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In reviewing the draft “Project Eligibility Criteria and Prioritization Factors for the 2010 – 2013 Development STIP and Construction STIP”, the Metropolitan Policy Committee in its role as the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization noted the STIP Stakeholder Committee has no representation from Lane County.

As representatives of the second largest metropolitan area in the State, the MPC finds it awkward that it has no direct voice in the critical setting of standards or selection of projects for the safe and efficient flow of goods and people throughout the State.

In the past, our requests for representation have been rebuffed with a claim that there is no room at for us at the table. We note that several regions and groups have indeed more than one member present.

Our most recent request for representation was met with a suggestion that we were allowed to attend the committee’s public meetings and give testimony when the public was allowed to do so. This is not what we consider to be sufficient representation for more than 11% of Oregon’s population.

We respectfully request that a representative from the Central Lane MPO be appointed to the committee at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kitty Piercy, Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Representative Terry Beyer
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Peter DeFazio
Jane Lee
Others?