



April 17, 2007

Ms. Jerri Bohard
 Transportation Development Division Administrator
 Oregon Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Bohard:


I would like to take this opportunity to bring up an old but very important issue for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization. We hope that you will agree that it is time to rectify this situation. 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 again notes the STIP Stakeholder Committee has no representation from Lane County.

As representatives of the second largest metropolitan area in the State, the MPC believes we should have a 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. We believe we can be useful and helpful in these deliberations.

I do not know why our past requests for representation have been denied and note that several regions and groups have indeed more than one member present. We feel sure you will want to remedy this situation since we represent a full 11 percent of the population of this state.

We respectfully request that a representative from the Central Lane MPO be appointed to the committee at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your consideration and I am available to discuss this at your convenience. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


 Kitty Piercy, Chair
 Metropolitan Policy Committee

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