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Subject: Oregon Department of Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan

Dear Director Strickler:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby confirm that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Resiliency Improvement Plan dated August 8, 2023 meets all the minimum requirements provided in 23 U.S.C. 176(e)(2).

We have noted that the 2023 Resiliency Improvement Plan has been incorporated by reference into the 2023-2050 long-range statewide transportation plan and the Oregon Transportation Plan. Below are three requests for future updates to the plan and to aid our office in future reviews.

- Future updates: Division requests a 30-day notification to review any updates to the plan.
- Project approval in Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS): include in FMIS “notes” field a note identifying which projects are asking for a 3% reduced federal share. The note should include a reference to the date FHWA determined the plan to be complete and the date the plan was incorporated into the long-range statewide transportation plan.
- FHWA recommends adding additional information/analysis to the systemic approach plan component of the RIP during future updates. The current RIP refers to the specific corridor interdependencies, but the corridors only include roads, bridges, and culverts. We encourage ODOT to explore vulnerabilities and interdependencies for all users (transit/bike/ped, etc.) and possibly additional asset types.

We would like to commend you and your staff for the broad participation in development and implementation of the Resiliency Improvement Plan. Our review found that it provided excellent information and rationale for future climate projection data. The plan includes well documented future climate scenarios using the Climate Data Processing tool (CMIP) and the risk-based assessment is a strong example that FHWA intends to share with other states.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project in more detail, please contact Thomas Parker, Environmental Program Manager, at (503) 316-2549 or thomas.w.parker@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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