted transportation plans which cover the Central Lane MPO area, each representing a process to meet specific federal, state, or local requirements:

TransPlan

Adopted in July 2002, this plan covers the Eugene-Springfield area and is meant to address two separate requirements – federal and state requirements for an MPO Regional Transportation Plan, and state requirements for local agency Transportation System Plans. This plan has been adopted by the cities of Eugene and Springfield, Lane County, Lane Transit District and Lane Council of Governments.

Central Lane MPO Regional Transportation Plan (this document)

The Preliminary Draft Central Lane MPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) represents a required update to the federal elements of TransPlan. As noted in Chapter 1, the RTP will be adopted by the Metropolitan Policy Committee. Additional information on the federal requirements for MPO areas is provided in Chapter 1.

Lane County Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Adopted in June, 2004, this plan covers Lane County and is meant to address state requirements for County TSPs.

City of Coburg TSP

Adopted in September, 1999, this plan covers the City of Coburg and is meant to address state requirements for city TSPs. An Update to this plan is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed in mid-2005.

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