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Subject: 2025 Portland-Vancouver Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification

Dear Mr. Leybold and Mr. Ransom:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) retained the requirement for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to review and certify the planning processes for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years. This letter notifies you that the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify the planning process for Metro and Southwest Washington Regional Council (RTC).

FHWA and FTA staff conducted a joint review of Metro and RTC's transportation planning process, including meetings from February 4th through 13th, 2025, with staff from Metro, RTC, Tri-Met, C-Tran, ODOT, and WSDOT, after a review of key planning documents. Based on the review, the Federal Review Team determined that Metro and RTC meet the requirements for metropolitan transportation planning established under 23 CFR 450.

Enclosed is the report that documents the Federal Review Team's findings and associated corrective actions and recommendations for enhancing the planning process. The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the planning process for the Metro and RTC complies with the spirit and intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The planning processes at Metro and RTC are continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in regional transportation planning.

If you have any questions regarding this Certification Review process or action, please direct them to either Ashley Bryers of the FHWA Oregon Division, at (503) 316-2556, Matthew Pahs, of the FHWA Washington Division, at (360) 753-9418, or Danielle Casey of the FTA Region 10, at (206) 220-7964.

Sincerely,

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