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To Whom it May Concern:

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports the Lane Council of Governments Transportation Growth Management (TGM) funding proposal to develop the Regional Transportation Options Plan (RTOP). The RTOP's purpose is to both broaden and focus the definition and application of the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) elements of our local and regional transportation plans.

The MPO recognizes how the RTOP can provide the basis for local and regional Transportation Options (TO) guidance for our immediate and long-range planning needs. The metropolitan area's transportation planning is layered with the state-required local Transportation System Plans (TSP) for all three cities, the state-required Regional Transportation System Plan (RTSP), and the federally-required Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Updates of all of these plans are currently under way. This requires unprecedented coordination and renewed perspectives for several aspects of transportation planning and implementation. TO/TDM is a crucial link to the success of these processes. Spearheading an aggressive approach to inject new TDM policies and strategies into all three local and both regional plans during their updates presents a unique and rare opportunity.

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), point2point Solutions - the region's transportation options program - and the local agencies are committed to developing a strategic framework to broaden regional TO/TDM efforts to address issues such as greenhouse gas reduction, least cost planning principles, and public health-mobility relationships.

The result of this effort will be a long-range TO plan which provides an effective approach to meeting mobility needs, prioritizing and evaluating projects, and meeting social and environmental targets in the region.

The MPO fully supports LCOG's TGM funding proposal for a long-range Regional Transportation Options Plan.

Sincerely,

Alan Zelenka, Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee