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Subject: Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) for the CLMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) require 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 the attainment of the NAAQS. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is required to make a transportation conformity determination in non-attainment and maintenance areas as outlined in 40 CFR 93.104 and 23 CFR Part 450. The CAAA requires States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to demonstrate, through the conformity process, that the transportation program is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Transportation conformity ensures the 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 SIP.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the Eugene-Springfield limited maintenance plan (LMP) for particulate matter of less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>), effective June 10, 2013 (78 FR 21547). With the approved LMP, the CLMPO is not required to complete regional emissions analysis, however all other transportation conformity requirements still apply (40 CFR 93.109(b)).

As required in 40 CFR 93.104(b)(1), the CLMPO demonstrated air quality conformity for their updated CLMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP and associated AQCD documentation was adopted by the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) on January 6, 2022, by resolutions 2022-01 and 2022-02. The conformity analysis provided by CLMPO indicated that the air quality conformity requirements have been met.

Based on our review of the CLMPO conformity determination, analysis, and documentation e-mailed on January 07, 2022, we find that the CLMPO 2045 RTP conforms to the SIP in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule and the Oregon Conformity SIP. This Federal conformity determination was made after interagency consultation with EPA Region 10, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and Oregon Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule. This letter constitutes the joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination (AQCD) for the CLMPO 2045 RTP.

This AQCD does not constitute a review or evaluation of the RTP related corrective actions identified in the 2019 CLMPO Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jasmine Harris of FHWA at (503) 316-2561 or Mr. Jeremy Borrego of FTA at (206) 220-7956.

Sincerely,

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