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Re: Designation of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization

Federal regulations require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for every urbanized area with a population over 50,000. The 2000 U.S. Census has identified the Bend area as an urbanized area.

In response to your request and a recommendation from the Oregon Transportation Commission, I am designating the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) as the metropolitan planning agency responsible for carrying out the provision of Federal regulations (29CFR part 450) for the Bend urbanized area. These regulations require a metropolitan planning organization to conduct a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

I want to thank the Coordinating Committee for all your hard work including working with key transportation entities and stakeholders in setting up your new MPO. By including a broad range of stakeholders in your advisory committee, you are providing meaningful opportunities for all affected parties to influence transportation planning in the Bend area. Your work is highly valued given that the MPO will become the forum for making cooperative transportation decisions for your metropolitan planning area. I am pleased to hear that the Policy Board will use a consensus-based model to make transportation decisions for the MPO. I am also requesting that the Oregon Department of Transportation inform the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration of the designation.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.

c: Dennis Luke, Deschutes County Commissioner  
Bruce Warner, ODOT Director  
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